

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE

BY-LAW #2001-33

BEING A BY-LAW to regulate and control the erection of signs in the Municipality of South Bruce.

WHEREAS Section 210, paragraph 146 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to pass by-laws to regulate and control the erection of signs in a municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce enacts as follows:

1. **Short Title:**
This by-law may be cited as "The Sign By-law".
2. **Definitions:**
 1. COUNCIL shall mean the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce.
 2. MUNICIPALITY shall mean the Municipality of South Bruce.
 3. CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL shall mean the Chief Building Official of the Municipality.
 4. OFF-PREMISES when used to describe a type or sign, means a sign that identifies or directs attention to matters such as but not limited to a business, profession, commodities, services or entertainment which is conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the site upon which the sign is located.
 5. PERSON means any human being, association, firm, partnership, incorporated company, corporation, agent or trustee and the heir, executors or other legal representatives of an individual to whom the context can apply according to law.
 6. AWNINGS means a retractable or non-retractable roof-like structure constructed of canvas or canvas-like material (which may have displayed thereon a message) supported by a frame that projects from, is attached to and is supported by a building.
 7. SANDWICH BOARD SIGN means a free standing single or double faced temporary accessory sign.
3. **Scope:**
 - (a) All lands within the corporate limits of the Municipality of South Bruce are subject to the provisions of this by-law.
 - (b) This by-law shall not apply to:
 - i) Traffic control devices and signs erected on streets by or for the Corporation of the Municipality of South Bruce, the Province of Ontario, or the Dominion of Canada;
 - ii) Signs or advertising devices posted on the interior surface of any window or glass door in a building, or any sign or advertising device erected in the interior of a building;

- iii) Municipal addresses mounted on buildings or on free standing signs on a lot;
- iv) Signs advertising places of business in the Municipality of South Bruce that have obtained municipal permission to erect such signs;
- v) Signs posted on the exterior surface of a building on private property;
- vi) Sandwich Board signs that are removed every night and in no way impede snow removal;
- vii) Small signs displayed for the direction of the public including signs, which identify restrooms, freight entrances and such other similar directional signs.

4. **General**

- a) The following signs may be erected without requiring permission:
 Real Estate signs- For Sale, For Rent, For Lease
 No Trespassing
 Warning signs, Directional signs
 Temporary construction signs
 Election signs
 Any signs that are permitted in compliance with the Comprehensive Zoning By-laws of the Municipality
- b) This by-law shall be administered by the Chief Building Official and/or the Works Superintendent.
- c) No person shall erect a sign on public property without the permission of Council or the Work Superintendent. Election signs, however will be permitted but are to be removed no later than one week following the day of the election.
- d) Signs must not, in any way, adversely effect the visibility of the travelling public.
- e) Off – Premise signs must not be offensive to an individual or company.
- f) No person shall erect any lighted sign or advertising device, or any lights to illuminate any sign or advertising device, which will direct glare onto any street or neighbouring lot.
- g) No person shall erect any sign or advertising device in any Residential Zone, which is mechanized in any way.
- h) No person shall construct or cause to be constructed any awning or other structure, which projects or otherwise intrudes into the space over any sidewalk unless such awning or structure meets the following requirements:
 - a) It must be securely fastened to a building or otherwise anchored to land adjoining the sidewalk, with the consent of the owner of such land.
 - b) No part shall be fixed to or in any way rely on any part of the sidewalk or other fixture of the Municipality for its support.
 - c) No part shall be lower than nine feet six inches from the surface of the sidewalk beneath such awning or structure.

- d) No person shall hang, suspend or otherwise attach any item to any awning or structure, projecting or intruding into the space over any sidewalk, which item will be lower than nine feet six inches from the surface of the sidewalk beneath such item.
- i) Any personal sign which displays the name of the property or owners, must be erected in such a location that snow removal or the snow from the wing of the plow does not cause damage to the said sign. These signs are the complete responsibility of the owner.
- j) Signs to be placed along County Roads or Provincial Highways must comply with the set backs required by those authorities. Permits may be required and will be administered through the County or Province.
- k) The Municipal, County, Provincial, or Federal Government may erect signs from time to time, to direct attention to a current community event or to assist control of vehicle speed or parking and safe passage of pedestrians.

5. **Enforcement**

- i) Any sign or any advertising device erected on a road allowance or on any street or town owned property without the consent of the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce may be removed by the Staff of the Municipality on the approval of Council.
- ii) The Municipality of South Bruce is not in any way responsible for any sign mentioned herein in case of a sign falling and injuring person(s), or property. The owner will at all times be responsible.
- iii) This by-law comes into force and effect upon passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this

_____ day of _____ 2001.

REEVE

CLERK

To members of Council:

Please note- The Roads Committee is reviewing this by-law at their meeting towards the end of November. It is hoped it can be passed at the meeting of December 18th. However I must give 14 days notice of the passing of this by-law, so we would need to be sure of its contents by the meeting of December 4th. It would be nice if we could get this in place this year, but you may feel you need more time to study it.