

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 179-2003

A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92, as amended.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides in Section 11(2), that Councils of lower-tier municipalities may pass by-laws respecting matter pertaining to structures, including fences and signs.m

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1) SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS

Adding the following as Section 2.9 a) to By-Law 203-92.

2.9 a) **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE DISPLAY** – means part of a sign which is electronically controlled and which displays information in a pre-arranged sequence, and on which the intensity of illumination is maintained at a constant level.

2) SECTION 4 SIGNS PERMITTED FOR ALL USE CATEGORIES

Deleting Section 4.1 (h) of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following.

b) Temporary Signs advertising festivals and community events operated by a religious, community or charitable organization subject to the following:

1. Temporary signs shall comply with Section 8.11 f) Subsections i) to ix) inclusive respecting size, location and standards.
2. A maximum of one (1) sign per event and shall be located on private property.
3. Such sign shall be permitted to be displayed for a maximum of thirty (30) days prior to and shall be removed immediately after the event

3) SECTION 5 – PROHIBITED SIGNS

a) Deleting Section 5.1 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following.

5.1 signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving illumination which varies in intensity or which varies in colour, and signs which have any visible moving parts, visible mechanical movement of any description, or other apparent movement achieved by electrical pulsations or by actions of normal wind current other than Electronic Message Display

b) Deleting Section 5.6 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following:

5.6 Signs painted on, attached to, or supported by a tree, stone or other natural object.

4) **SECTION 8 – SIGNS PERMITTED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS**

a) Deleting Subsection 8.1 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following:

8.1 **GROUND SIGNS**

- (a) Except as otherwise permitted in Section 8.7 and 8.8, no ground sign shall be larger than 10.0 sq.m in area on a single sign face, or 20.0 sq.m of sign area for all faces combined.
- (b) A Ground Sign may contain an Electronic Message Display as defined in Section 2 provided;
 - i) The area of the Electronic Message Display is limited to a maximum of 25% of the sign area.
 - ii) The Electronic Message Display is constructed as an integral part of the ground sign.
 - iii) The minimum time period between two (2) successive message changes shall not be less than 15 seconds
- (c) Every ground sign erected shall display the Municipal Address assigned to the property on which the sign is located.

b) Deleting Subsection 8.11 1) of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following:

1) **MOBILE SIGNS**

The following provisions shall apply to the use of mobile signs:

- a) a maximum of one (1) mobile sign shall be permitted to be located on a lot at any one time.
- b) mobile sign permits shall be issued in time increments of fifteen (15) days occasions.
- c) a commercial or industrial premises shall be entitled to permits for up to a maximum of four (4) occasions per year. Each occasion requires a separate permit. A maximum of two (2) occasions may be taken consecutively. There shall be a minimum of thirth (30) days between the expiry of one permit and the issuance of another on the same lot
- d) Every mobile sign shall:
 - i) have a maximum sign area of 4.4 sqm. (48 sq.ft.) with a total sign area not to exceed 8.8 sqm. (96 sq.ft.)
 - ii) use standardized letter sizes consisting of 25.4 cm. (10 in.) or 45.7 cm. (18 in.) high letters and use a single colour for letters, numbers and/or all other symbols and copy on a white or black background.
 - iii) have a maximum sign height of 2.5 metres.
 - iv) be located entirely on private property and not located within 5.0 metres from any other sign
 - v) not be located in a parking space or driveway.

- vi) be located a minimum of 3.0 metres from a driveway
 - vii) not be located within a daylighting triangle as defined in Section 2.
 - viii) not be located within a minimum of 22 metres (72 feet) from a mobile sign located on an adjacent property.
 - ix) comply with relevant Ontario Hydro, and CSA Standards.
 - x) not be located within the Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" to this by-law.
- g) no mobile sign shall be erected/displayed without first affixing thereto, a validation sticker issued by the City's Building Standards Department with the sign permit. The validation sticker shall be placed on the bottom right corner of one of the two sign faces.
- h) For the purposes of this Section, year shall mean the calendar year commencing on January 1, and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

- 5) Deleting Section 16 of By-Law 203-92, and substituting the following:

SECTION 16 – MAINTENANCE

The owner, permit holder, authorized agent of the sign, shall maintain, or cause such sign to be maintained, in a proper state of repair, so that such sign or advertising device does not become unsafe, unsightly or dangerous. All signs shall be installed/maintained plumb and level and in good workmanship manner.

- 6) The By-Law 203-92 is further amended by Re-Numbering existed Schedule "D" as Schedule "E" and attaching Schedule "1" as Schedule "D" to By-Law 203-92.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 23rd day of June, 2003.

Michael Di Biase, Mayor

J. D. Leach, City Clerk