

Part 2 Application

2.1 Scope

This bylaw applies to all signs within the City, except for:

- (a) notices issued by the government of Canada, government of British Columbia, a Court, the City, or Abbotsford School District;
- (b) traffic control devices provided for in the [Motor Vehicle Act](#);
- (c) signs erected by the City for municipal purposes;
- (d) signs erected by the government of British Columbia for highway purposes;
- (e) election signs provided for in the [Election Sign Bylaw](#);
- (f) signs required by law or City bylaw;
- (g) the Flag of Canada, Flag of British Columbia, and flags and emblems of civic or non-profit societies, educational, or religious organizations;
- (h) signs authorized by the City on property owned or leased by the City, including for third party advertising, on benches, or in parks;
- (i) signs related to a special event issued a [Special Event Permit](#) by the City, provided the signs are erected no more than 24 hours before the event and removed no later than 24 hours after the event; and
- (j) signs depicting danger, hazard, or other safety conditions erected by an individual authorized by a public agency in the performance of a public duty.

2.2 Compliance

A sign must not be erected, placed, displayed, altered, or moved unless it complies with the provisions of this bylaw and all other applicable bylaws.

2.3 Prohibited Signs

Signs that are not specifically permitted by this bylaw are prohibited. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the following sign types are specifically prohibited:

- (a) balloon signs;
- (b) handheld advertising signs;
- (c) poster signs;
- (d) roof-mounted signs; and
- (e) vehicle-mounted signs.

2.4 Permit Requirement

A permit is required:

- (a) to erect any sign, except those signs listed in Part 4 of this bylaw; and
- (b) to change the copy of a sign, except those signs listed in Part 4 of this bylaw, where the change of copy alters the attachments, structure, or supports of the sign.

2.5 Non-Conforming Signs

Where a sign is lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this bylaw, but does not conform to this bylaw, the sign may be maintained and the copy of the sign may be changed, provided that there is no greater contravention of this bylaw, but the sign must not be reconstructed or moved, except in conformance to this bylaw.