

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 9, 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 12-20;

And Whereas on June 14, 2023, Council adopted the recommendations with respect to revisions to the Sign By-law as set out in Staff Report 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 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d. Section 6.6.3 regarding damage to election signs shall be repealed;

e. Section 6.6.4 regarding voting locations be repealed and replaced with the following: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- f. Section 6.6.5 regarding Election Signs on public property be repealed and replaced with the following: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 14th day of June 2023.

David West
Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke
City Clerk