

BY-LAW NO. _____

**A By-law to amend Sign By-law No. 11879
regarding miscellaneous housekeeping amendments**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in public meeting, enacts as follows:

1. This By-law amends the indicated provisions of Sign By-law 11879.
2. In section 2.1, Council inserts “intended to be” before “visible from the exterior of the building or from a street”.
3. In section 6.18 (b), Council inserts, “, a *sign* with neon or neon-like LED lighting” after “*electronic message sign*”.
4. Council deletes sections 9.11 (o), 9.11 (i), 10.7 (o), 10.7 (i), 12.7 (o), 12.7 (i), 13.8 (n), 13.8 (i), 14.7 (l), and 14.7 (i).
5. Council deletes section 9.20 and replaces it with the following:

“9.20 Projecting Signs

A projecting sign is permitted, that:

- (a) is perpendicular to the building face, except that on a *corner site* it may be on an angle at the corner of the building;
- (b) has a space no greater than 0.30 m between the *sign* and the building face, excluding *architectural features*;
- (c) is not in a FM-1 zoning district;
- (d) is limited to:
 - (i) one *sign* at the first *storey* on each *frontage* of the *premises*, and
 - (ii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* less than 100 m, one *sign*, which may include either the names of *occupants* or the building name, or
 - (iii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* 100 m or longer, two *signs*, which may include either the names of *occupants* or the building name;
- (e) on a one-*storey* building, is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line*;
- (f) on a multi-*storey* building, is the lower of 21 m in *height* or the *roof line*, except that:

- (i) if the second *storey* is set back 4.5 m or less from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* must not extend above the *roof line* of the first *storey*, and
- (ii) if the second *storey* is set back more than 4.5 m from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line* of the first *storey*;
- (g) has a support structure extending no more than 0.30 m above the *roof line*;
- (h) projects no more than 4.5 m from the building face;
- (i) has a *sign* area which may be at least 0.75 m² and must be no greater than the maximum set out in Table 9.3 below, excluding any *sign* area comprised of *embellishments*, to a maximum of 20% of the *sign* area excluding that area comprised of *embellishments* only;
- (j) has a maximum *sign* area for the applicable zoning district as set out in Table 9.3:

Table 9.3
Projecting Sign – Maximum Sign Area

Zoning district	Maximum Permitted Sign Area
C-1, C-5, C-5A, C-6 or C-7 zoning district and FCCDD	the lesser of 2.25 m ² , or 0.075 m ² for each metre of length of the <i>frontage</i> of the <i>premises</i>
C-2, C-2B, C-2C, C-2C1, C-3A, C-8, CWD, FC-1, I-1, I-1A, I-1B, I-2, I-3, I-4, IC-1, IC-2, IC-3, M-1, M-1A, M-1B, M-2, MC-1 or MC-2 zoning district and BCPED and DEOD	the lesser of 7.0 m ² , or 0.23 m ² for each metre of length of the <i>frontage</i> of the <i>premises</i>
DD or HA-3 zoning district	the lesser of 9.0 m ² , or 0.30 m ² for each metre of length of the <i>frontage</i> of the <i>premises</i>

- (k) has a *copy area* no greater than 40% of the *sign area*;
- (l) may have a *copy area* that is greater than 40% of the *sign area* if the *sign* contains a *logo* only;
- (m) may contain *electronic copy* in accordance with section 9.22 of this by-law;
- (n) is not on the same *frontage* of a site as a *free-standing sign* that identifies the same *occupant*; and
- (o) may encroach over a *street* at least 0.60 m, except that:
 - (i) it must not encroach more than 25% of the distance between the *sign* and the nearest property line of an adjacent *site* or the point where the *frontages* of adjacent *premises* meet, to a maximum of 3.0 m, and
 - (ii) if serving two or more adjacent or shared *premises*, the calculation of the permitted encroachment must be based on the combined *frontages* of those *premises*; and

- (p) for the purpose of calculating the *frontage* of *premises* located at a corner, *frontage* means the average length of the two *frontages* of the *premises*.”

6. Council deletes section 10.15 and replaces it with the following:

“10.15 Projecting Signs

A *projecting sign* is permitted, that:

- (a) is perpendicular to the building face, except that on a *corner site*, it may be on an angle at the corner of the building;
- (b) has a space no greater than 0.30 m between the *sign* and the building face, excluding *architectural features*;
- (c) limited to:
 - (i) one sign at the first *storey* on each *frontage* of the premises, and
 - (ii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* less than 100 m, one sign, which may include either the names of occupants or the building name, or
 - (iii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* 100 m or longer, two signs, which may include either the names of occupants or the building name;
- (d) on a one-*storey* building, is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line*;
- (e) on a multi-*storey* building, is the lower of 21 m in height or the *roof line*, except that:
 - (i) if the second *storey* is set back 4.5 m or less from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* must not extend above the *roof line* of the first *storey*, and
 - (ii) if the second *storey* is set back more than 4.5 m from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line* of the first *storey*;
- (f) has a support structure extending no more than 0.30 m above the *roof line*;
- (g) projects no more than 4.5 m from the building face;
- (h) has a *sign area* that may be at least 0.75 m² and must be the lesser of 2.3 m², or 0.15 m² for each metre of length of the *frontage* of *premises*, excluding any *sign area* comprised of *embellishments*, to a maximum of 20% of the *sign area* excluding that area comprised of *embellishments* only;
- (i) in the HA-1 and HA-1A zoning districts, has a *sign area* that may be increased by up to 100% if the *sign* is illuminated using neon lighting or neon-like LED lighting;
- (j) has a *copy area* no greater than 40% of the *sign area*;
- (k) may have a *copy area* that is greater than 40% of the *sign area* if the *sign* contains a *logo* only;
- (l) in the HA-2 zoning district, does not have a plastic face, except for a circular parking *sign*;

- (m) is not on the same *frontage* of a site as a *free-standing sign* that identifies the same *occupant*;
- (n) may encroach over a *street* at least 0.60 m, except that:
 - (i) it must not encroach more than 25% of the distance between the *sign* and the nearest property line of an adjacent *site* or the point where the *frontages* of adjacent *premises* meet, to a maximum of 1.8 m, and
 - (ii) if serving two or more adjacent or *shared premises*, the calculation of the permitted encroachment must be based on the combined *frontages* of those *premises*; and
- (o) for the purpose of calculating the *frontage* of *premises* located at a corner, *frontage* means the average length of the two *frontages* of the *premises*.”

7. Council deletes section 11.12 and replaces it with the following:

“11.12 Projecting Signs

A *projecting sign* is permitted, that:

- (a) is in an RM-5C, RM-5D or RM-6 zoning district;
- (b) is perpendicular to the building face, except that on a *corner* site, it may be on an angle at the corner of the building;
- (c) has a space no greater than 0.30 m between the *sign* and the building face, excluding *architectural features*;
- (d) limited to:
 - (i) one *sign* at the first *storey* on each *frontage* of the *premises*, and
 - (ii) for a multi-*storey* building with a frontage less than 100 m, one *sign*, which may include either the names of occupants or the building name, or
 - (iii) for a multi-*storey* building with a frontage 100 m or longer, two *signs*, which may include either the names of occupants or the building name;
- (e) on a one-*storey* building, is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line*;
- (f) on a multi-*storey* building, is the lower of 21 m in height or the roof line, except that:
 - (i) if the second *storey* is set back 4.5 m or less from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* must not extend above the *roof line* of the first *storey*, and
 - (ii) if the second *storey* is set back more than 4.5 m from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line* of the first *storey*;
- (g) has a support structure extending no more than 0.30 m above the *roof line*;
- (h) projects no more than 4.5 m from the building face;
- (i) has a sign area which may be at least 0.75 m² and must be the lesser of 7.0 m², or 0.23 m² for each metre of length of the *frontage* of

- premises*, excluding any *sign* area comprised of *embellishments*, to a maximum of 20% of the *sign* area excluding that area comprised of *embellishments* only;
- (j) has a *copy* area no greater than 40% of the *sign* area;
 - (k) may have a *copy* area greater than 40% of the *sign* area if the *sign* contains a logo only;
 - (l) is not on the same *frontage* of a *site* as a *free-standing sign* that identifies the same *occupant*;
 - (m) may encroach over a *street* at least 0.60 m, except that:
 - (i) it must not encroach more than 25% of the distance between the *sign* and the nearest property line of an adjacent *site* or the point where the *frontages* of adjoining *premises* meet, to a maximum of 3.0 m, and
 - (ii) if serving two or more adjacent or shared premises, the calculation of the permitted encroachment must be based on the combined frontages of the premises; and
 - (n) for the purpose of calculating the *frontage* of *premises* located at a corner, *frontage* means the average length of the two *frontages* of the *premises*. ”

8. Council deletes section 12.14 and replaces it with the following:

“12.14 Projecting Signs

A *projecting sign* is permitted, that:

- (a) is perpendicular to the building face except that on a *corner site*, it may be on an angle at the corner;
- (b) has a space no greater than 0.30 m between the *sign* and the building face, excluding *architectural features*;
- (c) is limited to:
 - (i) one *sign* at the first *storey* on each *frontage* of the *premises*, and
 - (ii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* less than 100 m, one *sign*, which may include either the names of occupants or the building name, or
 - (iii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* 100 m or longer, two *signs*, which may include either the names of *occupants* or the building name;
- (d) if illuminated by neon lighting:
 - (i) on a building *frontage* less than 100 m long, may have one additional *sign* which may include the names of *occupants* and the building name, or
 - (ii) on a building *frontage* 100 m or longer, may have two additional *signs* which may include the names of *occupants* and the building name;
- (e) if illuminated by neon lighting, may obstruct the ventilation, access or operation of a *window* on a building where there is no residential or

- hotel use, if it covers no more than 30% of the glass surface of a *window*;
- (f) on a one-storey building, is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line*, except that:
 - (i) on *sites* between Nelson Street and Drake Street, the *sign* must not extend above the *roof line*, and
 - (ii) on *sites* between Robson Street and Nelson Street, moving elements of the *sign* must not extend above the *roof line*;
 - (g) on a multi-storey building, is the lower of 21 m in *height* or the *roof line*, except that:
 - (i) if the second *storey* is set back 4.5 m or less from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* must not extend above the *roof line* of the first *storey*, and
 - (ii) if the second *storey* is set back more than 4.5 m from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line* of the first *storey*;
 - (h) if illuminated by neon lighting, may extend above the *roof line* on *sites* between Nelson Street and West Hastings Street, no more than 40% of the height of the building, except that:
 - (i) the *sign* must be no more than 27 m in *height*, and
 - (ii) on *sites* between Robson Street and Nelson Street, elements of a *moving sign* must not project above the *roof line*;
 - (i) has a support structure extending no more than 0.30 m above the *roof line*;
 - (j) projects no more than 4.5 m from the building face;
 - (k) has a *sign* area that:
 - (i) may be at least 0.75 m²,
 - (ii) is no greater than 2.0 m²,
 - (iii) if illuminated by neon lighting, may be greater than 2.0 m², and
 - (iv) excludes any *sign* area comprised of *embellishments* to a maximum of 20% of the *sign* area excluding that area comprised of *embellishments* only;
 - (l) has a *copy area* that may be equal to the *sign area*, if the *copy area* comprised of letters and *logos* only is no greater than 50% of the *sign area*;
 - (m) may contain *electronic copy* in accordance with section 12.16 of this by-law;
 - (n) if illuminated by neon lighting, includes the name of the business in exposed neon tubing;
 - (o) is not on the same *frontage* of a *site* as a *free-standing sign* that identifies the same *occupant*;
 - (p) may encroach over a *street* at least 0.60 m, except that:
 - (i) it must not encroach more than 25% of the distance between the *sign* and the nearest property line of an adjacent *site* or the point where the *frontages* of adjoining *premises* meet, to a maximum encroachment of 2.0 m,

- (ii) if serving two or more adjacent or shared *premises*, the calculation of the permitted encroachment must be based on the combined *frontages* of those *premises*, to a maximum of 2.0 m,
 - (iii) a *moving sign*, a *sign* with *animated copy* or a *sign* illuminated by neon lighting, may encroach up to 4.0 m, and
 - (iv) a *projecting sign* must not be within 0.60 m of a street tree, lamp standard, utility wire, bus shelter, or other structure on a *street*; and
- (q) for the purpose of calculating the *frontage* of *premises* located on a corner, *frontage* means the average length of the two *frontages* of the *premises*.”

9. Council deletes section 13.5 and replaces it with the following:

“13.15 Projecting Signs

A *projecting sign* is permitted, that:

- (a) is perpendicular to the building face except that on a *corner site*, it may be on an angle at the corner of the building;
- (b) has a space no greater than 0.30 m between the *sign* and the building face, excluding *architectural features*;
- (c) limited to:
 - (i) one *sign* at the first *storey* on each *frontage* of the *premises*, and
 - (ii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* less than 100 m, one *sign*, which may include either the names of *occupants* or the building name, or
 - (iii) for a multi-*storey* building with a *frontage* 100 m or longer, two *signs*, which may include either the names of *occupants* or the building name;
- (d) on a one-*storey* building, is the lower of 6.0 m in *height* or 1.8 m above the *roof line*;
- (e) on a multi-*storey* building, is the lower of 21 m in *height* or the *roof line*, except that:

- (i) if the second *storey* is set back 4.5 m or less from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* must not extend above the *roof line* of the first *storey*, and
- (ii) if the second *storey* is set back more than 4.5 m from the front face of the first *storey* at the *sign* location, the *sign* is the lower of 6.0 m in height or 1.8 m above the *roof line* of the first *storey*;
- (f) has a support structure extending no more than 0.30 m above the *roof line*;
- (g) projects no more than 4.5 m from the building face;
- (h) has a *sign* area that may at least 0.75 m², and must be the lesser of 9.0 m², or 0.30 m² for each metre of length of the *frontage* of the *premises*, excluding any *sign* area comprised of *embellishments* to a maximum of 20% of the *sign* area excluding that area comprised of *embellishments* only;
- (i) has a *copy* area no greater than 40% of the *sign* area;
- (j) may have a *copy* area that is greater than 40% of the *sign* area, if the *sign* consists of a *logo* only;
- (k) is not on the same *frontage* of a *site* as a *free-standing sign* that identifies the same *occupant*;
- (l) may encroach over a *street* at least 0.60 m, except that:
 - (i) it must not encroach more than 25% of the distance between the *sign* and the nearest property line of an adjacent *site* or the point where the *frontages* of adjacent *premises* meet, to a maximum of 3.0 m, and
 - (ii) if serving two or more adjacent or shared *premises*, the calculation of the permitted encroachment must be based on the combined *frontages* of those *premises*; and
- (m) for the purpose of calculating the *frontage* of *premises* located at a corner, *frontage* means the average length of the two *frontages* of the *premises*."

10. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of the By-law.

11. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2018

Mayor

City Clerk