

# DISTRICT OF INVERMERE

## BYLAW No. 1044

A Bylaw to regulate signs.

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Government Act, Council may by bylaw regulate the number, size, type, form, appearance and location of signs;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the Local Government Act, the Council may by bylaw regulate or prohibit the erection, placing, alteration, maintenance, demolition and removal of a sign or advertising device on a highway;

**AND WHEREAS**, Council deems it desirable to regulate signs within the District;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the District of Invermere in an open meeting enacts as follows:

### SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Title

1.1.1 This bylaw may be cited as “Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 1044, 2001”.

#### 1.2 Interpretation

1.2.1 Any enactment referred herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time, and any bylaw referred herein is a reference to an enactment of the Council of the District of Invermere, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.

1.2.2 The headings given to the sections and paragraphs in this bylaw are for convenience of reference only. They do not form part of this bylaw and will not be used in the interpretation of this bylaw.

1.2.3 If any section, paragraph or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

#### 1.3 Definitions

1.3.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**Advertisement**” means any word, letter, model, picture, symbol, device, or representation, whether illuminated or not, in the nature of and employed wholly or in part for the purpose of advertisement, announcement or direction.

“**Animated Sign**” means a sign which exhibits changing or moving effects at a constant intensity of illumination or a sign with moving letters, symbols or changing message; including rotating and revolving signs.

- “Awning”** means a retractable or non-retractable covering of non-rigid materials such as canvas or similar fabric projecting from the exterior wall of the building.
- “Awning Sign”** means a sign painted, stenciled, or attached on the fabric surface of a shelter supported entirely from an exterior building wall.
- “Banner Sign”** means any sign composed of material either enclosed or not enclosed in a rigid frame, which may be secured or mounted so as to allow movement of the sign caused by air movement.
- “Billboard”** means a free-standing or fascia sign with a sign area exceeding 10 m<sup>2</sup> which contains advertising for products or services not provided at the location of the sign or for products or services which are not the principal products or services at the location of the sign. The message may be painted, pasted, or otherwise affixed to the face of the sign.
- “Building Bylaw”** means District of Invermere Building Bylaw No. 216, 1974 as amended from time to time.
- “Building Inspector”** means the person or persons appointed by Council to administer and enforce the provisions of the District of Invermere Building Bylaw No.216, 1974 as amended from time to time.
- “Bylaw Enforcement Officer”** means the officers or employees appointed by Council as such.
- “Canopy”** means a non-retractable hood, cover, or marquee, which projects from the wall of a building. It does not include an awning, projecting roof, roof eaves, or enclosed structure.
- “Canopy Sign”** means a sign attached to, constructed as part of, suspended from, or installed upon the face of a building canopy.
- “Changeable Copy Sign”** (Automatic or Manual) means any sign on which message copy can be changed electronically or through the use of attached letters and numerals and includes public service information displays and any sign which features automatic switching.
- “Community Notice Board”** means a permanent sign used to display educational material and community events or notices.
- “Contractor Sign”** means a temporary sign erected for the duration of construction by the contractor listing the project name and firms involved in the construction. It may be a freestanding or fascia sign.
- “Copy”** means the wording of a sign in permanent or removable letter form, including, symbols, logos and other things comprising the visual message.
- “Copy Area”** means the entire area of a sign on which copy could be placed, including any frame or embellishment, which forms an integral part of the display. Only half of the total area of a double-sided sign will be counted in sign area calculation. The copy area shall be calculated on the basis of the smallest squares or rectangles that will enclose the individual letters or figures of the sign.
- “Council”** means the Municipal Council of the District of Invermere.

**“Fascia Sign”** means a flat wall sign that does not project more than 40 cm from the surface of a building. This includes a painted wall sign or a window sign that is not exempt from a permit.

**“Free-standing sign”** means a self-supporting sign permanently fixed to the ground and standing independent of any building or other structure.

**“Height”** means, with respect to signs, the maximum vertical distance between the normal grade around the sign (exclusive of any berm or embankment) and the highest point of the sign.

**“Home Based Business Sign”** means a sign containing only the name and occupation of a home based business.

**“Identification Sign”** means a sign, which is limited to the name, address, or number of a building, institution, or person, or a description of an activity in the building or institution or the occupation of the person.

**“Logo”** means a symbolic representation not including any words, names or numbers unless part of a registered trademark, which is used exclusively to simplify advertising of a product, business, service, or activity and which contains no additional identification, information or message.

**“Lot”** means the smallest unit in which land is designated as a separate and distinct parcel, registered plan of subdivision or in the description file in the Land Title Office.

**“Menu Box”** means a wall mounted display box containing only the menu of an eating and drinking establishment.

**“Off-site Sign”** means a sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment, which is conducted, sold, or offered elsewhere than on the site on which the sign is located.

**“Official Community Plan”** means the District of Invermere Official Community Plan as amended from time to time.

**“Official Sign”** means a sign required by, or erected pursuant to the provisions of the federal, provincial or local government legislation, regulation, or bylaw.

**“Owner”** means the registered owner or occupier of real property on which a sign is located, or the owner lessee of a sign or his authorized representative.

**“Portable Sign”** means any readily transportable sign that can easily re-located to another location or temporarily set-up and removed from a site, including a sandwich board, not permanently attached to the ground, building or vehicle and inflatable object which is used to attract attention or to which advertising is attached. A sign attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way are defined as portable signs, unless the vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations of the business.

**“Projecting Sign”** means any self-supporting sign other than a wall sign which is attached to or projects more than 300 mm from the face of a structure or building wall.

**“Real Estate Sign”** means any temporary, free-standing, or fascia sign indicating that the property on which it is located is for sale or rent along with the name of the agent, contact or owner offering the property.

**“Sandwich Board Sign”** means a non-illuminated sign having an “A” shape which is set upon the ground and has no external support structure.

**“Seasonal Decoration”** means temporary ornaments and displays erected in conjunction with seasonal holiday activities such as Christmas or Canada Day, where such ornaments and displays contain no local or general advertising of specific commercial services, merchandise or entertainment.

**“Sign”** means any structure, device, advertisement, advertising device or visual representation that is visible from any street, highway, lane or from any property other than the one on which it is located, and that is intended to advertise, identify, or communicate information or attract the attention of the public. Signs include banners, letters, illustrations, figures, neon tubing, placards, painted messages, but not flags, interior window displays of merchandise or signs painted or attached to a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is parked on a regular basis to act as a sign.

**“Sign Area”** means the total area within the outer edge of the frame or border of a sign. Where a sign has no frame, border, or background, the area of the sign shall be the area contained within the shortest line surrounding the whole group of letters, figures, or other things comprising the sign. In the case of a multi-faced sign, only that face or faces which can be seen from any one direction at any time shall be deemed sign area. The sign area shall not include the sign structure. The area of individual letter signs shall be calculated on the basis of the smallest squares or rectangles that will enclose the individual letters or figures of the sign.

**“Sign Copy”** means the wording of a sign in permanent or removable letter form, including figures, symbols, logos and other things comprising a sign.

**“Sign Face”** means the entire area of a sign on which copy could be placed.

**“Site”** means an area of land consisting of a lot or two or more abutting lots.

**“Temporary Sign”** means a sign erected for a specific period of time announcing or advertising an event or limited duration.

**“Under Canopy / Awning Sign”** means a sign attached to the underside of a canopy or an awning.

**“Wall / Mural Sign”** means a sign painted upon the external wall of a building.

**“Window Sign”** means any sign painted on, attached to, or installed inside a window intended to be viewed by persons passing by outside the premises and does not include merchandise located in the window for display purposes.

**“Zoning Bylaw”** means the District of Invermere Zoning Bylaw as amended from time to time

1.4 Any term or phrase which is not defined in this bylaw but which is defined in the District of Invermere Zoning Bylaw, as amended from time to time, shall have the same meaning as defined in the Zoning Bylaw.

## SECTION II - APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- 2.0 The provisions of this bylaw shall apply to the whole area within the boundaries of the municipality.
- 2.1 No sign shall be erected, placed, altered, displayed or moved within the Municipality unless in conformity with this bylaw.
- 2.2 Any sign lawfully in existence at the time of the adoption of this bylaw, although such sign does not conform with the provisions of this bylaw may, provided it is maintained in safe condition, continue to be used and copy changes, painting and minor repairs may be made to such sign.
- 2.3 Any sign lawfully in existence at the time of the adoption of this bylaw shall not be rebuilt, reconstructed or moved unless in conformity with the provisions of this bylaw.
- 2.4 Nothing in this bylaw shall be interpreted as relieving any person from complying with the provisions of any other bylaw of the Municipality.
- 2.5 The Building Inspector, or such other person as may be appointed by Council resolution to administer this bylaw;
- (a) shall keep records of applications received, permit fees paid, sign permits issued, and other such records that may be deemed necessary in relation to this bylaw;
  - (b) shall issue permits when, the proposed sign complies with the requirements of this and any other applicable bylaws;
  - (c) may revoke any permit where there is a violation of any condition under which the permit was issued, or a violation of this or any other relevant bylaw;
  - (d) order the correction of any work which is being or has been improperly done under a permit, or is done in contravention of the terms and conditions of a permit or of this bylaw or any bylaw of the District;
  - (e) order the cessation of work that is proceeding in contravention of this bylaw or any permit issued pursuant to this bylaw;
  - (f) order the removal of a sign for which there is no valid and subsisting permit or which the sign does not conform to this bylaw or any other bylaw of the District;
  - (g) order the painting, repair, alteration or removal of any sign which has become dilapidated or is abandoned, or which constitutes, in the opinion of the Building Inspector a hazard to the public safety or property, and
  - (h) enter, at all reasonable times, upon any property on which a sign is being or has been erected where the sign is subject to the provisions of this bylaw.

### **SECTION III - APPLICATION FOR A SIGN PERMIT**

- 3.0 A permit expires if the authorized sign development is not completed within 90 days of the date of issuance.
- 3.1 Notwithstanding a permit being issued to a third party, the owner and occupier of the lot where a sign is located are jointly and severably responsible to complete all work in accordance with the permit and public safety and to maintain the sign in a safe condition free from defects.
- 3.2 Every application for a permit must be made on an approved form and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees as outlined in the District of Invermere Development Fees Bylaw. The applicant shall provide sufficient information to identify the site and any applicable improvements thereon including:
- (a) the completed application form signed by the site / building owner and, if different, the person responsible for erecting the sign;
  - (b) drawings which describe the dimensions, area, material, finishes, colors, size of lettering, wording, graphics, method of illumination, and mounting or erection details;
  - (c) drawings or photos which show the dimensions and location of all existing and proposed signs on the building façade or on a site relative to grade, vehicle areas and property lines;
  - (d) any other information required by the Building Inspector in order to determine compliance with this bylaw.
- 3.3 The Building Inspector may require, as a condition of the issuance of any sign permit, that all drawings and specifications, or any part thereof, be prepared and sealed by, and the construction carried out under the supervision of, a professional engineer registered in British Columbia. The Building Inspector may refuse to issue a permit until he/she is provided with a letter signed by the professional engineer registered in British Columbia undertaking to supervise the work authorized by such permit, or any part thereof, as specified by the Building Inspector.

### **SECTION IV - SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

- 4.0 Every sign shall be maintained in safe condition at all times.
- 4.1 No sign permitted by this bylaw shall, by reason of its location, color, or intensity, create a hazard to the safe, efficient movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- 4.2 No sign shall be attached to or hung from any building until all necessary wall and roof attachments have been approved by the Building Inspector.

### **SECTION V - EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS**

- 5.0 The following signs are exempt from obtaining a permit provided they comply with all the regulations of this bylaw;

- (a) signs required to be maintained or posted by law or governmental order, rule or regulation and traffic control signs pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act;
- (b) signs located no closer than 0.9 m to the inside face of a window;
- (c) decal or painted window signs with a combined area lesser of 0.3 m<sup>2</sup> per metre frontage of the premises occupied by the business or 25% of the combined window area in which they are located, except “closing out” signs are not limited in area provided they are limited to a period of 60 consecutive days;
- (d) a non-flashing neon sign advertising a particular brand of beverage, in one window of a major eating and drinking establishment;
- (e) real estate signs and contractor signs provided that:
  - (i) such signs are located on the same site as the development;
  - (ii) the combined area of all real estate signs is less than 1.5 m<sup>2</sup> and less than 1.8 m in height in rural residential and residential zones and less than 3.0 m<sup>2</sup> and 2.5 m in height in all other zones;
  - (iii) the combined area of all contractor signs is less than 2.3 m<sup>2</sup> and less than 2.5 m in height in rural residential and residential zones and less than 3.4 m<sup>2</sup> and 3.7 m in height in all other zones;
  - (iv) there is no more than one sign per frontage or flanking street; and
  - (v) the display of such signs shall be limited to a period not to exceed the duration of the construction, sales, or demolition project or one year following the issuance of a building permit for the project.
- (f) fascia identification signs indicating the address, owner, and /or building name with a sign area not greater than 0.15 m<sup>2</sup> in a residential zone and 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> in a non-residential zone;
- (g) temporary election or referendum campaign signs on public or private property to a maximum of two (2) signs per frontage for federal, provincial, municipal or school district elections, each with a maximum sign area of 1.0 m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum height of 1.8 m, subject to their removal within four (4) days following the election;
- (h) on-site signs, not exceeding 1.0 m<sup>2</sup> and with a vertical dimension of the sign (exclusive of any supporting structure) of less than 1.0 m, for the direction or control of traffic, pedestrians or parking;
- (i) banner signs for special events up to 5.0 m<sup>2</sup> and no more that 20% of the banner area shall be used for the name and logo of a commercial sponsor. Banner signs may be displayed only immediately prior to and during the special event and in no areas shall a banner be displayed longer than 14 consecutive days.
- (j) signs located on the property of a public institutional building provided they are only used to display the name of the institution, educational material and non-profit community events or notices and are restricted to a maximum height of 2.0 m and a maximum area of 3.0 m<sup>2</sup>;
- (k) memorial plaques, cornerstones, historical tablets;

- (l) danger, hazard, no trespassing, no dumping, no shooting, and other similar warning or regulatory signs;
  - (m) house numbers and name plates not exceeding 0.3 m<sup>2</sup> in area for each building;
  - (n) signs painted, stenciled, or attached on awnings in conformance with Section 10.1.1;
  - (o) menu boxes provided they do not exceed 0.3 m<sup>2</sup> in size. Menu boxes may be located off-site.
- 5.1 Provided that a sign is in conformity with this bylaw, the changing of copy on an existing approved sign, the normal maintenance including the painting and repair excluding the structural alteration, and the replacement of plastic sign faces with the same advertiser because of breakage or deterioration do not require a permit.

## **SECTION VI - SITE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

- 6.0 Every Sign and the immediate surrounding area shall be maintained by the owner or person in charge thereof in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition, free, and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish, and weeds.

## **SECTION VII - PROHIBITED SIGNS**

- 7.0 Signs that are not expressly permitted in this bylaw are prohibited.
- 7.1 The following signs are prohibited;
- (a) flashing, moving or revolving signs;
  - (b) billboard signs;
  - (c) off-site signs; except those off-site directional signs that are authorized by Council or as permitted within this bylaw;
  - (d) No person, owner or tenant shall erect a sign on the roof or parapet of a building;
  - (e) No person, owner or tenant shall permit a sign which is attached to or located on any parked vehicle or trailer not normally used in the daily activity of the business which is visible from a street so as to act as a sign for the advertisement of products or to direct people to a business or to an activity;
  - (f) No person, owner or tenant shall permit a sign which contains statements, words or pictures of an obscene, pornographic, or immoral character or which contains advertising matter which is untruthful;
  - (g) No person, owner or tenant shall post or exhibit placards, playbills, advertising signs, off-site signs, writings or pictures on walls, fences, electric power or telephone poles, street light standards or any other similar structures on or adjacent to a highway or public place except on those structures provided by the Municipality for this purpose;
  - (h) No person, owner or tenant shall erect a sign which, by reason of its size, location, movement, content, coloring or manner of illumination, might be confused with or construed as a traffic control device, or which would interfere with the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic or the visibility of any traffic control device.



## **SECTION VII - SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

- 8.0 Except for signs authorized in this section and by Council, no person, owner or tenant shall place a sign on or over any curb, sidewalk, post, pole, hydrant, boulevard median, bridge, tree or other surface located on public property or across any street or public thoroughfare. Temporary signs advertising special events for community causes and charitable fund raising campaigns may be placed on the public right-of-way only if specifically authorized by a resolution of Council. Such signs shall be placed so as not to obstruct, hinder or in any way interfere with the use by drivers or motor vehicles and pedestrians on abutting streets or walkways.
- 8.1 Whenever any sign, except an awning or fascia sign, is installed or erected either wholly or partly over public property, the owner shall obtain and at all times maintain in full force and effect a policy of liability insurance covering bodily injury and/or property damage for claims arising out of the ownership of such sign in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for as long as the sign or any portion thereof remains over public property. The District of Invermere shall be named co-insured on any such insurance policy. The owner shall provide the District with a certified copy of an insurance policy and any renewal thereof. In the event that the owner does not obtain or maintain such insurance or allows such insurance to lapse without renewal thereof, the permit issued for such sign permit shall be deemed to be revoked and the owner shall forthwith remove, take down, or demolish the sign.
- 8.2 In addition to the maintenance of the insurance required by Section 8.1, every owner of a sign which is installed or erected over public property shall enter into an encroachment agreement with the District in the form satisfactory to the Building Inspector to indemnify against and to save the District harmless from any and all liability resulting from injury to persons and damage to the property which results from the presence, collapse or failure of the sign.

## **SECTION IX - GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- 9.0 Signs shall be constructed of materials suitable to the purpose and life of the sign.
- 9.1 All freestanding signs requiring power shall be connected to an underground electrical source. All light fixtures, switches and wiring shall be weather proofed unless a permanent rigid sealed structure is provided which ensures that the electrical installation is kept dry at all times. All wiring and conduits shall be placed within building walls, located underground, or somehow concealed from view.
- 9.2 No person, owner, or tenant shall permit an electrical cord for a temporary sign to pass over a sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, roadway, driveway, aisle, or parking space.
- 9.3 Except for banners, temporary and portable signs and window signs conforming in all respects to this bylaw, all signs shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be permanently attached to the ground, building or another structure by a direct attachment.

- 9.4 All support structures shall be structurally sound and form an integral part of the sign design.
- 9.5 No person, owner, or tenant shall permit a part of any sign to interfere with the electric or telephone utility installation.
- 9.6 The illumination for any permanent sign shall not create a direct glare upon the surrounding site, street, or lane.
- 9.7 A sign located on any portion of a building shall not be illuminated if the sign is adjacent to any residential zone.
- 9.8 Animation of signs is not permitted. Indirect or front lighting techniques is the preferred method of illumination for all signs. Internal lighting of signs is permitted provided that the proposed sign complies with the design requirements contained within the Official Community Plan and the “**Specific Zone Requirements**” contained in **Section XI**.

## **SECTION X - SPECIFIC SIGN REGULATIONS**

- 10.0 Where a sign is composed of more than one type of sign, the regulation for each type of sign shall be applicable to the appropriate portion of the sign. All signs must also comply with **Section XI** entitled, “**Specific Zone Requirements.**”

### **10.1 Awning Signs**

- 10.1.1 An Awning sign is permitted only if it;

- (a) is no higher than the first storey of the building;
- (b) is limited to the logo, name, or principal product lines of the business occupying the building;
- (c) is painted or affixed flat to the exterior of the awning;
- (d) does not extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of the awning;
- (e) has no more copy area than 40% of the area of the face of the awning it is on; and
- (f) is in conformance with the Building Bylaw.

### **10.2 Canopy Signs**

- 10.2.1 A canopy sign is permitted only if it

- (a) attaches to the edge of the canopy;
- (b) does not extend horizontally or vertically beyond the limits of the canopy unless permitted by 10.2.1(c);
- (c) does not extend or project above the upper edge of a canopy by more than 300 mm except canopy signs for theatres and cinemas may extend 1.5 m above the upper edge of a canopy;
- (d) is in conformance with the Building Bylaw; and
- (e) does not exceed 0.6 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of the canopy frontage to which it is affixed.

### **10.3 Under Canopy / Awning Signs**

- 10.3.1 An under canopy / awning sign is permitted if it:

- (a) does not extend horizontally beyond the limits of the canopy;
- (b) has a minimum clearance of 2.5 m;
- (c) is in conformance with the Building Bylaw;
- (d) is generally perpendicular to the building face;
- (e) has a maximum vertical dimension that does not exceed 0.3 m;
- and
- (f) has a maximum area of 0.4 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### **10.4 Fascia Signs**

10.4.1 A fascia sign is permitted only if it:

- (a) does not project above the roofline or parapet of the building which it is attached to;
- (b) does not project 300 mm from the wall face to which it is attached;
- (c) does not extend over any window sill or guard rails that are immediately above the sign; and
- (d) has a minimum clearance of 2.5 m;
- (e) complies with the lighting requirements of Section 9.8.

#### **10.5 Free-Standing Signs**

10.5.1 A free-standing sign is permitted only if it:

- (a) has a minimum clearance of 2.5 m when projecting over an open area, unless it is a part of a permanent landscaped area which discourages pedestrians;
- (b) does not obscure pedestrian or drivers' line of vision from a street, access road, or sidewalk to oncoming traffic.
- (c) is not located closer than 1.5 m to a lot line and within 1.0 m of any building;
- (d) has a maximum height of 6.0 m, subject to the requirements of Section XI, entitled "Specific Zone Requirements";
- (e) has a maximum width of 3.0 m; and
- (f) has a copy area of .5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup>;
- (g) is not internally illuminated.

#### **10.6 Projecting Signs**

10.6.1 A projecting sign is only permitted if it:

- (a) has a minimum height of 2.5 m and a maximum height of 7.5 m above grade;
- (b) is not higher than the average roof-line of the building or structure to which it is attached;
- (c) does not extend beyond the property line exceeding 1.0 m onto a municipal highway, sidewalk or access road; and
- (d) has the total copy area of a projecting sign shall not exceed a ratio of 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway.

10.6.2 The owner of a projecting sign which extends beyond the property line, over an adjacent highway, sidewalk or access road shall enter into and maintain an

encroachment agreement with the municipality and comply with the requirements as stated in Section 8.2 of this bylaw.

## 10.7 Portable Signs

10.7.1 A portable sign is only permitted if it:

- (a) is not illuminated;
- (b) has a maximum height of 2.0 metres;
- (c) has a maximum width of 2.5 metres; and
- (d) has a maximum copy area of 1.0 m<sup>2</sup>.

## 10.8 Sandwich Board Signs

10.8.1 A sandwich board signs is only permitted if it:

- (a) has a maximum height of 1.0 metres;
- (b) has a maximum width 0.5 metres;
- (c) has a maximum copy area of 0.5 m<sup>2</sup>;
- (e) is not illuminated.

10.8.2 Sandwich board signs may be placed upon municipal property in areas designated by the District of Invermere and with Council approval. Only two sandwich board signs will be permitted per designated area.

## SECTION XI - SPECIFIC ZONE REGULATIONS

Type of Sign	Number of Signs	Regulation
Zones <b>C-1, General Commercial</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 4.5 metres</li> <li>• max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>• copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>• min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>• copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>

Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 fascia or canopy sign per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>• max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>• internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>
Portable Signs	1 portable sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• illumination is prohibited</li> <li>• max. height - 2.0 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max. copy area – 1.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
Sandwich Board Signs	1 per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 1.0 m</li> <li>• max width - .5 m</li> <li>• copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• illumination is prohibited</li> </ul>
<b>C-2, Service Commercial</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>• max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>• copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>• min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>• copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 fascia or canopy sign per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>• max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>• internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>

Portable Signs	1 portable sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>illumination is prohibited</li> <li>max. height - 2.0 m</li> <li>max. width – 2.5 m</li> <li>max. copy area – 1.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
Sandwich Board Signs	1 per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height – 1.0 m</li> <li>max width - .5 m</li> <li>copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>illumination is prohibited</li> </ul>
Off Site Signs	1 per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to comply with the free standing and fascia sign requirements</li> </ul>
<b>C-3, Tourist Accommodation</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 fascia or canopy sign per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>
<b>C-4, Tourist Apartment</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>

Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>Internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
<b><i>C-5, Neighbourhood Commercial</i></b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height –4.5 metres</li> <li>max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
<b><i>Res-1, Resort Recreation</i></b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>

Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>• copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>• max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>• internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>
<b>Res-2, Resort &amp; Tourist Recreation</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>• max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>• copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>• min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>• copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>• max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>• internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>
Portable Signs	1 portable sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• illumination is prohibited</li> <li>• max. height - 2.0 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max. copy area – 1.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>



<b>Res-3, Hotel Resort</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>• max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>• copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>• min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>• copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Portable Signs	1 portable sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• illumination is prohibited</li> <li>• max. height - 2.0 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max. copy area – 1.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>M-1, Light Industrial</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>• max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>• copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>• min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>• max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>• copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 fascia or canopy sign per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>• max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>• internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>

Portable Signs	1 portable sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>illumination is prohibited</li> <li>max. height - 2.0 m</li> <li>max. width – 2.5 m</li> <li>max. copy area – 1.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
Sandwich Board Signs	1 per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height – 1.0 m</li> <li>max width - .5 m</li> <li>copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>illumination is prohibited</li> </ul>
Off Site Signs	1 per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to comply with the free standing and fascia sign requirements</li> </ul>
<b><i>M-2, Heavy Industrial</i></b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height –6.0 metres</li> <li>max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Projecting Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. height – 7.5 m</li> <li>max. width – 2.0 m</li> <li>copy area - 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>max projection – 1.0 m</li> <li>internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 fascia or canopy sign per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>
Portable Signs	1 portable sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>illumination is prohibited</li> <li>max. height - 2.0 m</li> <li>max. width – 2.5 m</li> <li>max. copy area – 1.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
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Off Site Signs	1 per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to comply with the free standing and fascia sign requirements</li> </ul>

<b>All Residential Zones</b>		
Free-Standing Signs	1 per parcel for non-residential purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 1.5 m</li> <li>• max. copy area – 1.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• max. width – 1.5 m</li> </ul>
Fascia Sign	1 per home occupation that is located on the parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. copy area per sign – 0.2 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• total copy area – 0.8 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>All Public Institutional Zones</b>		
Free-Standing Sign	1 free-standing sign or projecting sign per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. height – 4.5 metres</li> <li>• max. width – 3.0 metres</li> <li>• copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of building frontage abutting a highway to a maximum of 5.0 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• min. setback from lot line – 1.5 m</li> <li>• min. setback from building – 1.0 m</li> <li>• internal lighting is prohibited</li> </ul>
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Fascia / Canopy Signs	1 fascia or canopy sign per each business located in a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max. copy area – 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each lineal metre of building frontage that abuts a highway</li> <li>• max. projection – 300 mm</li> <li>• min. clearance – 2.5 m</li> <li>• cannot project above roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>• internal lighting is permitted</li> </ul>

12.1 No owner or other person shall commence the installation, nor authorise or permit the installation of a sign unless a permit required by this Bylaw or the Building Bylaw has first been obtained.

12.2. Every property owner shall ensure the removal of any sign erected on their property when the purpose of the sign or message is no longer applicable.

### SECTION XIII - REMOVAL OF SIGNS

13.0 Notwithstanding any other provision herein, Council may without notice to the owner of such sign, by resolution authorize the removal of a sign located on a highway under the jurisdiction of the municipality, or on any public land owned by the municipality, where:

13.0.1 the sign contravenes this Bylaw;

13.0.2 Council believes the sign is in an unsafe condition;

13.0.3 Council believes the sign is so dilapidated as to be offensive to the community; or

13.0.4 where the sign has been placed without the permission of the municipality.

**SECTION XIV - ENFORCEMENT AND OFFENCES**

**14.0 General**

14.0.1 The Building Inspectors and Bylaw Enforcement Officers are authorized to enforce the provisions of this bylaw.

**14.1 Right of Entry**

14.1.1 The Building Inspectors and Bylaw Enforcement Officers shall have the right and may enter onto any land at all reasonable hours in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this bylaw have been carried out.

14.1.1 No person shall interfere with or obstruct the entry of any authorized District representative onto any land to which entry is made or attempted pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw.

**14.2 Offence**

14.2.1 Every person who violates a provision of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and the costs of prosecution.

14.2.2 Each day a violation of the provisions of this bylaw exists or is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

**SECTION XV - REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

**15.0 Repeal**

15.1.1 The District of Invermere "Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 1073, 2000" together with all amendments is hereby repealed.

**15.2 Effective Date**

15.2.1 This bylaw comes into force and takes effect on the date of adoption.

Read a First Time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000

Read a Second Time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001

Read a Third Time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001

**ADOPTED** 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001

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MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. \_\_\_\_\_  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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Clerk