Bylaw No. 7491

The Temporary Sign Bylaw, 1995

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THE TEMPORARY SIGN BYLAW

The Council of The City of Saskatoon enacts:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Temporary Sign Bylaw*.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw,

(a) **"buffer strip"** means any land area owned or controlled by the City and used to separate one land use from another or to shield or block noise, lights or other nuisances;

(b) **"Business Improvement District"** means an area designated as a business improvement district by the City under section 25 of *The Cities Act*;

(c) **"election sign"** means a temporary sign which is designed or intended to be displayed in connection with the following:

(i) a federal election or referendum;

(ii) a provincial election, referendum or plebiscite;

(iii) a local government election;

(iv) a Saskatchewan Health Authority election;

(d) **"General Manager"** means the General Manager of Community Services or their designate;

(e) **"portable sign"** means a moveable or freestanding sign, standing alone or on its own foundation or supporting frame and that is not anchored below ground level or to any surface, which can be readily moved or transported to various locations;

(f) **"residential district"** means those zoning districts where any lands are designated for residential purposes under the Zoning Bylaw;

(g) **"sign"** means any device, letter, figure, symbol, emblem or picture which is affixed to or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or a piece of land and which identifies or advertises any object, product, place, activity, person, organization or business in such a way as to be visible to the public on any street or thoroughfare;

(h) **"street"** means any registered public roadway including the boulevards, sidewalks and improvements in that place;

(i) **"temporary sign"** means a sign constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plywood, cardboard, plastic or other similar light material and designed or intended to be displayed for a short period of time and shall include a sign carried by or on a person, but does not include posters;

(j) **"temporary traffic sign"** means a traffic sign displayed for a short period of time during the construction or maintenance of any building, street or utility;

(k) **"traffic control device"** means any sign, signal, marking or other similar device that directs or controls vehicles in any manner;

(l) **"traffic sign"** means traffic sign as defined by *The Traffic Bylaw*.

Purpose

3. The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate the placing of temporary signs on streets and buffer strips so as:

    (a) to afford the citizens of Saskatoon an opportunity to communicate with others in a simple and affordable way;

    (b) to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians using the streets;

    (c) to minimize visual clutter; and

    (d) to facilitate necessary maintenance of the streets and buffer strips.

General

4. No person shall place a temporary sign on a street or buffer strip except in accordance with this Bylaw.

Size of Temporary Sign

5. (1) Temporary signs must have a sign face area of 0.6 square metres or less on each sign face.

(2) Temporary signs must have no more than two sign faces.

(3) Temporary signs must be self supporting, and must not be attached to any City property such as fences, benches, bus shelters, trees, street light poles or traffic signal poles.

(4) The top of temporary signs must be less than one (1.0) metre above grade.

Prohibited Signs

6. The following signs are prohibited on all streets and buffer strips:

(a) temporary signs which are flashing, rotating, animated, illuminated or contain moving lights or other electrical features are prohibited;

(b) balloon signs or other inflatable devices, electronic message centres or kites;

(c) temporary signs which resemble a traffic control device that has not been approved by the City;

(d) portable signs.

Traffic Risks Prohibited

7. (1) Temporary signs must not create a potential hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(2) Temporary signs must not obstruct the view of any portion of a traffic control device.

Setback Requirements

8. (1) Temporary signs must be placed a minimum of two (2.0) metres from the curb on a street or where no curb exists, signs must be a minimum of six (6.0) metres from the nearest driving lane on the street.

(2) Temporary signs must be placed a minimum of one (1.0) metre from any City sidewalk or pathway.

(3) Temporary signs must be placed a minimum of five (5.0) metres from any private driveway.

(4) Temporary signs must be placed a minimum of thirty (30) metres from any intersection measured from the outer curb face or where no curb exists from the closest portion of road-top surface.

(5) Temporary signs must be placed a minimum of two (2.0) metres from any fire hydrant.

Prohibited Locations

9. Temporary signs are prohibited:

(a) on any centre median or traffic island;

(b) in any residential district; and

(c) on any street or property owned or controlled by the City set out in Schedule "A" or "B".

Duration of Sign Display

10. Temporary signs must be removed from a permitted area within fourteen (14) days after the placement of the signs, except as provided in Section 11.1(2).

Certain Signs in Residential Districts Permitted

11. (1) Notwithstanding the general prohibition in Sections 9(b) and (c), temporary signs displaying garage sales or open houses are permitted in residential districts, except on centre medians or traffic islands, and on any street or property set out in Schedule "B", if:

(a) the signs do not exceed the size permitted by this Bylaw; and

(b) the signs are removed immediately after the sale, viewing or event.

(2) The setback requirement of thirty (30) metres from an intersection in Section 8(4) does not apply to any temporary signs permitted under Subsection (1). All other setback requirements in Section 8 apply.

Election Signs

11.1 (1) Notwithstanding the general prohibition in Section 9(b) and 9(c), election signs are permitted in residential districts except on centre medians or traffic islands, and on any street or property set out in Schedule "B", if:

(a) the signs do not exceed the size permitted in Section 5; and

(b) the signs are placed in accordance with the setback requirements in Section 8 except the setback requirement of one (1) metre from any City sidewalk or pathway in Section 8(2) does not apply.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 10, election signs may be erected at the following times:

(a) in the case of a federal or provincial election, after an election writ has been issued;

(b) in the case of a federal referendum, after a proclamation has been issued;

(c) in the case of a provincial referendum, after an order by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

(d) in the case of a provincial plebiscite, after a direction by the Assembly or the Minister; and

(e) in the case of a local government or Saskatchewan Health Authority election, forty-five (45) days before the election;

and must be removed within seven (7) days after the date of the election, referendum or plebiscite.

Signs in Business Improvement Districts

12. Notwithstanding the setback requirements in Section 8, A-frame signs may be placed on a sidewalk in a Business Improvement District or on a sidewalk on 33rd Street West from Idylwyld Drive to Avenue H, or on a sidewalk on Central Avenue from 105th Street to 115th Street, if:

(a) the type, size and location of the signs are approved by the City; and

(b) the signs are removed from the sidewalk when the businesses which own the signs are closed to the public.

Temporary Traffic Signs

13. This Bylaw does not apply to any temporary traffic signs placed on a street or buffer strip by or with the approval of the City.

Removal of Signs by the City

14. (1) Signs which contravene any provision of this Bylaw may be removed immediately and without notice by the City whether or not any person has been charged or convicted of an offence under this Bylaw.

(2) Signs which impede or interfere with the repair or maintenance work of the City employees on any property owned or controlled by the City may be removed by the City without notice.

(3) The City will retain any temporary signs removed under subsections (1) and (2) for three business days, during which time the signs may be reclaimed.

(3.1) The City will retain any portable signs removed under subsection (1) for 30 business days, during which time the signs may be reclaimed.

(3.2) The release of a portable sign under subsection (3.1) will be subject to:

(a) the owner providing proof of ownership of the portable sign satisfactory to the City; and

(b) the payment of costs incurred by the City to immobilize, remove and store the sign pending retrieval.

(4) The City may without notice dispose of any signs which are not reclaimed under subsections (3) and (3.1).

(5) The City is not responsible for the loss or damage to any signs removed or stored by the City.

(6) The City may, if necessary, enter upon private property in order to remove a sign from a street or buffer strip.

Administration and Enforcement

15. (1) The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is delegated to the General Manager.

(2) The General Manager is authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw, in whole or in part, to other employees of the City.

Offences and General Penalties

15.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), every person who contravenes a provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:

(a) in the case of an individual to a maximum fine of not more than $2,000.00 and to a minimum fine:

(i) for a first offence, of not less than $100.00;

(ii) for a second offence, of not less than $250.00;

(iii) for a subsequent offence, of not less than $500.00; and

(b) in the case of a corporation to a maximum fine of not more than $5,000.00 and to a minimum fine:

(i) for a first offence, of not less than $100.00;

(ii) for a second offence, of not less than $250.00;

(iii) for a subsequent offence, of not less than $500.00.

(2) Every person who contravenes a provision of this Bylaw relating to election signs is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:

(a) for the first offence, to a fine of not more than $200.00; and

(b) for each subsequent offence, to a fine of not more than $500.00.

Notice of Violation Offences

15.2 (1) The City may issue a notice of violation to any person who has, in contravention of this Bylaw:

(a) failed to comply with the size requirements of temporary signs;

(b) placed or permitted the placement of signs prohibited on all streets and buffer strips;

(c) created a potential hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic by the placement of temporary signs;

(d) obstructed the view of any portion of a traffic control device by the placement of temporary signs;

(e) failed to comply with the setback requirements for temporary signs;

(f) placed or permitted the placement of temporary signs in prohibited locations;

(g) failed to comply with the authorized duration of a temporary sign display;

(h) failed to comply with the requirements for authorized use of temporary signs displaying garage sales or open houses in residential districts;

(i) failed to comply with the requirements and conditions for authorized election signs;

(j) failed to comply with the requirements and conditions for A-frame signs.

(2) The following procedure applies to notices of violation issued pursuant to subsection (1):

(a) the notice of violation must require the recipient of the notice to pay to the City the applicable penalty as follows:

(i) for a first offence, $100.00;

(ii) for a second offence, $250.00;

(iii) for a subsequent offence, $500.00;

(b) the fine may be paid:

(i) in person, during regular office hours, to a cashier located at City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;

(ii) by deposit, at the depository located at the main entrance to City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; or

(iii) by mail, addressed to Corporate Revenue, City Hall, 222 – 3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 0J5;

(c) if the fine is paid before the date when the person contravening this Bylaw is required to appear in court to answer the charge, the person shall not be prosecuted for the offence;

(d) the date of the payment shall be determined as follows:

(i) for payment in person, the date of payment shall be the date payment is received by the City;

(ii) for payment by deposit, the date of payment shall be the date payment is deposited in the depository at City Hall;

(iii) for payment by mail, the date of payment shall be the post marked date on the remittance;

(e) notices of violation that have been cancelled or dismissed by the court shall not be counted toward calculating whether an offence is a first, second, or subsequent offence.

Liability

16. (1) Nothing in this Bylaw relieves or limits the liability of any person placing a temporary sign on a street or buffer strip from claims for personal injury or property damage resulting from the placing of the sign or resulting from the negligence of the person in the maintenance or removal of the sign.

(2) Nothing in this Bylaw imposes any liability on the City for claims for personal injury or property damage resulting from the placement, maintenance or removal of any temporary sign on property owned or controlled by the City.

Effective Date

17. This Bylaw comes into effect on the date of final passage.

Read a first time this 31st day of July, 1995.

Read a second time this 31st day of July, 1995.

Read a third time and passed this 14th day of August, 1995.

"Henry Dayday"	"Janice Mann"
Mayor	City Clerk

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Schedule "A"

Temporary signs are prohibited on any street or any adjacent buffer strip described as follows:

1. Circle Drive except that portion between Warman Road and the Canadian National Railway spur line west of Avenue C.

2. Idylwyld Drive except that portion between 20th Street and the Canadian National Railway overpass north of 39th Street.

3. Airport Drive.

4. The interchange at the south junction of Highways 11 and 16.

5. 11th Street between Chappell Drive and the west City limit.

6. College Drive between Cumberland Avenue and the east City limit.

7. 22nd Street between Witney Avenue and the west City limit.

8. 33rd Street between Steeves Avenue and the west City limit.

9. Range Road, 3063 and 3064, between the north City limit and the south City limit.

10. 71st Street between the west City limit and Wanuskewin Road.

11. Millar Avenue between 60th Street and the north City limit.

12. Attridge Drive between Circle Drive and McOrmond Drive.

13. Claypool Drive between Airport Drive and the west City limit.

14. Avenue C North between 45th Street and Idylwyld Drive.

15. 51st Street between Idylwyld Drive and Warman Road.

16. Lenore Drive between Warman Road and Primrose Drive.

17. Range Road 3051 between Township Road 372 and the north City limit.

18. Central Avenue between Attridge Drive and McOrmond Drive.

Schedule “A”

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19. Lowe Road between Atton Crescent and Nelson Road.
20. 8th Street between Moss Avenue and the east City limit.
21. Boychuk Drive between 8th Street and Highway 16.
22. Preston Avenue between Circle Drive (north) and 14th Street.
23. Preston Avenue between Circle Drive (south) and Cornish Road.
24. Clarence Avenue between Circle Drive and the south City limit.
25. Lorne Avenue between Circle Drive and the south City limit.
26. Warman Road between 33rd Street and 51st Street.
27. Wanuskewin Road between 51st Street and the north City limit.
28. Marquis Drive between Wanuskewin Road and the west City limit.
29. McOrmond Drive between Wanuskewin Road and Henry Dayday Road.
30. McOrmond Drive between Fedoruk Drive and 8th Street.
31. Range Road 3050 between Agra Road and the north City limit.
32. Fedoruk Drive between Central Avenue and McOrmond Drive.
33. Highway 41 between the east City limit and Highway 5.
34. Range Road 3044 between Highway 5 and 8th Street.
35. Zimmerman Road from the east City limit to the south City limit.
36. Valley Road between Circle Drive and the south City limit.
37. Neault Road between the north City limit and 22nd Street.
38. Highway 7 between the south City limit and 22nd Street.
39. Highway 11 at the Circle Drive Interchange to the south City limit.

Schedule “A”

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40. East side of Spadina Crescent between 19th Street and Pinehouse Drive.

41. East side of Whiteswan Drive between Pinehouse Drive and a point 300 metres east of the Whiteswan Drive/Silverwood Road intersection.

Schedule "B"

Temporary signs except for temporary signs displaying garage sales, open houses or election campaigns, are prohibited on any street or any adjacent buffer strip described as follows:

1. Spadina Crescent between the south City limit and 19th Street.

2. West side of Spadina Crescent between 19th Street and Pinehouse Drive.

3. West side of Whiteswan Drive.

4. Saskatchewan Crescent.

5. Lorne Avenue between Ruth Street and Circle Drive.