

## Section 12

### Maintenance and Removal of Signs

#### 12.1 Maintenance

- 12.1.1 All signs shall be maintained in a safe condition and free from any defect at all times. All signs shall be kept clean and neatly painted, including all metal parts and supports.
- 12.1.2 All landscaping required under this By-law shall be properly maintained.
- 12.1.3 The Director may order:
- (a) the painting, repair, alteration or removal of any sign or portion thereof which becomes dilapidated or is abandoned, or which constitutes a physical hazard to public safety; or
  - (b) the maintenance of required landscaping.

#### 12.2 Removal

- 12.2.1 Where any sign is in immediate danger of falling or is an immediate menace to the safety of persons or property, the Director may give to the owner, his agent or the tenant of the premises, or to the sign company owning the sign, written notice specifying the danger and ordering the sign removed or repaired within 24 hours. In the event of failure to comply, the Director may have such sign removed or repaired with costs recovered as set out in subsection 12.3.
- 12.2.2 Where any sign contravenes this By-Law, or is unsafe or defective, or where the Director has revoked a permit related to the sign, the Director may give to the owner, his agent, or the tenant of the premises, or to the owner of the sign, written notice specifying the violation, danger, or reason for revocation and ordering repair or removal of the sign within a time specified by the Director but not exceeding 14 days. In the event of failure to comply, the Director may have such sign removed or repaired with costs recovered as set out in subsection 12.3.
- 12.2.3 Where a sign no longer correctly advertises a bona fide business, owner, lessor, product, or activity associated with a premises, the Director may give to the owner, his agent, or the tenant of the premises, or to the sign company owning the sign, written notice specifying the violation and ordering the sign removed or altered within 30 days. In the event of failure to comply, the Director may have such sign removed with costs recovered as set out in subsection 12.3.
- 12.2.4 A temporary sign pertaining to political campaigns, the sale, rental, lease, or rezoning of property, or as part of a development permit process, or similar uses, may be installed in any zone, but must be removed within 14 days after the termination of the event for which the sign was erected.
- 12.2.5 Notwithstanding the above provisions, Council may, by resolution, permit the placing of signs or devices of a type specified in the resolution for a fixed period of time.

#### 12.3 Cost of Removal and Maintenance

- 12.3.1 The cost of removal, repair, transportation and storage of any signs under Section 12.2 of this By-Law, when certified by the Director, shall be a debt due and recoverable from the owner of the premises by the City in any court of competent jurisdiction.

- 12.3.2 An owner of the property or the sign, seeking to reclaim a sign removed by the Director under Section 12.2.1, 12.2.2, or 12.2.3 of this By-Law shall submit a request in writing, within 14 days from the date such sign is removed. The owner, before reclaiming such sign, shall pay for the cost of removal, transportation and storage. If the sign is not reclaimed after 14 days, the Director upon 10 days notice in writing may order such sign destroyed or disposed of in any way he deems appropriate.