

BYLAW NO. 10057

The Temporary Sign Amendment Bylaw, 2025

The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Temporary Sign Amendment Bylaw, 2025*.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend the Temporary Sign Bylaw to:
 - (a) add definitions for “portable sign” and “traffic control device” to provide clarity;
 - (b) clarify responsibility for administration and enforcement of the Bylaw;
 - (c) establish procedures for a Notice of Violation Offences scheme; and
 - (d) make minor housekeeping amendments.

Bylaw No. 7491 Amended

3. The Temporary Sign Bylaw is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

Section 1 Amended

4. Section 1 is amended by striking out “the Temporary Sign Bylaw” and substituting “*The Temporary Sign Bylaw*”.

Section 2 Amended

5. Section 2 is repealed and the following substituted:

“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.*”.

Section 6 Amended

- 6. Clause 6(c) is amended by adding “that has not been approved by the City” after “traffic control device”.

Section 7 Amended

- 7. Subsection 7(2) is amended by striking out “or signal” after “traffic control device”.

Section 14 Amended

- 8. (1) Subsection 14(1) is amended by striking out “Temporary signs” and substituting “Signs”.
- (2) Subsection 14(2) is amended by striking out “Temporary signs” and substituting “Signs”.
- (3) Subsection 14(3) is repealed and the following substituted:
 - “(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) Subsection 14(4) is amended by striking out “Subsection (3)” and substituting “subsections (3) and (3.1)”.
- (5) Subsection 14(5) is amended by striking out “temporary”.
- (6) Subsection 14(6) is amended by striking out “temporary”.

Section 15 Amended

9. Section 15 is repealed and the following substituted:

“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;

