

BYLAW NO. 12/004

BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 99/059 BEING THE LAND USE BYLAW FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO

WHEREAS Section 639 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26 and amendments thereto authorizes Council to enact a bylaw adopting a Land Use Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS Section 191(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26 and amendments thereto authorizes Council to adopt a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 99/059, being the Land Use Bylaw, is hereby amended by:

(a) Deleting the definition of "election sign" in 156(2).

(b) Adding the following definition to Section 141(1) and 156(2):

"ELECTION SIGN" means a sign connected with a municipal, school board, provincial or federal election or any election held pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act, including, but not limited to, signs describing or promoting the election process or a candidate or party seeking election;"

(c) Deleting Sections 141(5)(f); 180 and 183(1)(b).

(d) Inserting the following as Section 150 in Part 7A - Rural Area Sign Provisions and as Section 180 in Part 7B - Urban Area Sign Provisions:

"(1) An election sign is a permitted use in all land use districts and no development permit is required, provided the sign complies with the Land Use Bylaw.

(2) Election Signs shall only be displayed or placed between:

(a) 12:00 noon on nomination day and 72 hours after the close of polls on election day for municipal and school board elections; or,

(b) 12:00 noon on the date the election is called and 72 hours after the close of polls on election day for provincial and federal elections.

- (3) Election Signs located out-of-doors shall be free from material structural damage and shall not be located:
- (a) within 5 m of a fire hydrant;
 - (b) within 15 m of any intersection or merge lane;
 - (c) within 15 m of a sign indicating an emergency vehicle egress or ingress;
 - (d) within 3 m of a highway or road, as measured away from the highway or road starting at the farthest edge of the curb or, where present, the sidewalk;
 - (e) within the property boundary of a polling station;
 - (f) within 100 m of an area demarked for public works or road construction;
 - (g) on any traffic control device as defined in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079 and all subsequent amendments or successors thereto;
 - (h) on any municipal off-street parking area, overpass, bridge, recreation trail, telephone, fire alarm, electric wire, or utility lamp or pole;
 - (i) on the exterior of a moving vehicle or attached trailer, unless securely flush-mounted; or
 - (j) in a manner which, in the opinion of the Chief Administrative Officer or his designate, poses a public safety risk.
- (4) An Election Sign shall:
- (a) not exceed 3.0 m² in sign area; and,
 - (b) not exceed 3.0 m in height from finished grade to highest point of sign structure; and
 - (c) on a residential lot,
 - i. not exceed 1.0 m² in sign area; and,
 - ii. not exceed 1.0 m in height from finished grade to highest point of sign structure.

- (5) Where an Election Sign:
- (a) has been located in a manner that is contrary to subsection (3);
 - (b) poses, in the opinion of the Chief Administrative Officer or his delegate, a risk to public safety;
 - (c) has material structure damage; or
 - (d) has been vandalized,

the Municipality may give notice to a person responsible for the sign directing the person to remove or repair the sign.

- (6) Notwithstanding subsection (5) the Municipality may:
- (a) where an Election Sign contravenes subsection (3) and is on land owned by the Municipality or under its direction, control and management; or
 - (b) where, regardless of location, the Election Sign poses, in the opinion of the Chief Administrative Officer or his delegate, an immediate and substantial public safety risk,

immediately proceed to remove the sign without notice.

- (7) Upon notice from the Municipality that an Election Sign poses a public safety risk, is structurally damaged, has been vandalized, or is otherwise not in compliance with this Bylaw, a person responsible for the sign shall repair or remove the sign as directed, failing which, the Municipality may, without limitation to any other remedy, proceed to remove and dispose of the sign.
- (8) Each candidate, must, prior to placing any election sign, provide the Municipality with the name and contact information of the person responsible for his or her election signs.
- (9) All election signs shall comply with the requirements of any relevant federal or provincial legislation and any other relevant municipal bylaws.”

2. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to consolidate this bylaw.

3. This bylaw shall become effective upon receiving third and final reading and being signed by the Mayor and Chief Legislative Officer.

READ a first time this 14th day of February, A.D. 2012

READ a second time this 13th day of March, A.D. 2012

READ a third and final time this 13th day of March, A.D. 2012

SIGNED and PASSED this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2012.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer