

CITY OF SURREY

BYLAW NO. 20459

A bylaw to amend the provisions of "Surrey Sign By-law,  
1999, No. 13656", as amended.

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The Council of the City of Surrey, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. "Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656", as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:
  - a. Section 4(1), Definitions, is amended as follows:
    - i. Insert the following new definition immediately following the definition for '*Electronic message Board Sign*':  
"*Establishment Date* means the date that the following are established under the applicable law:
      - (a) the *general voting day*, or
      - (b) where there is *no general voting day*, the deadline for voters to return their ballots to Elections Canada or Elections BC, as the case may be."
    - ii. Insert the following new definition immediately following the definition of '*Front Lot Line*':  
"*General voting day* means "polling day" under the *Canada Elections Act*, S.C. 2000, c. 9 and the *Referendum Act*, S.C. 1992, c. 30, or "general voting day" under the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1, *School Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412 or *Election Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106, or the day when a referendum is held pursuant to s. 1(2) of the *Referendum Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 400, whichever is applicable."
    - iii. Delete the definition of '*Political Sign*' in its entirety and replace with the following:  
"*Political Sign* means a *sign* erected to promote the voting at, support or opposition of an issue in a municipal, provincial or federal election, referendum, plebiscite, initiative petition, or recall petition; or the election, support or disapproval of a particular candidate or political organization; or the voting for, support or opposition of a municipal, provincial or federal issue."
  - b. Section 7.1(1), Political Signs, is amended as follows:
    - i. In Subsection 7.1(1)(b) add the word "and" at the end of the subsection.
    - ii. Delete Subsection 7.1(1)(c) in its entirety.
    - iii. Renumber Subsection 7.1(1)(d) to 7.1(1)(c).

c. Insert a new Section 7.1(4) as follows:

- "(4) Notwithstanding Section 7.1(1), a person shall not place, or permit to be placed, a *political sign* on public or private property, except:
- (a) in relation to federal or provincial elections and by-elections, from the time the writ of election is issued until 14 (fourteen) days after the *general voting day*;
  - (b) in relation to local government and school elections and by-elections, from the first day of the nomination period until 14 (fourteen) days after the *general voting day*;
  - (c) in relation to federal or provincial referenda or plebiscites, from the *establishment date* until 14 (fourteen) days after the *general voting day*, or where there is no *general voting day*, until 14 (fourteen) days after the deadline for voters to return their ballots to Elections Canada or Elections BC, as the case may be;
  - (d) in relation to local government assent voting, referenda or plebiscites, from the day that the text of the question is approved by Council or a regional board by bylaw or resolution, as the case may be, until 14 (fourteen) days after the *general voting day*; and
  - (e) in relation to provincial recall or initiative petitions, from the day that an application for recall or initiative petition is approved in principle by the Chief Electoral Officer of BC, until 14 (fourteen) days after the petition is submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer of BC."

d. Section 8 is amended by deleting the words "*Political signs, real estate signs,*" and replacing with the words "*Real estate signs,*"

2. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "Surrey Sign Bylaw, 1999, No. 13656, Amendment Bylaw, 2021, No. 20459".

PASSED FIRST READING on the    th day of    , 2021.

PASSED SECOND READING on the    th day of    , 2021.

PASSED THIRD READING on the    th day of    , 2021.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the    th day of    , 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

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