
**A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT OR REGULATE THE ERECTION OF SIGNS, BILLBOARDS, POSTERS AND
OTHER ADVERTISING DEVICES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRONT OF YONGE**

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, Council may pass by-laws to regulate the erection of signs, billboards, poster panels and other advertising devices;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Front of Yonge deems it expedient to pass such a by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Front of Yonge ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 Definitions

1.1 In this By-law:

- i) **Direction Sign** – means a sign directing the general public to a specified place;
- ii) **Election Sign** – means a temporary sign for an election or by-election, for or promoting the election of, a person or a political party seeking election for any public office;
- iii) **Lot** – shall mean a parcel of land having continuous frontage on a public street described in a deed or other document, which is legally capable of conveying a fee simple interest of land, other than a leasehold interest, easement, or right-of-way;
- iv) **Municipality or Township of Front of Yonge** – means the Corporation of the Township of Front of Yonge;
- v) **Municipal Property** – means land or buildings owned or leased by the Municipality, United Counties of Leeds & Grenville, or a local board as defined in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended;
- vi) **Road Allowance or Highway** – means the part of the highway located between the shoulder of the highway and the lateral property line of the abutting property;
- vii) **Owner** – means the registered owner of the lands and includes any person, firm, partnership, corporation, institution, religious or philanthropic organization government or governmental agency controlling, maintaining or occupying the lands upon which a sign is or will be erected or displayed;
- viii) **Real Estate ‘For Sale’ Sign** – means a sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of any building, structure or lot.
- ix) **Sign** – means a sign, billboard, poster panel and other advertising device including inflatable advertising devices, signage on a permanently parked vehicle, bus, truck or trailer body/frame or shipping container or another similar item or thing.

- x) **Temporary Sign** – A temporary sign shall be a sign or notice of a temporary nature (i.e. charitable functions, special events). A temporary sign shall be erected no earlier than two (2) weeks prior to the event and removed no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the event and shall not exceed 3.0 square metres (32 square feet) in size;

2.0 General Provisions

- 2.1 No person shall erect a sign on a residential or rural lot.
- 2.2 No person shall erect a sign on a commercial, industrial or other such lot without approval from the Township.
- 2.3 No person shall erect a sign closer than 10 metres (32.81 feet) from the centre line of the municipal road abutting the residential, rural, commercial or industrial lot and not on a Municipal Road Allowance. This does not apply to County roads or the 1000 Islands Parkway.
- 2.4 All signs must be kept in a satisfactory condition. When the Municipality considers the condition of a sign to be unsatisfactory, the owner will be notified and shall improve or remove the sign within a specified time period.
- 2.5 No person shall erect a sign in such a manner as to obstruct the vision of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- 2.6 No person shall post any sign on a tree. All signs shall be erected on an independent post or structure.
- 2.7 No person shall erect a sign on any land abutting on Municipal roads or on any municipally owned property except as permitted herein;

3.0 Exemptions

- 3.1 Exempted signs:
 - a. Election campaign signs shall be exempt from this by-law if removed forty-eight (48) hours after the final vote;
 - b. Political expression signs shall be exempt from this by-law if placed on the owner's property and no larger than .3716 square metres (4 square feet);
 - c. Real estate for sale signs advertising a specific property listed for sale and located on the property shall be exempt, up to a maximum size of 1.4865 square metres (16 square feet), to be removed no later than closing date;
 - d. Directional signs to businesses and properties listed for sale;
 - e. Temporary event signs erected two (2) weeks prior to the event and removed forty-eight (48) hours after the event and shall not exceed 3.0 square metres (32 square feet) in size;
 - f. Community Event signs;
 - g. Municipally approved Community identification signs;
 - h. Emergency signs;
 - i. Home Occupation and Home Industry signs at a size of no more than 1 square metre (10 square feet);

- j. One (1) sign not exceeding more than .3716 square metres (4 square feet) in area indicating the name and/or address of the owner or occupant of the premises on which the sign is located, or the name of the land or premises or both;
- k. Signs attached or painted on any building.

4.0 Application and Fees

- 4.1 Plans of all signs or other advertising devices to be erected, displayed, altered or repaired shall be provided to the Municipality.
- 4.2 The Municipality has the authority and reserves the right to remove or have removed any unauthorized signs and to issue a provincial offence notice or a monetary penalty notice payable to the Township of Front of Yonge. The cost for removal of any sign may be applied to the tax roll of the property on which the sign is erected or invoiced to the responsible non-property owner indicated on the sign.
- 4.3 Consideration of the issuance of sign permits will consider the inherent nature of the property and its congruity with the surrounding properties.
- 4.4 All signs, displays or devices must satisfy generally acceptable social or esthetic standards. The Township of Front of Yonge reserves the right to determine what constitutes acceptable social or esthetic standards.
- 4.5 This by-law does not apply to any signage upon, or adjacent to, a provincially owned highway, which is regulated by the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act (PTHIA) and the Ministry of Transportation Corridor Signing Policy.

5.0 Offences and Penalties

- 5.1 Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine prescribed and recoverable under the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33, as amended, for each offence committed.
- 5.2 If any term or provision of this By-law or the application thereof to any person shall to any extent be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this By-law or the application of such term or provision to all persons other than those to whom it was held to be invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this by-law shall be separately valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

6.0 Interpretation

- 6.1 The provisions in Part VI of the *Legislation Act*, 2006, S.O. 2006, c.21, Sched. F, shall apply to this by-law.
- 6.2 Any reference in this by-law to any statutes, regulations or by-laws shall be deemed to be a reference to such statutes, regulations or by-laws, as amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

7.0 Short Title

- 7.1 This by-law may be cited as the "Sign By-law".

8.0 Effective Date

8.1 THAT this By-law shall come into effect on the day it was passed.

READ a first and second time this 19th day of October, 2020.

READ a third and final time this 19th day of October, 2020.





Mayor, Roger Haley



Clerk, Jennifer Ault

SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW # 21-20

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PART I – Provincial Offences Act Set Fines

ITEM	COLUMN 1 SHORT FORM WORDING	COLUMN 2 PROVISION CREATING OR DEFINING OFFENCE	COLUMN 3 SET FINE
1	Erect sign on residential lot – exceeding permitted size	Section 2.1	\$50.00
2	Erect sign – not within permitted distance to road	Section 2.3	\$100.00
3	Owner – fail to remove sign	Section 2.4	\$500.00
4	Erect sign – obstruct vision of vehicular/pedestrian traffic	Section 2.5	\$100.00
5	Post sign on tree	Section 2.6	\$50.00
6	Erect sign – abut municipal road/property	Section 2.7	\$50.00

21-20 THE PENALTY PROVISION FOR THE OFFENCES CITED ABOVE IS SECTION 5 OF BY-LAW NUMBER , A CERTIFIED COPY WHICH HAS BEEN FILED.