



COUNCIL POLICY

Policy Title: Temporary Signs on Highways Policy

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Approved by: City Council

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Business Unit: Calgary Community Standards

BACKGROUND

The City of Calgary's Temporary Sign Bylaw 33M95 was successfully challenged in Provincial Court (Traffic Division) on January 30, 1997 and portions of it were struck down as contrary to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Following this decision, a review of this bylaw was undertaken which supported a thorough redrafting to improve its legality and enforcement.

The Election Signs Bylaw 12M95 also was found to contain a number of inconsistencies during the Provincial and Federal elections.

The lack of consistency in municipal sign legislation; the various forms of application; the different classification methods and the different means of enforcement contributed to confusion in the regulation of signs.

Through consultation with other Business Units, the Law Department and members of Council, the Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw 29M97 was developed to meet the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada that the placing of temporary signs on municipal property may be regulated and controlled but not totally prohibited which would violate Section 2(b) of The Charter of Rights and Freedoms. With enforcement provisions designed to encourage compliance with the bylaw, it is believed that a bylaw has been developed that will control the placing of temporary signs and minimize safety concerns on public road rights of way.

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines and standards in a comprehensive bylaw that regulates all signage matters within public road rights of way (highways) within the City of Calgary.



POLICY

See Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw 29M97

PROCEDURE

See Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw 29M97

AMENDMENTS

As Amended by Bylaw Number 1M2000.

Effective 2016 February 01, Animal & Bylaw Services became Calgary Community Standards.