

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-Law 63-23

A by-law to amend by-law 52-09, being the City of Richmond Hill Sign By-law

Whereas on November 9th, 2009, Council (“Council”) of the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill (the “Corporation”) enacted by-law 52-09, the City of Richmond Hill Sign by-law (the “Sign By-law”) to regulate advertising devices within the City of Richmond Hill;

And Whereas public notice of Council’s intention to pass this by-law was given on June 7, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of By-law No.12-20;

And Whereas on June 7, 2023, Council adopted the recommendations with respect to revisions to the Sign By-law as set out in Staff Report No. SRCS.23.14;

Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The City Of Richmond Hill Enacts As Follows:

1. That the Sign By-law No. 52-09 be amended as follows:

(a) By repealing and replacing the following definitions to **Article 1 – Definitions:**

“Commissioner” means the individual from time to time occupying the office of the Commissioner of Community Services, or a successor office as the case may be.

“Election Sign Fee” means a non-refundable fee as set out in the City’s Tariff of Fees by-law.

(b) That *Election Sign* be removed from **Table A – Signs Not Requiring a Permit;**

(c) By repealing Section 6.6.1 **“Deposit Required”** and replacing it with the following:

Election Sign Fee Payment Required

6.6.1. No *Person* shall erect, or display an *Election Sign* unless the *Election Sign* application has been completed and the *Election Sign Fee* has been paid.

(d) Section 6.6.3 regarding damage to election signs shall be repealed;

(e) Section 6.6.4 regarding voting locations be repealed and replaced with the following:

6.6.4 A *Person* shall not at any time on any voting day, including those days when advance election voting is held:

(a) erect or display an *Election Sign* or cause an *Election Sign* to be erected, or displayed on or within 45.72 metres (150 feet) of any *Lot Line* of a *Lot* on which a *Premises* is used as a voting place for elections, and

(b) erect, or display an *Election Sign* or cause an *Election Sign*, to be erected, or displayed in or on a vehicle that is parked on any Premises used as a voting place for elections if the Election Sign, poster or placard is visible from the outside of the vehicle.

(f) Section 6.6.5 regarding Election Signs on public property be repealed and replaced with the following:

6.6.5 No Person shall erect, or display an *Election Sign* or cause to be erected or displayed an *Election Sign* on *Public Property*.

(g) Section 6.6.6 regarding Election Signs on private property be repealed and replaced with the following:

6.6.6 *Election Signs on Private Property*

- a) No Person shall erect, or display or cause to be erected or displayed an *Election Sign* on *Private Property* unless it is in the form of a *Portable Sign*;
- b) No Person shall erect, or display or cause to be erected or displayed an *Election Sign* on *Private Property* that exceeds a maximum *Sign Area* of 0.36 square metres and a maximum Height of 1.00 metre;
- c) No Person shall erect, or display or cause to be erected or displayed an *Election Sign* on *Private Property* unless they have received permission from the *Property Owner* or occupant;
- d) Notwithstanding Section 6.6.6 a)-c), an *Election Signs* located at a *Campaign Office* may take the form of a *Wall Sign*, *Window Sign*, or *Ground Sign*, provided the candidate has satisfied section 6.6.1 and has obtained the appropriate *Permit* in accordance with Section 7.1.1 and Table C: Provisions for Signs in a Commercial Zone.
- e) No Person shall erect, or display or cause to be erected or displayed an *Election Sign* on *Private Property* that exceeds 1 *Election Sign* per candidate;

(h) Section 6.6.7 regarding the pulling down of signs be repealed;

(i) Section 6.6.10 regarding the removal of unlawful election signs on private property be repealed and replaced with the following:

6.6.10 The Corporation may without notice or compensation, remove and immediately dispose of any *Election Sign* not in compliance with this By-law.

- (j) Section 6.6.11 regarding the removal of unlawful Election Signs on private property be repealed;
- (k) Section 6.6 “**Election Signs**” be re-ordered alphanumerically, as required.
- (l) That the following be added as Section 18.3:

18.3 Notwithstanding Section 18.1, in the case of an *Election Sign*, where a provision of this By-law conflicts with a provision of any other federal, provincial or regional legislation, the federal, provincial or regional legislation shall prevail.

- 2. Except as herein provided and as required to give effect to the amendments in this By-law No. 63-23, the provisions of the Sign By-law No. 52-09 continue in full force and effect without amendment.

Passed this 7th day of June 2023.

David West
Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke
City Clerk