

BYLAW NUMBER 830

Being a Bylaw to regulate signs
within the Town of Golden.

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Golden desires to rescind Bylaw Number 587, 1982, cited as "Sign Control Bylaw Number 587, 1982", AND Bylaw Number 742, 1988, cited as "Sign Control (Amendment) Bylaw Number 742, 1988";

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Golden, in open meeting assembled,
HEREBY ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "Sign Control Bylaw Number 830, 1991".
2. Definitions in this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, include the following:
 - a) Awning means a shelter supported entirely from the exterior wall of a building and composed of non-rigid materials except for the supporting framework.
 - b) Building Inspector means the Building Inspector of the Town of Golden or such other person as may be duly authorized from time to time by the Council.
 - c) Canopy (or Marquee) means a permanent roof-like structure extending from part or all of a building face, but does not include a projecting roof.
 - d) Council means the Council of the Town of Golden.
 - e) Fascia Sign means a flat sign which does not project more than twenty-four (24) inches from the face or wall of the building upon which it is printed or attached, running parallel for its whole length to the face or wall of the building, and which does not extend beyond horizontal width of such building.
 - f) Off-Site Sign means a sign located off the property of the business being advertised.
 - g) Parapet means that portion of a building wall that rises above the roof level.
 - h) Principal Use means the main purpose for which land, buildings or structures are ordinarily used.
 - i) Roof Line means the top edge of the roof or the top of the parapet whichever forms the top line of the building. In the case of buildings with pitched roofs, the roof line shall be at the eaves level.
 - j) Sign means any identification, description, illustration, or device illuminated or non-illuminated, which is visible from any public place or is located on private property and exposed to the public and which directs attention to a product, service, place, person, institution or business.
 - k) Temporary Sign means a business sign or advertising device which is not permanently affixed and may include banners, penants, flags, sandwich and curb signs.
3. Application:
 - a) No sign shall be erected, placed, altered or moved within the boundaries of the Town of Golden unless in conformity with this Bylaw.
 - b) 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 a safe, presentable and good structural condition, including the replacement of defective parts, painting, re-painting, cleaning, or other acts required for the maintenance of the sign, continue to be in use.

- c) Any sign lawfully in existence at the time of the adoption of this Bylaw shall not be re-built, reconstructed, altered or moved, unless in conformity with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- d) If any portion of this Bylaw is found to be in conflict with any other Bylaw of the Town of Golden, the Bylaw which establishes the higher standard shall prevail.
- e) Pursuant to the Municipal Act, provision for establishing a Development Permit System with the Municipality, and notwithstanding Subsection 4(d) preceeding, the provisions of this Bylaw may be varied by Council by the issuance of a Development Permit under the Development Permit Section of the Zoning Bylaw.

4. General Requirements:

- a) All signs shall conform to the appropriate detailed regulations set out in "Schedule A" of this Bylaw.
- b) Every sign shall be maintained at all times in a safe, presentable and good structural condition, including the replacement of defective parts, painting, re-painting, cleaning or other acts required for the maintenance of the sign.
- c) Every sign and the immediate surround premises shall be maintained by the owner or person in charge thereof in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition.
- d) No sign shall be placed on, within, or above public property, except as otherwise provided for in this or any other Bylaw.
- e) No sign permitted under this Bylaw shall, by reason of its location, colour or intensity or light, create a hazard to the safe, efficient movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- f) Before any sign is erected, placed, altered or moved, a Building Permit shall be obtained and the sign shall be erected, placed, altered or moved so that structural components meet the building standards of the National Building Code of Canada, 1990.
- g) Any owner of a sign that projects onto or over any street or sidewalk shall have proper liability insurance to be in force and effect during the maintenance and use of any such sign.
- h) Any Business which ceases to operate shall remove its sign(s) within six (6) months of the date which operation of the business ceased.

5. Enforcement and Penalties:

- a) The Building Inspector has the authority, within a reasonable time limit, to order the painting, repair, alteration, clean-up or removal of signs which have become deteriorated, dilapidated, abandoned, or which constitute physical hazard to public safety.
- b) The Building Inspector and such other persons as the Council may authorize by resolution, may enter at all reasonable times upon or into any place or structure governed by this Bylaw in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this Bylaw are being complied with.
- c) Council may, by resolution, authorize the Building Inspector or other Staff member to remove illegally placed signs after the owner of said sign has been requested, in writing, to remove the sign(s) and has been given thirty (30) days to do so.
- d) No person shall obstruct or seek to obstruct the entrance into any place or structure of any person acting pursuant to Section 5(b) of this Bylaw.
- e) Every person who violates or breaches any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offense against this Bylaw; and each day that such violation is caused or allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.
- f) Any person who violates any provisions of this Bylaw shall, upon Summary Conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty of not more than \$500.00 plus costs of prosecution.

6. Exceptions for Residential Zones:

No billboards or signs except the following are permitted in R-1, R-2, R-3 or R-4 Zones:

- a) One sign attached to a building or lamp standard bearing only the name and occupation of the occupant of the building and not exceeding three (3) square feet in area and not to exceed thirty-six (36) inches in length.
- b) One sign on any lot referring to the rent of or sale of the said lot and not exceeding six (6) square feet in area.
- c) One sign on any lot referring to the identification of an apartment building or mobile home park, and referring to the rent of apartments or mobile home park lots contained therein, and not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet in area.

7. Exceptions for Public Use Zones:

No billboard or signs except the following are permitted in a P-1 or P-2 Zone:

- a) One school, church or park bulletin board on any one site not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet in area and one sign on the face of the building not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet in area.

8. Exceptions for All Zones:

- a) One sign shall be allowed for promoting any candidate, political party or cause being contested in a Federal, Provincial or Municipal Election or Referendum during the thirty (30) days immediately prior to such contest, provided that those persons placing or maintaining such signs must remove same within five (5) days after the said Election or Referendum. Such sign shall be limited in area to six (6) square feet and only one sign allowed per lot.

READ A FIRST TIME, this 21st day of October, 1991.

READ A SECOND TIME, this 21st day of October, 1991.

READ A THIRD TIME, this 4th day of November, 1991.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED, this

18th day of November, 1991.


MAYOR


CLERK

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw Number 830, cited as "Sign
Control Bylaw Number 830, 1991."

Dated this _____ day of _____, 19__.

CLERK

SCHEDULE A

[Signature] MAYOR

[Signature] CLERK

Every sign of the type listed below in the "TYPE" column shall conform to all the specifications set forth below in the corresponding "REQUIREMENTS" column.

TYPE	SITE	REQUIREMENTS	MINIMUM HEIGHT	MAXIMUM HEIGHT
<p>FREESTANDING SIGNS (General)</p>	<p>a) Shall be situated wholly upon the site of the structure or land use to which it refers.</p> <p>b) Shall not project over public property.</p> <p>c) One only freestanding sign shall be allowed upon each site except as provided in part (d) below.</p> <p>d) Two only freestanding signs shall be permitted provided the total area of both signs does not exceed 250 sq.ft. and further that the said two signs are not less than 100 feet apart. And further, that the frontage of the site must be at least 200 feet.</p> <p>e) When two freestanding signs are used in accordance with (d) above, each sign must be the same size.</p> <p>f) Underground electrical service is required if signs are illuminated.</p>	<p>a) When situated in areas zoned as General Commercial, Highway Commercial, Service Commercial and Industrial shall be in area no greater than 3% of the area of site or 3 sq.ft. per linear foot of frontage upon which they are situated, up to a maximum of one hundred fifty square feet, one side. However, the other side may be used as well but is not counted into the total.</p> <p>b) In the Downtown Revitalization specified area, the Downtown Revitalization Guidelines as to signs will apply.</p>	<p>a) No part of which shall be closer at any point than eight (8) feet from the nearest finished grade of the site upon which they are situated.</p> <p>b) Item (a) may be altered if siting provides un-obscured vision for traffic flows and adjacent buildings..</p>	<p>a) No part of which shall be further at any point than thirty-five (35) feet from the nearest finished grade of the site upon which they are situated provided that this height may be increased with approval from Council, to 40 feet for signs greater than 125 sq.ft. in area.</p>

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TEMPORARY	a) Shall be situated on site.	a) Square footage to be determined by frontage and/or property area. b) Pole signs permitted with approval. c) Reader board signs permitted with approval.	a) Shall not impede traffic, pedestrians, or visibility.	

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MARQUEE/CANOPY/AWNING	<p>a) Shall be situated wholly upon the site or land use to which it refers.</p> <p>b) Shall be 1/2 width of sidewalk.</p>	<p>a) When situated in areas zoned General Commercial, Industrial and Highway Commercial, shall be in area no greater than 2 sq.ft. per linear foot of wall to which the marquee is affixed providing that the wall in question shall be limited to the business premises related to the sign.</p>	<p>a) No part shall be closer at any point than 8 feet from the nearest finished grade of the site upon which they are situated if over public property.</p>	<p>a) Shall match surrounding roof lines.</p>

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FASCIA SIGNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Shall be situated upon the site of the structure or land use to which it refers. (except as in (d) below) b) Shall not project over public property more than 24 inches. c) Shall be subject to Council approval. d) In the event of a row of buildings in one block, signs may be erected on an exterior wall advertising the interior buildings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When situated in areas zoned General, Highway & Service Commercial, or INDUSTRIAL, and when mounted on the facade of a building, shall be confined in area to 2 sq. ft. per linear foot of frontage and confined to the level of the building to which it refers (ie. first, second, third storey.) When mounted on a side or rear wall, shall be no greater in area than 1.5 sq. ft. per foot of wall length. b) When situated in the Downtown Revitalization Specified Area, shall conform to Downtown Revitalization Guidelines. c) When situated in other zoning areas where fascia signs are permitted, shall be in area no greater than one-half sq.ft. per foot of wall length upon which they are affixed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No part shall be closer at any point than 8 feet from the nearest finished grade of the site upon which they are situated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Shall be no greater than 3 feet except in the case of a vertical sign where permitted, and shall not extend above the eave level of the wall upon which they are affixed. b) Shall blend in with the building. c) Shall not be over the height of neighbouring buildings.

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PROJECTING (Alternative)	a) Shall be situated upon the site of the structure or land use to which it refers. b) Shall be maximum 1/2 width of sidewalk.	a) When situated in areas zoned General Commercial, Service Commercial, Industrial and Highway Commercial, shall be in area no greater than 1.5 sq.ft. per linear foot of wall length to which they are affixed. Area shall be considered as the total area of all sides used for display purposes.	a) No part shall be closer at any point than 8 feet from nearest finished grade.	a) shall be same height as fascia. b) Shall match neighbourhood.

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UNDER MARQUEE SIGNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Shall be situated upon the site of the structure or land use to which it refers. b) May extend up to 8 feet over public property when affixed wholly beneath a permanent marquee. c) Shall not project more than 1/2 the width of the sidewalk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Shall be no greater than 20 sq.ft. and no more than 18 inches in height. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No part shall be closer at any point than 8 feet from the nearest finished grade of site upon which they are situated if over public property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No part shall be further at any point than 12 feet from the nearest finished grade of the site upon which they are situated over public property.

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<p>OFF SITE</p> <p>All Off Site Signage requires approval from the Town Council prior to erection.</p>	<p>a) Shall only be placed at approved locations.</p> <p>b) Multi business signs will be permitted with approval.</p> <p>c) Design and standards subject to approval.</p> <p>d) Written approval of the off site property owner is required.</p> <p>e) Sign(s) to be removed within 30 days of business ceasing operation.</p>	<p>a) Only 2 signs are permitted per 100 feet of frontage.</p> <p>b) Total area of both signs is not to exceed 250 sq. ft.</p> <p>c) Signage shall identify only the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - business name - business address - business logo - business direction <p>d) Maximum of 3 off site signs permitted per business.</p>	<p>a) No part shall be closer than eight (8) feet from the nearest finished grade of the site upon which they are situated.</p> <p>b) Item (a) may be altered if siting provides unobscured vision for traffic flows and adjacent buildings.</p>	<p>a) No part shall be further than thirty-five (35) feet from the nearest finished grade of the site upon which they are situated.</p>