

CITY OF BURNABY

BYLAW NO 14834

A BYLAW to regulate signs in Burnaby

The Council of the City of Burnaby ENACTS as follows:

PART 1: SHORT TITLE

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as “**BURNABY SIGN BYLAW 2026**”.

PART 2: INTERPRETATION

2.1 In this bylaw:

“awning”	means a retractable hood or cover which projects from the wall of a building
“bike rack”	means a free-standing structure designed or intended to be used for the parking of bicycles in an upright position
“bus shelter”	means a covered structure located at a public transit stop within a highway or a statutory right of way for highway purposes
“bylaw”	means this bylaw, including all schedules attached to this bylaw
“campaign period”	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) for a Federal election, “election period” as defined in the <i>Canada Elections Act</i> for an election subject to that <i>Act</i>;(b) for a Provincial election, “campaign period” as defined in the <i>Election Act</i> for an election subject to that <i>Act</i>; and(c) “election period” as defined in section 10 of the <i>Local Elections Campaign Financing Act</i> for an election subject to that <i>Act</i>
“canopy or marquee”	means a non-retractable hood or cover which projects from the wall of a building but does not include a projecting roof
“Chief Building Inspector”	means the person holding the position of Chief Building Inspector for the City , or any individual or individuals acting on their behalf
“Chief Licence Inspector”	means the person holding the position of Chief License Inspector for the City , or any individual or individuals acting on their behalf
“City”	means the City of Burnaby
“compliance order”	means an order issued in accordance with section 7.3 of this bylaw

- “**comprehensive sign plan**” means a detailed plan showing the dimensional size, location, orientation, type, illumination, and details of signage for commercial, employment, industrial and mixed-use uses within a **site**
- “**comprehensive sign plan, master**” means a conceptual plan for a master plan development, as approved by the **City** prior to the effective date of this **bylaw**, showing the range of sizes, locations, orientations, types, illumination, details and phasing of signage for commercial, employment, industrial and mixed-use buildings with a minimum **lot** area of 7,000 sq. m., or within a phased Comprehensive Development (CD) zoning district that includes four or more buildings or **lots**
- “**Council**” means the council of the **City**
- “**District**” means a Zoning District under the **Zoning Bylaw**, including a Comprehensive District under Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965 or Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 2026, as applicable
- “**General Manager**” means the person holding the position of General Manager Planning and Development with the **City**, or any individual or individuals acting on their behalf
- “**General Manager Community Safety**” means the person holding the position of General Manager Community Safety with the **City**, or any individual or individuals acting on their behalf
- “**General Manager Engineering**” means the person holding the position of General Manager Engineering with the **City**, or any individual or individuals acting on their behalf
- “**grade**” means the average finished ground level directly underneath the **sign**, and where located over a **street**, the average finished grade means the elevation for the surface of the sidewalk or boulevard at time of construction, based upon the proposed elevation of adjacent buildings and road surface
- “**Inspector**” means:
- (a) **General Manager;**
 - (b) **General Manager Community Safety;**
 - (c) **General Manager Engineering;**
 - (d) **Chief Building Inspector;**
 - (e) **Chief Licence Inspector;**
 - (f) Manager Bylaw Services;
 - (g) Supervisor Property Use Coordination;
 - (h) Property Use Coordinators;
 - (i) Bylaw Enforcement Officers; or
 - (j) other City employees or contractors authorized by the **General Manager, General Manager Community Safety** or **General Manager Engineering** to enforce this **bylaw**

“lane”	means a type of highway that is not a named street , designed or intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles, and which typically provides a secondary means of access to a lot , at the side or rear of a lot
“lot”	means an area of land designated as a separate and distinct parcel on a legally recorded subdivision plan or description filed in the Land Title Office
“maximum sign height”	means the vertical distance measured from grade to the top of such sign , and in the case of a roof sign , the maximum height measured from the roof or parapet level at the location of such sign
“minimum sign height”	means the vertical distance measured from the grade to the lower limit of such sign
“occupier”	means a tenant, lessee, agent and any other person who has the right of access to and control of a property, building or premises
“owner”	means an owner as defined in the <i>Community Charter</i> , and in relation to strata common property, means the strata corporation
“public property”	means a street , lane , sidewalk, boulevard or other highway or other property owned by or in the possession of the City , including dedicated parkland and fee simple lots
“residential use building”	has the meaning set out in the Zoning Bylaw
“roof line”	means the horizontal line made by the intersection of the wall of the building with the roof of the building. In the case of a building with a pitched roof, the roof line shall be at the eaves level
“sign”	means any structure, device, advertisement, advertising device or visual representation that is visible from any street , sidewalk, lane or other portion of a highway, or from any property other than the one on which it is located, and that is intended to advertise, identify, or communicate information or attract the attention of the public for any purpose and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes any symbols, letters, figures, illustrations or painted forms, but does not include a traffic control device
“sign area”	means the total area within the outer edge of the frame or border of a sign , and where a sign has no frame, border or background, the area of the sign is the area contained within the shortest line surrounding the whole group of letters, figures or symbols of such sign , provided that: (a) except as provided in this bylaw , each side or face of a multi-face sign is counted in calculating the sign area ; and

- (b) if a side or face of a **multi-face sign** cannot be seen by a person not on the site of the **sign**, it is not counted in calculating the **sign area**

“ sign band ”	means a continuous horizontal strip on the exterior of a building, typically above storefronts or windows, designed to hold multiple signs for different occupiers , but calculated as one cohesive sign area
“ sign permit ”	means a permit to install a sign or grouping of signs , issued in accordance with the Burnaby Development Procedures Bylaw
“ sign, accessory ”	means a sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment which is conducted, sold or offered on the premises at which the sign is located
“ sign, animated ”	means an illuminated sign or non-illuminated sign that exhibits moving letters or symbols or changing or moving colour effects, including multi-panel copy changers, but does not include illuminated changing message system signs or signs that display only the time, temperature or date
“ sign, awning ”	means a non-illuminated identification sign affixed flat to the surface of an awning and which does not extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of such awning
“ sign, billboard ”	means a non-accessory sign on an exterior structure displaying advertising material pasted or otherwise affixed flat to the face of such structure and which exceeds an area of 19.0 sq.m.
“ sign, billboard digital ”	means a non-accessory sign on an exterior structure displaying advertising material on an electronic display that uses liquid crystal (LCD), light-emitting diodes (LEDs), projection, or other digital screen technology to show dynamic, computer-programmed content, such as images, text, and videos which exceeds an area of 19.0 sq.m.
“ sign, blade ”	means a double-sided sign that is mounted perpendicular to a building's facade or suspended from a canopy or marquee or soffit oriented toward non-vehicular traffic , and that may be illuminated or non-illuminated
“ sign, business ”	means a sign which identifies the business or profession conducted upon the premises at which the sign is located, and which may also refer to goods or services produced, offered for sale or obtainable at such premises
“ sign, canopy ”	means a sign suspended from or forming part of a canopy or marquee and which does not extend horizontally beyond the limits of such canopy or marquee
“ sign, digital ”	means an accessory sign on an electronic display that uses liquid crystal (LCD), light-emitting diodes (LEDs), projection, or other digital screen

“ sign, election handheld ”	technology to show dynamic, computer-programmed content, such as images, text, and videos which have an area of less than 19.0 sq.m. means an election temporary sign physically held by a candidate or supporter of a candidate in a Federal, Provincial or local election
“ sign, election temporary ”	means a temporary sign promoting or opposing, directly or indirectly: (a) a candidate in an election; or (b) a party or organization that endorses a candidate in an election
“ sign, facia ”	means a flat sign , including a permanent window sign , which does not project more than one foot from the face or wall of the building upon which it is affixed (or 15 inches in the case of a facia sign that is an illuminated changing message system sign), painted or attached, running parallel for its whole length to the face or wall of the building, including a sign band , but which does not extend beyond the horizontal width of such building
“ sign, flashing ”	means an illuminated sign which contains flashing lights, exhibits pronounced changes in light intensity or exhibits rapid repetition of illumination but does not include illuminated changing message system signs or signs that display only the time, temperature or date
“ sign, freestanding ”	means a sign not attached to or forming part of a building, but does not include a billboard sign or billboard digital sign
“ sign, identification ”	means a sign which contains no advertising but is limited to the name, address and number of a building, institution or person and to the activity carried on in the building or institution or the occupation of the person
“ sign, illuminated ”	means a sign designed to give forth any artificial light, either directly from a source of light incorporated in or connected with such sign , or indirectly from an artificial source, so shielded that no direct illumination from it is visible elsewhere than on the site and in the immediate proximity thereof
“ sign, illuminated changing message system ”	means an illuminated sign , excluding manually operated signs and multi-panel copy changers, which is capable of displaying changing or moving messages, effected through the automatic switching of lamps, but which is not used to exhibit rapid repetition of changes in light intensity
“ sign, information ”	means a sign identifying the access, location and nature of a building, structure or use serving such building, structure or use, on lands forming part of the site of such building, structure or uses
“ sign, lettered sky ”	means a sign comprised of letters or numbers

“ sign, logo sky ”	means a graphic mark, emblem, or symbol used to identify and promote a brand, product, or organization
“ sign, multi-face ”	means a sign with more than one side or face, any side or face of which may be used or is capable of being used for advertising, identifying, communicating, informing, visual representation, or similar thing, or contains any symbols, letters, figures, illustrations, painted forms, or similar things and may be seen by a person not on the site of the sign
“ sign, non-accessory ”	means a sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment, not exclusively related to the premises at which the sign is located, or to a business, commodity, service or entertainment which is conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the premises at which the sign is located
“ sign, portable ”	means a sign not permanently attached to the ground or a building, such as a sandwich board or balloon
“ sign, projected ”	means an image, verbal or graphic, projected on a horizontal or vertical surface from an electronic projector
“ sign, projecting ”	means a sign which projects from the face or wall of a building, but does not include an awning sign, canopy sign, blade sign or facia sign
“ sign, revolving ”	means any sign , all or part of which revolves or rotates, or partly revolves or rotates, but does not include an animated sign
“ sign, roof ”	means any sign that is attached to or located more than one metre above the roof or parapet line of a building or structure
“ sign, sky ”	means a lettered sky sign or logo sky sign erected on the top of the main face or mechanical penthouse of a building
“ sign, special purpose ”	means any sign other than a business sign, non-accessory sign or identification sign
“ sign, temporary ”	means any sign , display, banner, construction hoarding or similar item that is not permanently fixed to a building, pole or structure and is designed for short-term use to advertise or inform for a limited period
“ sign, window ”	means a sign affixed to the inside of a window in view of the general public
“ site ”	means the lot or lots on which a sign or group of signs are located
“ street ”	means a public road or thoroughfare which affords the principal means of access to abutting lots
“ street canopy ”	has the meaning set out in the Zoning Bylaw
“ street line ”	means the boundary between a street and a lot

- “**traffic**” includes pedestrians, vehicles, cycles and other conveyances while using a highway to travel
- “**traffic control device**” has the meaning set out in the *Motor Vehicle Act*
- “**wall surface**” means the total horizontal surface area of the building face to which a **sign** is attached, including window and door areas, measured to the extreme outer limits of such horizontal surface
- “**Zoning Bylaw**” means the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw

- 2.2 Except as otherwise defined herein, words and phrases in this **bylaw** are to be construed in accordance with their meanings under the *Community Charter, Local Government Act* and *Interpretation Act*, as the context and circumstances may require.
- 2.3 A reference to an Act refers to a statute of British Columbia unless otherwise indicated, and a reference to any statute, regulation, code, bylaw or other enactment refers to that enactment as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- 2.4 Any reference to the words “include”, “includes” or “including” in this **bylaw** shall be deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”, whether or not they are in fact followed by those words or similar words.

PART 3: GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 3.1 A person must not erect, place, alter, display, or move a **sign** except in accordance with this **bylaw** together with the following, as applicable:
- (a) a **comprehensive sign plan** or **master comprehensive sign plan**, but only to the extent that it differs from a requirement under this **bylaw**; and
 - (b) terms and conditions included in a **sign permit**.
- 3.2 A person must not:
- (a) cause or allow a **sign** on their property or premises, by reason of its location, size, type or intensity, to become or remain a hazard to the safe and efficient movement of **traffic** on a sidewalk, **lane**, **street** or other portion of a highway;
 - (b) attach or hang a **sign** to any building or structure unless and until all necessary wall and roof attachments have been approved as part of a **sign permit**, if required;
 - (c) cause or allow any **sign**, guy, stay or attachment thereto to be erected, placed or maintained on rocks, fences or trees, other than:
 - (i) **temporary signs** complying with the requirements of Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**; or

- (ii) decorative logo designs painted upon or affixed to a temporary construction fence or hoarding erected on a construction **site** during the period of construction;
 - (d) cause or allow any **sign**, guy, stay or attachment thereto to interfere with any electric light, power, telephone or telegraph wires, or the supports thereof;
 - (e) erect, place or maintain a **sign** on private property:
 - (i) without the consent of the **owner** of the property, and
 - (ii) where a **sign** is to be placed on a property that does not contain any inhabited buildings, such consent must be in writing and be provided to an **Inspector** promptly upon request; or
 - (f) cause or allow a **sign** to be placed on any property that is prohibited under section 4.1 of this **bylaw**.
- 3.3 Every **owner** and **occupier** of a property or premises on which a **sign** is placed or to be placed must ensure that:
- (a) every **sign** on the property or premises is maintained at all times in a safe condition;
 - (b) every **sign** has its weight and the maker's name permanently attached to or painted on the exterior of the **sign**, except **special purpose signs** and **temporary signs** permitted under Schedule No. I of this **bylaw** and **signs** painted directly on the face of a building;
 - (c) every **sign** is designed so that all framework and other rigid devices required for the lateral support of the **sign** are contained within the body of the **sign** or within the structure or building to which it is attached, in such a manner as not to be visible to any person;
 - (d) where necessary, the projecting cantilever system is used to support **signs**, and that the "A" frame system is not used in any circumstances; and
 - (e) any **signs** that are to be illuminated are served by underground electrical service and do not involve any overhead wiring or service poles.

PART 4: PROHIBITED SIGNS

4.1 A person must not erect, place or display:

- (a) **animated signs**, except where the **animated sign** is architecturally integrated with the development and does not have any text, titles or direct advertising;
- (b) **digital signs**, except where the **digital sign** is architecturally integrated with the development and is consistent with the Form and Character Development Permit Guidelines under the **Zoning Bylaw**;

- (c) **signs** mounted or supported on a balcony, except as permitted in Schedule No. IX of this **bylaw**;
- (d) **billboard signs** and **billboard digital signs**, except those owned by the **City** and located on **City** property, as approved pursuant to Schedule No. VI of this **bylaw**;
- (e) any **sign** that obstructs any part of a doorway or fire escape;
- (f) **flashing signs**;
- (g) temporary **window signs**, except as permitted in Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (h) **portable signs**; and
- (i) **revolving signs**.

PART 5: SITE MAINTENANCE AND SIGN STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 The **owner** and **occupier** of a property or premises where any **signs** are placed must ensure that each **sign** and the immediate surrounding premises are maintained in a safe, clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition and are free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.

General Siting and Location Standards

5.2 A person must not display a **business sign**, **non-accessory sign**, **special purpose sign**, or **identification sign** on, within or above **public property**, except for:

- (a) a **facia sign**, provided that it projects not more than 0.5 m into the **public property**;
- (b) a **special purpose** or other **sign** under the provisions of section 1, subsections (1), (2), (3), (9), (12) and (13) of Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (c) an **awning sign**, provided that it is constructed in accordance with a building permit and approved by the **General Manager Engineering**;
- (d) a **canopy sign** that is suspended from or forms part of a **street canopy**, constructed in accordance with a building permit and approved by the **General Manager Engineering** in accordance with the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw;
- (e) posters or handbills that are placed on a poster cylinder or kiosk provided or authorized by the **General Manager Engineering** specifically to be used by the general public for the posting of notices;
- (f) a **projecting sign**, provided that it projects not more than 1.5 m into the **public property** and is constructed in accordance with a building permit and approved by the **General Manager Engineering**;

- (g) a **blade sign**, provided that it projects not more than 1.5 m into the **public property** and is constructed in accordance with a building permit and approved by the **General Manager Engineering**; and
- (h) a **projected sign**, provided that the light emanating from the projection does not interfere with **traffic**, the projection is onto a horizontal surface used by pedestrians only, and the **sign** is constructed in accordance with a building permit and approved by the **General Manager Engineering**.

5.3 The **owner** of a building must not place or allow a **sign**, other than a **roof sign**, to extend or project above the parapet of the building or, where there is no parapet, above the **roof line** of the building where it is attached. The support structure of a **projecting sign** may extend vertically to a **maximum sign height** of one foot above the parapet of a building, or where there is no parapet, above the **roof line**, provided that the support structure must be fully enclosed and the enclosure must not be used for any message or display nor be counted in the area measurement of the **sign**.

Sign Specifications

5.4 In respect to the illuminance of a **digital sign** or **illuminated sign**, a person shall:

- (a) include an ambient light sensor that automatically adjusts the luminance of the **sign**;
- (b) except where subsection (c) below applies, not cause or allow, between sunset and sunrise the **sign** to exceed 0.3 foot-candles of the real time ambient light of an adjacent **street**;
- (c) not illuminate the **sign** between the hours of 11 pm to 7 am if the **sign** is located in a **lane** fronting a **residential use building**;
- (d) cause static images on the **sign** to remain on the screen for a minimum of 10 seconds, and transitions to be instantaneous, without any scrolling, flashing, or blinking;
- (e) cause the **sign** to maintain a refresh rate of 1920Hz or higher, pulse width modulation (PWM) of 25,000Hz or higher and stable voltage in order to prevent any flickering; and
- (f) cause the illuminance of the **sign** to be turned off when the **sign** is not displaying an image or when the **sign** malfunctions.

5.5 Where a **sign** is proposed to be installed near an existing tree or a tree proposed to be planted as part of the development associated with the **sign**, the **sign** must not be installed in a location that could interfere with or be obstructed by the branches and roots of the tree at maturity at 4 m or more above **grade**, based on the average canopy spread for that type of tree at a height of 4 m or more.

5.6 An **owner** of a property on which a **sign** is placed or to be placed must ensure the following specifications are met:

(1) **Canopy Signs:**

- (a) The **minimum sign height** of a **canopy sign** shall be not less than 2.75 m.
- (b) No **canopy sign** shall extend or project above the upper edge of a **canopy or marquee** by more than 0.65 m.

(2) **Freestanding Signs:**

- (a) The **minimum sign height** of a **freestanding sign** shall be not less than 2.75 m, except for a **freestanding sign** permitted under Schedule II of this **bylaw** or where a **freestanding sign** does not interfere with **traffic**.
- (b) A **freestanding sign** may be located in a required yard, provided that such **sign** is not closer than 1.5 m:
 - (i) to the point of intersection of the intersecting **street lines** on a corner **lot**;
 - (ii) to any adjoining **lot**; and
 - (iii) to a vision clearance area required by the **Zoning Bylaw**.

(3) **Projecting Signs:**

- (a) The **minimum sign height** of a **projecting sign** shall be not less than 2.75 m.
- (b) The **sign area** of a **projecting sign** shall not exceed 7.5 sq. m.

(4) **Roof Signs:**

- (a) **Roof signs** shall be used as **business signs** only.
- (b) The length of a **roof sign** shall not exceed 50 percent of the dimension of the roof parallel to the face of the **sign**.
- (c) No **roof sign** shall project beyond any face of the building upon which it is located.
- (d) The **maximum sign height** of a **roof sign** shall not exceed 1.25 m.

(5) **Blade Signs:**

- (a) The **minimum sign height** of a **blade sign** shall be not less than 2.75 m.
- (b) The **sign area** of a **blade sign** shall not exceed 0.75 sq. m.
- (c) **Blade signs** shall not be located above the first storey of a building.

(6) **Facia Signs:**

- (a) Except for a **facia sign** as permitted under subsection 1(4) of Schedule No. IX of this **bylaw**, **facia signs** shall not be located above the second storey of a building.

PART 6: PERMIT AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 Subject to sections 6.2 and 6.3, before erecting, placing, displaying, rebuilding, reconstructing, altering or moving any **sign**, a person shall:
- (a) apply for and be issued a **sign permit**; and
- (b) comply with all permits and approval requirements under **City** bylaws and other enactments, including the **Zoning Bylaw** and Burnaby Building Bylaw.
- 6.2 A **site** with more than two (2) **signs** requiring a **sign permit** must have a **comprehensive sign plan** approved by the **General Manager**, unless the **site** is subject to a **comprehensive sign plan** or **master comprehensive sign plan** approved prior to the effective date of this **bylaw** and no changes to such plan are required for a proposed **sign** for the **site**.
- 6.3 A **sign permit** is not required for the following, but such **signs** shall comply at all times with the requirements of this **bylaw**:
- (a) **signs** permitted under section 1, subsections (1), (2), (3), (5) (6), (7) (8), (9), (12), (13) or (14) of Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**, subject to compliance with the requirements in Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (b) **election temporary signs**, subject to compliance with the requirements in Schedule No. IX of this **bylaw**;
- (c) a **temporary sign** permitted under subsection 1(10)(b) of Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (d) a **temporary sign** that is no greater than 0.4 sq. m. advertising residential, commercial, or industrial property for rent or sale on that **lot**; and
- (e) content changes, painting and minor repairs to a **sign** that is permitted under this **bylaw** or that lawfully exists at the time this **bylaw** is adopted.

PART 7: ENFORCEMENT

Inspections

- 7.1 An **Inspector** may enter, in accordance with Section 16 of the *Community Charter*, on or into property in order to determine whether all regulations, restrictions and requirements of this **bylaw** are being met.
- 7.2 No person shall interfere or attempt to obstruct an **Inspector** who is conducting an inspection or enforcement in relation to this **bylaw**.

Order for Compliance

- 7.3 Where a **sign** or part thereof contravenes this **bylaw** or where a **sign** is or may be in danger of falling or presenting a threat to the safety of persons or property, the **General Manager, General Manager Community Safety** or **General Manager Engineering** may issue a **compliance order** requiring the **owner, occupier** and/or other person responsible for the **sign** to, within the time period set out in the **compliance order**:
- (a) bring the **sign** into compliance with this **bylaw**;
 - (b) remove the **sign** and associated guy, stay, attachment or structure; and
 - (c) undertake remedial work to remove the danger of falling or threat to the safety of persons or property.
- 7.4 A **compliance order** shall be served on the **owner, occupier** and/or other person responsible for the **sign** in accordance with the following:
- (a) in respect to the **owner** of the property on which the **sign** is located, by personal service or by prepaid mail to the address for the **owner** shown at the Land Title Office;
 - (b) in respect to an **owner, occupier** or other responsible person that is a corporation or business, by personal service or by prepaid mail to the registered office or head office as shown in the records of the Registrar of Companies; and
 - (c) by prepaid mail to the address of the property on which the **sign** is located.
- 7.5 When a **compliance order** is not served personally, such order is deemed to have been served on the **owner, occupier** or other responsible person, as applicable, on the third day after mailing in accordance with section 7.4.
- 7.6 An **owner, occupier** or responsible person served with a **compliance order** must comply with the order within the time period set out in the order.
- 7.7 If an **owner, occupier** or responsible person fails to comply with a **compliance order**, the **City** may, by its officers, employees, agents or contractors, enter onto the property on which the **sign** is located, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, to carry out all work needed to comply with the **compliance order** at the expense of the **owner, occupier** or responsible person.
- 7.8 The **owner, occupier** or responsible person, as applicable, must pay to the **City** the expenses incurred by the **City** pursuant to section 7.7 of this **bylaw** within thirty (30) days of being issued an invoice for such expenses. If such invoice is not paid by the 31st day of December of the year in which the expenses are incurred, the expenses shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that property on which the **sign** is located as taxes in arrears.

- 7.9 The **owner, occupier** or responsible person to which a **compliance order** has been issued may request a reconsideration by **Council** of the order, by giving notice in writing to the Corporate Officer at least seven (7) days prior to the expiration of the time period for compliance set out in the **compliance order**. **Council** must consider the reconsideration request, following which **Council** may confirm, amend, rescind or issue other directions or conditions in respect to the **compliance order**.

Removal of Signs from Public Property

- 7.10 An **Inspector** may remove and impound any **sign** placed unlawfully on any **public property**.
- 7.11 If an **Inspector** removes a **sign** pursuant to section 7.10 of this **bylaw**, the **owner** of the **sign** shall be liable to pay the **City** a removal fee as specified in the Burnaby Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 7.12 An **owner** of a **sign** removed by an **Inspector** pursuant to section 7.10 of this **bylaw** may claim it by contacting the City's Engineering Department and paying the removal fee as specified in the Burnaby Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw. If the **owner** does not claim the **sign** and pay the removal fee within three (3) business days of the **sign**'s removal, the **City** will deem the **sign** as abandoned and will dispose of the **sign**.

PART 8: OFFENCE AND PENALTY

- 8.1 Every person who violates any of the provisions of this **bylaw**, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of any of the provisions of this **bylaw**, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this **bylaw**, is guilty of an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to and a minimum fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and maximum fine of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).
- 8.2 If an offence continues for more than one day, a separate offence occurs on each day or part of a day, and separate fines may be issued for each day or part of a day in respect of which the offence occurs or continues.
- 8.3 A violation of any of the provisions identified in this **bylaw** shall result in liability for penalties and late payment amounts established in Schedule A of Burnaby Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, 2009, and be subject to the procedures, restrictions, limits, obligations and rights established in Burnaby Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, 2009 and the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*.

PART 9: SEVERABILITY

- 9.1 If a portion of this **bylaw** is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this **bylaw** is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

PART 10: REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- 10.1 Burnaby Sign Bylaw 1972 (Bylaw No. 6163), and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

10.2 This **bylaw** shall come into force and take effect on July 1, 2026.

FIRST READING this 9th day of June, 2026

SECOND READING this 9th day of June, 2026

THIRD READING this 9th day of June, 2026

FINAL ADOPTION this 23rd day of June, 2026

MAYOR

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

Signed Original Bylaw on file.

SCHEDULE NO. I
ALL DISTRICTS

1. Permitted Signs

The **signs** described in this Schedule are permitted in all **Districts**, subject to the restrictions set out below:

- (1) **Signs** that are **traffic control devices**, subject to the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.
- (2) **Signs** required to be maintained or posted by law or an enactment, and **signs** required to be posted on a premises describing hours of operation, prohibiting smoking on the premises, or for similar public notification purposes.
- (3) **Information signs** and banners on **public property** placed or installed by the **City** to promote awareness of and/or engagement in **City** projects and initiatives.
- (4) Memorial plaques, cornerstones, historical tablets and similar devices.
- (5) On-site directional **signs** other than **traffic control devices**, not exceeding 0.6 sq. m in area, intended to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and vehicles within the **site** upon which such **signs** are located, and parking **signs**, not exceeding 0.6 sq. m. in area, intended to control or prohibit parking within the **site** upon which such **signs** are located.
- (6) **Information signs** identifying the access, location and nature of a building, structure or use which is not readily visible from the **street**, serving such building, structure or use, on lands forming part of the **site** of such building, structure or uses, which may include the logo of a business on the **site** as secondary information, provided there are no more than two (2) such **signs** on the **site**, the **sign area** for each **sign** is not more than 1.0 sq. m, and any business logo on the **sign** does not exceed 50% of the **sign area**.
- (7) **Signs** not exceeding 0.6 sq. m. in area located upon private property and directed toward the prevention of trespassing.
- (8) Temporary **window signs** advertising the business to occupy a tenanted area during the period from issuance of a building permit for tenant improvements up to six (6) months following occupancy approval under the building permit.
- (9) Flags or emblems of political, civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organizations.
- (10) On-site **temporary signs** advertising the sale, lease, or rental of a building, portion of a building, **lot**, group of **lots** within a subdivision, or group of dwellings within a residential development upon which such **signs** are situated, subject to the following:
 - (a) during an initial period of six months from issuance of the **sign permit** for the **signs** or such other period set out in the **sign permit**, any number of **signs** fronting each **street** abutting the **site** are permitted, provided that:

- (i) the combined **sign area** of such **signs** on the **site** shall not exceed a ratio of 0.09 sq. m. of **sign area** for each 9.3 sq. m. of **lot** area or 92.9 sq. m. total **sign area**, whichever is lesser;
 - (ii) no **freestanding sign** shall have any face dimension in excess of 4.9 m, nor a face area greater than 6.0 sq. m.; and
 - (iii) no **facia sign** or **roof sign** shall have a vertical face dimension greater than 1.2 m; and
 - (b) after the initial six month period from issuance of the **sign permit** for the **signs** or such other period set out in the **sign permit**, a maximum of one on-site **temporary sign** along each **street** frontage which bounds the **site** is permitted, provided that:
 - (i) the combined **sign area** of such **signs** on the **site** shall not exceed 0.6 sq. m. or a ratio of 0.1 sq. m. per 92.9 sq. m. of **lot** area, whichever is greater;
 - (ii) no individual **sign** shall have any face dimension in excess of 4.9 m nor a face area greater than 6.0 sq. m.; and
 - (iii) no **facia sign** or **roof sign** shall have a vertical face dimension greater than 1.2 m.
- (11) On-site **temporary signs** indicating the name and nature of a construction or demolition project, plus the names of the contractors, sub-contractors and professional advisers, subject to the following:
- (a) the combined area of such **signs** fronting upon each **street** which bounds such project shall not exceed 18.3 sq.m. or a ratio of 0.2 sq. m. of **sign area** for each 305 sq. m. of **lot** area, whichever is lesser; and
 - (b) the display of such **signs** shall be limited to a period not to exceed the duration of the construction or demolition project, after which such **signs** shall be removed immediately.
- (12) One temporary on-site **freestanding sign** that is a non-illuminated changeable copy panel, on a property located in a C, E, I, P, or CD (based on C, E, I, M, B or P) **District**, subject to the following:
- (a) no such **sign** shall exceed an area of 12.2 sq. m.; and
 - (b) the display of such **signs** shall be limited to a period not to exceed 90 days, after which such **signs** shall be removed immediately.
- (13) Changeable copy, electronic digital or illuminated **non-accessory signs** on **bus shelters**, subject to the following:

- (a) such **signs** are located on **public property** within a C, E, I, P, or CD (based on C, E, I, P or M) **District** or within 45.7 m of a C, E, I, P, or CD (based on C, E, I, P or M) **District** zoning boundary;
 - (b) the **signs** are an integral part of the **bus shelter** structure and consist of not more than two (2) faces;
 - (c) if a single-faced **sign** is used, the total **sign area** permitted for any **bus shelter** shall not exceed 7.7 m; and
 - (d) if a double-faced **sign** is used, the total **sign area** permitted for any **bus shelter** shall not exceed 7.7 m for each face.
- (14) Changeable copy **non-accessory signs** on **bike racks**, subject to the following:
- (a) such **signs** shall be permitted only on **bike racks** located on **public property** within a C, E, I, or CD (based on C, E, I, P, M or P) **District**;
 - (b) the **signs** are an integral part of the **bike rack**, have not more than two faces, have a **maximum sign height** of 0.3 m, and have a width that does not exceed 0.92 m or the width of the **bike rack**, whichever is lesser; and
 - (c) each **bike rack** has not more than one **sign**.

SCHEDULE NO. II
A, R AND CD (RM, P11e, A, R) DISTRICTS

1. Permitted Signs

Subject to the requirements set out in section 2 below, the following signs are permitted in the A, R and CD (based on A, R, RM or P11e) **Districts**:

- (1) **Signs** permitted in Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (2) One **facia sign** of not more than 0.2 sq. m. in area giving the name and occupation of the occupant of a building carrying on a home occupation, as defined in the **Zoning Bylaw**;
- (3) One **business sign** or **identification sign** that is a **facia sign** or **freestanding sign** of not more than 0.75 sq. m. in area, fronting on each **street** which bounds a **lot** in an **A District**. Where a property fronts two or more **streets** the **owner** may vary the number of **signs** that face each of those **streets**, provided that the total number of **signs** permitted for that property under this **bylaw** is not exceeded.
- (4) One **identification sign** that is a **facia sign** or **freestanding sign** of not more than 0.75 sq. m. in area for an apartment building, dormitory, or fraternity or sorority house in an R and CD (R, RM or P11e) **District**;
- (5) One illuminated **business sign** or **identification sign** that is a **canopy sign** or **facia sign**, fronting on each **street** that bounds the property on which is located a retail use catering to the day-to-day shopping needs of the residents of the local neighbourhood; and
- (7) **Awning signs**.

2. Requirements

- (1) The **maximum sign height** of a **freestanding sign** shall not exceed 2.5 m.
- (2) No **illuminated sign** shall be permitted other than those at a retail use with a valid business licence, catering to the day to-day shopping needs of the residents of the local neighbourhood, provided that the total **sign area** of such permitted **illuminated sign** shall not exceed a ratio of 0.1 sq. m. of **sign area** for each 0.3 m of lineal **street** frontage of the building to which the **sign** is attached.
- (3) The total **sign area of an awning sign** shall not exceed 0.1 sq. m. of **sign area** for each 0.3 m of lineal **street** frontage of the building to which the **sign** is attached.

**SCHEDULE NO. III
P, C1 AND CD (P, C1, CM1) DISTRICTS**

1. Permitted Signs

Subject to the requirements set out in section 2 below, the following signs are permitted in the P, C1 and CD (based on P, C1 or CM1) **Districts**:

- (1) **Signs** permitted in Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (2) One **sign** fronting each **street** bounding the property, that is either a **business sign** or an **identification sign**, and one **sign** fronting each **lane** bounding the property, provided that the **sign** is either a **business sign** or an **identification sign** and that the business' primary access is from the **lane**, in the form of one of the following types of **signs**:
 - (a) **canopy sign**;
 - (b) **facia sign**; or
 - (c) **freestanding sign**.

Where a property fronts two or more **streets**, the **owner** may vary the number of **signs** that face each of those **streets**, provided that the total number of **signs** permitted for that property under this **bylaw** is not exceeded;

- (3) In **P Districts**, a permitted **facia sign** may be an **illuminated changing message system sign**;
- (4) In **P Districts**, a **sky sign**;
- (5) **Awning signs**;
- (6) One **blade sign** per **occupier**;
- (7) One **projected sign** fronting each **street** bounding the property, provided the **sign area** is 19.0 sq. m. or less and complies with section 5.2(h) of this **bylaw** if projected onto **public property** or is projected onto a vertical surface without windows if located on private property; and
- (8) For residential developments in the **P Districts**, the permitted **signs** and requirements under Schedule No. II of this **bylaw** shall apply in place of this Schedule No. III.

2. Requirements:

- (1) The total area of an **awning sign**, **canopy sign** or **facia sign** shall not exceed a ratio of 0.1 sq. m. of **sign area** for each 0.3 m of lineal **street** frontage of the building to which the **sign** is attached and may be illuminated, subject to compliance with section 5.4 of this **bylaw**.

- (2) The **sign area** of a **freestanding sign** shall not exceed 3.8 sq. m.
- (3) The **maximum sign height** of a **freestanding sign** shall be not exceed 1.9 sq. m.
- (4) An **illuminated changing message system** component in a **freestanding sign** in a **P District**:
 - (a) shall be restricted to event and facility information and public service messages;
 - (b) shall have static messages capable of instantaneous change from one message to another; and
 - (c) shall not exceed a maximum changing message component area of 3.75 sq. m. per side and a maximum of two sides.

SCHEDULE NO. IV

E, I AND CD (E, I, B1, B2, C2, C5, C6, M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8) DISTRICTS

1. Permitted Signs

Subject to the requirements set out in section 2 below, the following signs are permitted in the E, I and CD (based on E, I, B1, B2, C2, C5, C6, M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, M7 or M8) **Districts**:

- (1) **Signs** permitted in Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (2) Two **signs** fronting each **street** bounding the property, provided both are **business signs** or one is a **business sign** and the other is a **non-accessory sign**, in the form of the following types of **signs**:
 - (a) **canopy sign**;
 - (b) **facia sign**;
 - (c) **freestanding sign**; or
 - (d) **projecting sign**,

but no **non-accessory sign** shall be permitted within 15.2 m of any property in an A, R, P or CD (based on A, R, RM or P) **District**.

Where a property fronts two or more **streets**, the **owner** may vary the number of **signs** that face each of those **streets**, provided that the total number of **signs** permitted for that property under this **bylaw** is not exceeded;

- (3) **Awning signs**;
- (4) **Blade signs**;
- (5) **Digital signs**; and
- (6) One **projected sign** fronting each **street** bounding the property, provided the **sign area** is 19.0 sq. m. or less and complies with section 5.2(h) of this **bylaw** if projected onto **public property** or is projected onto a vertical surface without windows if located on private property.

2. Requirements:

- (1) The total **sign area** of an **awning sign**, **canopy sign** or **facia sign** shall not exceed a ratio of 0.2 sq. m. of **sign area** for each lineal foot of **street** frontage of the building to which the **sign** is attached and may be illuminated in accordance with section 5.4 of this **bylaw**.
- (2) The **sign area** of a **freestanding sign** or **projecting sign** shall not exceed 5.6 sq. m.

- (3) The **maximum sign height** of a **freestanding sign** shall not exceed 6.1 m.

SCHEDULE NO. V
C2 AND CD (C3, C4, C7, C8, C9, CM2) DISTRICTS

1. Permitted Signs

Subject to the requirements set out in section 2 below, the following signs are permitted in the C2 and CD (based on C3, C4, C7, C8, C9, CM2) **Districts**:

- (1) **Signs** permitted in Schedule No. I of this **bylaw**;
- (2) Two **signs** fronting each **street** bounding the property, provided both are **business signs** or one is a **business sign** and the other is a **non-accessory sign** and two **signs** fronting each **lane** bounding the property provided both are **business signs** or one is a **business sign** and the other is a **non-accessory sign** and the business's primary access is from the **lane**, in the form of the following types of **signs**:
 - (a) **canopy sign**;
 - (b) **facia sign**;
 - (c) **freestanding sign**;
 - (d) **projecting sign**; or
 - (e) **roof sign**,

but no **non-accessory sign** shall be permitted within 15.2 m of any property in an A, R, P or CD (based on A, R, P or RM) **District**, except mixed-use **sites** or **sites** with an underlying C1 or C2 **District**.

Where a property fronts two or more **streets** the **owner** may vary the number of **signs** that face each of those **streets**, provided that the total number of **signs** permitted for that property under this **bylaw** is not exceeded;

- (3) In C2 **Districts** and CD (based on C3, C4 and CM2) **Districts**, a permitted **facia sign** may be an **illuminated changing message system sign**;
- (4) In shopping centres consisting of a group of retail stores in one or more buildings designed as an integrated unit located in a C2 **District** and CD (based on C3, CM2) **District** on a **site** with a minimum **lot** area of 2.2 hectares, a permitted **freestanding sign** may be an **illuminated changing message system sign**;
- (5) **Awning signs**;
- (6) **Blade signs**;
- (7) **Digital signs**;

(8) One **projected sign** fronting each **street** bounding the property, provided the **sign area** is 19.0 sq. m. or less and complies with section 5.2(h) of this **bylaw** if projected onto **public property** or is projected onto a vertical surface without windows if located on private property; and

(9) **Sky signs.**

2. Requirements:

(1) The total **sign area** of an **awning sign** or **canopy sign** shall not exceed a ratio of 0.2 sq. m. of **sign area** for each lineal foot of **street** frontage of the building to which the **sign** is attached.

(2) The total **sign area** of a **facia sign** shall not exceed 20 percent of the **wall surface** to which the **signs** are attached.

(3) The **sign area** and **maximum sign height** of a **freestanding sign** shall not exceed the following:

Lot Area Maximum	Sign Area	Maximum Sign Height
less than 560 sq. m.	9.3 sq. m	6.1 m
560 sq. m. to 4,050 sq. m.	13.9 sq. m	7.6 m
more than 4,050 sq. m.	18.6 sq. m	9.1 m

(4) **Projecting signs** and **roof signs** shall comply with the requirements set out in sections 5.2 and 5.3 of this **bylaw**.

(5) **Illuminated signs** are permitted, provided they comply with section 5.4 of this **bylaw**.

SCHEDULE NO. VI
BILLBOARD AND BILLBOARD DIGITAL SIGNS

1. For **City**-owned properties and rights-of-way, **billboard signs** and **billboard digital signs** in locations approved by **Council** may be permitted, subject to the issuance of a **sign permit** and compliance with the *Motor Vehicle Act*, *Transportation Act* and related regulations and bulletins.

SCHEDULE NO. VII
DEER LAKE PRECINCT WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROGRAM

- 1. Wayfinding signs** set out in the Deer Lake Precinct Wayfinding Plan are permitted, subject to the issuance of a **sign permit**.

SCHEDULE NO. VIII
SKY SIGNS

1. Permitted Signs

Sky signs are permitted for major commercial or mixed-use buildings of not less than 22,000 sq. m. for the purpose of advertising a corporate head office, hotel, institution, regional commercial centre, sports arena, or gaming facility that occupies at least 25% of the building's floor area and represents no less than 5,500 sq. m.

2. Requirements

- (1) **Sky signs** shall:
 - (a) be located above the 6th storey of a building;
 - (b) be located on the main face of the building within 6.1 m of the top of the main face or on a mechanical penthouse where very large architectural penthouses are provided; and
 - (c) not be placed within 3.0 m of either the top or side edge of buildings or penthouses.
- (2) A building shall have no more than two **sky signs**, nor more than one **sky sign** on any building face. Where two **sky signs** are proposed on a building, each **sky sign** must be located on opposite faces of the building and must both not be seen from the same angle of vision.
- (3) Sign 'boxes' are not permitted. Cut-out, monochrome signs with internally illuminated logos or letters may be allowed.
- (4) The location and design of **sky signs** must take the following into consideration:
 - (a) effect of existing **sky signs** in the vicinity of the proposed new **sky signs**;
 - (b) impact of the proposed **sky signs** on residential and other commercial buildings in the vicinity;
 - (c) degree of integration with the architectural design of the building; and
 - (d) effect on the general built-form skyline.
- (5) The **sign area** for a **logo sky sign** must not exceed:
 - (a) 4.7 sq. m. on a building that is seven (7) to twelve (12) storeys in height; and
 - (b) 9.3 sq. m. for a building that is above twelve (12) storeys in height.

- (6) The **sign area** for a **lettered sky sign**, including in combination with a logo, must not exceed:
 - (a) 9.3 sq. m. on a building that is seven (7) to twelve (12) storeys in height; and
 - (b) 18.6 sq. m. for a building that is above twelve (12) storeys in height.

- (7) A **sky sign** must be removed immediately if the building size or 25% minimum requirement under section 1 of this Schedule is not met, and the **sign permit** for a **sky sign** shall include an undertaking by the **owner** to effect such removal immediately.

SCHEDULE NO. IX
ELECTION, REFERENDUM AND POLITICAL SIGNS

1. Subject to the requirements of Parts 3, 4 and section 5.1 of this **bylaw**, the following election, referendum, political and related **signs** are permitted in all **Districts**:
 - (1) **election temporary signs** pertaining to **campaign periods** and signage or events of political, civic, philanthropic, education or religious organizations, provided that:
 - (a) such **signs** must not be erected or placed in a **City** park, on **public property** in front of a flower or shrub bed, or along the 60 m portions of Nelson Avenue and Imperial Street fronting the Cenotaph located at the northwest corner of the intersection;
 - (b) such **signs** must not be erected or placed on public boulevards without the prior consent of **Council** and the written agreement of the applicant to remove the **signs** within three (3) days after the **campaign period**, drive or event has concluded; and
 - (c) such **signs** must not be erected, placed or maintained on private property at any time other than during the **campaign period** and four (4) days immediately following the **campaign period**;
 - (2) **temporary signs** relating to assent voting or public referendums, provided that:
 - (a) such **signs** must not be erected or placed on any **public property** except in accordance with subsection (1)(a) and (b) above; and
 - (b) such **signs** must not be erected, placed or maintained on private property at any time other than during the voting period for the assent voting or public referendum and three (3) days immediately following the voting period;
 - (3) **election handheld signs** on a **City** sidewalk during a **campaign period**, provided that:
 - (a) the **signs** are held by hand and not placed on the ground or structure on the sidewalk, within 15.5 metres of the nearest track of a railway crossing, or on a multi-use or bicycle path or travel **lane** of a **street**; and
 - (b) individuals holding the **signs** must not obstruct ramps, street crossings, crosswalks and other portions of a sidewalk providing access for pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, handcarts and other transport modes permitted on sidewalks; and
 - (4) **facia signs** or **freestanding signs** of a political nature on an apartment building, dormitory or fraternity or sorority house in a R, A and CD (based on R, A, RM or P11e) **District** and a **residential use building** in a P or CD (based on P, C8 or C9) **District**, provided that the **signs** are not larger than 1.0 sq. m. in area for each unit in the apartment building, dormitory, fraternity or sorority house or **residential use building**.