

**THE CITY OF THOMPSON
MOBILE SIGNS
ZONING BY-LAW No. 1120-83**

[As amended by AM B/Ls 1261-87, 1539-95, 1674-2002 and 1795-2009]

ZONING BY-LAW 1120-83:

2.2.14 Signs

2.2.14.1 Intent

The regulations of this subsection are intended and designed to establish a minimum control of signs. Such control is deemed essential to promote the healthy, safety, and general welfare by reducing hazards to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, by preventing unsightly and detrimental development having a blighting influence upon residential, business and industrial uses, by preventing signs from reaching such excessive size that they obscure one another to the detriment of all parties, and by securing certain fundamentals of design for the community.

2.2.14.2 Sign Restrictions

The following shall apply in all Zones except wherein otherwise stated:

- (a) No sign or sign structures shall be erected at any location where it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device. No rotating beam, beacon of flashing illumination resembling an emergency light shall be used in connection with any sign display;
- (b) No sign or sign structure shall be located in such a manner as to impede materially the view of any street or highway intersection; or in such a manner as to impede materially the view of the intersection of a street or highway with a railroad grade crossing;
- (c) All signs and sign structures shall be kept in repair and in proper state of preservation. Signs which are no longer functional or are abandoned shall be removed or relocated within thirty (30) days following such condition;
- (d) Where permitted, the surface area of a fascia or wall advertising or business sign shall not be greater than 25 per cent of the façade to which it is attached. The maximum height of advertising or business signs erected upon the ground shall not exceed 13 m

above grade level at the base of such structure; nor shall the surface area of such signs exceed 10m²;

- (e) No flashing or scintillating facia or freestanding signs shall be permitted in any Zone without the approval of Council. In the event, no flashing or scintillating sign shall be permitted within 90 m of any Residential Zone Boundary when facing such Boundary;
[AM B/L 1261-87]
- (f) One (1) non-illuminated sign advertising the sale, rental, or lease of a building, structure, site, or part thereof, not exceeding 0.6 m² in sign surface area in an “R1”, “R2” or “R-MH-S” Residential Zone and 1.5 m² in other Zones shall be permitted; and
- (g) Signs shall not be permitted to suspend over or project outside the site lines of a site.

2.2.14.3 Permitted Signs

The following signs shall be permitted in any Zone except wherein otherwise stated.

- (a) signs of a duly constituted governmental body, including traffic or similar regulatory devices, legal notices, or warnings at railroad crossings;
- (b) flags or emblems of non-profit, political, civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organizations;
- (c) temporary signs announcing a fund raising campaign, drive, or events of organizations mentioned in Section 2.2.14.3(b) above;
- (d) bulletin board signs of religious organizations or other non-profit community facilities, upon the same site and not exceeding 2 m² in surface area;
- (e) memorial signs or tablets;
- (f) “no trespassing” signs not exceeding 0.4 m² in area;
- (g) construction signs when placed on construction sites and not exceeding 2.5 m² in surface area;
- (h) signs required to maintain law or governmental order, or rule;

- (i) small directional signs displayed for the direction or convenience of the public, including signs which identify rest rooms, freight entrances, parking and loading entrances or exits, or the like not exceeding 0.4 m² in surface area;
- (j) signs displaying the street number of the main or principal building;
- (k) one identification sign per site with a sign surface area not exceeding 0.4 m²; and,
- (l) non-conforming signs in accordance with Section 2.4.5.
- (m) real estate open house signs not exceeding 0.6 square meters or 6.5 square feet in size.

[AM B/L 1539-95]

- (i) real estate “open house” signs shall be allowed to be displayed for a period not exceeding eight (8) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

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- (ii) “garage sale” signs shall be allowed to be displayed for a period not exceeding twelve (12) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

Any person who posts a “garage sale” sign and fails to remove it within the time period specified herein shall be subject to a fine as stated in the City of Thompson Fee and Fine Schedule.

[AM B/L 1539-95], [AM B/L 1795-2009]

2.2.14.4 Mobile Signs

[AM B/L 1539-95]

- (A) Mobile advertising signs shall not be permitted on any zoning lot, lot or site.
- (B) Mobile business signs shall be permitted in commercial, industrial, parks, and recreation, and public and institutional zones in accordance with the following specifications:
 - (i) No mobile sign shall be located, erected, placed, or displayed on City owned property, except those mobile signs which have received prior approval from the City of Thompson or its agents.

- (ii) The maximum sign surface area of mobile signs shall be 5.5 square metres, or 60 square feet.
- (iii)
 - (a) One (1) mobile sign shall be permitted per zoning lot, lot or site, except that where a zoning lot, lot or site is occupied by more than one (1) use, then one (1) mobile sign shall be permitted for each use up to a maximum of three (3) mobile signs on the zoning lot, lot or site at any one time provided the mobile signs are located on the site a minimum distance of 20 metres, or 66 feet, apart;
[AM B/L 1674-2002]
 - (b) Notwithstanding (a) the municipality may, at its sole discretion, upon receiving an application therefore, allow the installation of one (1) additional mobile sign on a zoning lot, lot or site occupied by more than one use.
[AM B/L 1674-2002]
 - (c) Every mobile sign is subject to a fee as stated in the City of Thompson Fee and Fine Schedule.
[AM B/L 1674-2002], [AM B/L 1795-2009]
- (iv) A mobile sign shall be contained within the zoning site with a minimum distance of 0.3 metres, or 1 (one) foot from the site line, with the following exceptions:
 - (A) A mobile sign which abuts any residential zone shall be located in accordance with the yard requirements of the abutting zone; and
 - (B) A flashing or scintillating mobile sign shall not be located within 90 metres, or 295 feet, or a residential building, if such sign is visible from the residential building at grade; and
 - (C) A mobile sign shall not be located within 3 metres, or 10 feet measured from the nearest part of any exit, entrance, driveway, or corner of property site lines;

- (v) No mobile sign shall be placed in such a way that may in the opinion of the traffic authority, interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic signal, warning sign or other regulatory or information device;
- (vi) The maximum height of a mobile sign shall be four (4) metres, or 13 feet, measured from surface grade to the highest part of the sign;
- (vii) A mobile sign shall be constructed of materials approved by the City and C.S.A. or the Department of Labour;
- (viii) The surface shall be adequately covered to prevent the letters from being moved to alter the wording of the sign;
- (ix) A rotating beam or beacon is prohibited on a mobile sign;
- (x) Mobile signs must be installed and maintained in accordance with all building, mechanical, electrical codes, and building safety and property standards by-laws in force at the time that the sign is in use;
- (xi) A permit for a mobile sign on a zoning lot, a lot, or a site shall be for a period not exceeding one hundred and eighty (180) consecutive days, thereafter a new mobile sign permit may not be issued for the same zoning lot, lot, or site until thirty (30) consecutive days has expired;
[AM B/L 1674-2002]
- (xii) A mobile sign permit shall be in the prescribed form per attached schedule;
- (xiii) An owner, agent, firm, corporation or person having charge or control of a mobile sign shall not locate, erect, place, or display a mobile sign on a zoning lot, a lot, a site, or City owned property, unless the mobile advertising sign has an identification number issued by the City of Thompson and permanently affixed to it, and a mobile sign permit has been issued under this by-law for that numbered sign setting out the expiry date of that permit;

- (xiv) The City of Thompson shall issue a mobile sign permit to the sign owner for each use, provided they have made application and upon payment of the fee as set by Council;
- (xv) The permittee shall adhere to all provisions of this by-law;
- (xvi) If any mobile sign is located in contravention to section (v) of this by-law, the City reserves the right to immediately remove and impound said sign without notice;
- (xvii) Subject to section (xvi), if any mobile sign location contravenes any provision of this by-law, the City of Thompson shall issue a written notice requesting the sign be moved and/or removed from that location;
- (xviii) A written notice under this by-law shall be issued to the sign owner and the sign lessee;
- (xix) Where an order has been issued and the sign owner and/or sign lessee fails to comply with that order, the City of Thompson or its agents shall remove the mobile sign and impound it;
- (xx) Where a mobile sign has been impounded, the permittee shall pay the fee as set by Council to redeem the sign.