

## SECTION 51 SIGN PROVISIONS

### DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this part:

51.1 Billboard

A sign greater than 3 m<sup>2</sup> (32.3 ft<sup>2</sup>) that may or may not contain advertising copy related to the development within the parcel upon which the billboard sign is located. This does not include an identification sign under Section 51.5.

51.2 Canopy Sign

A sign placed on a permanent projection from the exterior wall of a building where the projection or canopy has been primarily designed to provide shelter to pedestrians or vehicles.

51.3 Fascia Sign

- (a) Any sign where the copy face is parallel to and projects not more than 0.3 m (1 ft.) horizontally from the exterior wall of the building to which the sign is attached; and
- (b) a sign where the copy face projects not more than 50 percent above the exterior wall to which the sign is attached.

51.4 Freestanding Sign

A sign 3 m<sup>2</sup> (32.3 ft<sup>2</sup>) or less, which stands independently of a building and may or may not contain advertising copy. This sign must be located on the lot where the service or business is located.

51.5 Identification Sign

A sign where the copy contains only the following information:

- (a) the name and/or address of a building, use or person; and/or
- (b) the activity carried out by that person, or at that location.

This sign must be located on the lot where the service or business is located.

51.6 Portable Sign

A sign supported on a vehicle, structure or trailer so that it can be easily and readily moved.

51.7 Projecting Sign

- (a) Any sign except a canopy sign which extends more than 0.3 m (1 ft.) horizontally from the wall of the building to which it is attached; and
- (b) a sign where the copy face projects not more than 50 percent above the exterior wall to which the sign is attached.

51.8 Roof Sign

- (a) A sign that is placed on, above or is incorporated as part of the roof of a building; or
- (b) a sign where more than 50 percent of the copy face projects above the roof of a building.

51.9 Temporary Sign

A sign other than a portable sign which is not permanently attached to a supporting structure or building and is in place for less than two weeks.

SIGNS FOR WHICH NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED

51.10 No permit is required for the following signs:

- (a) one unilluminated sign per parcel if the sign is 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> (5.4 ft<sup>2</sup>) or less in area and is located within the boundaries of a designated hamlet;
- (b) one unilluminated sign per parcel if the sign is 1 m<sup>2</sup> (10.8 ft<sup>2</sup>) or less in area and is located outside the boundaries of a designated hamlet;
- (c) signs 3 m<sup>2</sup> (32.3 ft<sup>2</sup>) or less, painted or erected on extensive agricultural parcels, farm buildings and structures promoting or identifying agricultural pursuits;
- (d) on-site signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of land or buildings provided that such signs do not exceed 0.6 m<sup>2</sup> (6.5 ft<sup>2</sup>) in a residential district within a hamlet, or 3 m<sup>2</sup> (32.3 ft<sup>2</sup>) in all other districts;
- (e) on-site signs for the guidance, warning or restraint of people or signs indicating on-site traffic circulation and parking restrictions;
- (f) temporary signs (other than portable signs) on lots or parcels in all rural districts and commercial and industrial districts advertising a special promotion on the premises provided that the sign is removed within seven days of the end of the special promotion;
- (g) window signs;
- (h) signs or billboards erected by a public authority, public agency or public department and railway operating signs;
- (i) election signs;
- (j) on-site signs identifying an approved construction project and/or the parties involved in that project;
- (k) signs pertaining to home occupations, which are addressed in Section 43.

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

The intent of this section is to limit the proliferation of signs within the Municipal District of Pincher Creek and to encourage those signs that are permissible to be aesthetically pleasing, well maintained, safely erected and non-distracting.

- 51.11 No sign shall be placed or project within a public roadway, or be attached to any object in a public roadway except as may be allowed by Alberta Transportation or the Municipal District of Pincher Creek.

- 51.12 On privately held land adjacent to secondary and primary provincial highways the applicant shall contact Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation ensuring the signage is in compliance with the Alberta Highway Control Regulations.
- 51.13 A sign shall not be allowed or located if, in the opinion of the Municipal Planning Commission, it obstructs the vision of vehicular traffic or confuses or interferes with the interpretation of a traffic control sign, signal or device, or if it utilizes or employs revolving lights or beacons or emits amplified sounds or music.
- 51.14 The Municipal Planning Commission may require that any sign be an identification sign only.
- 51.15 All signs shall only advertise the principal use of the premises or the principal products offered for sale on the premises.
- 51.16 Unless otherwise specified in the specific land use district or by Alberta Transportation, the footing or projection of each sign shall not be less than 3 m (9.8 ft.) from the property line.
- 51.17 Variances may be considered by the approval authority in exceptional circumstances if warranted by the merits of the case.
- 51.18 All signs shall be maintained in a safe and tidy manner to the satisfaction of the Development Officer.

#### SPECIFIC SIGN REQUIREMENTS

- 51.19 Billboards shall be PROHIBITED within the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, unless the billboard is placed by a public authority as defined in Section 51.10(h) above.
- 51.20 Lawn, fascia, roof and freestanding signs only shall be permitted subject to the following limitations:
- (a) not more than two signs shall be permitted on the premises;
  - (b) no fascia sign shall be in excess of 11.1 m<sup>2</sup> (120 ft<sup>2</sup>) in area, but the two permitted signs may be combined if total fascia area does not exceed 11.1 m<sup>2</sup> (120 ft<sup>2</sup>);
  - (c) no sign shall be illuminated unless the source of light is steady and suitably shielded;
  - (d) no freestanding sign shall be in excess of 3 m<sup>2</sup> (32.3 ft<sup>2</sup>);
  - (e) the maximum height of any freestanding sign shall be 6 m (19.7 ft.);
  - (f) the bottom of any freestanding sign shall be less than 1.8 m (5.9 ft.) from ground level.
- 51.21 Off-premise, Directional and Informational signs may be permitted if warranted by the merits of each case.
- 51.22 Fascia signs for cluster, comprehensive mall-like developments may be permitted if warranted by the merits of the case.

51.23 Portable signs

- (a) A development permit for a portable sign will be valid for a period of no longer than 60 days;
- (b) after the lapse of the permit, the sign shall be removed;
- (c) no sign shall be located in such a way as to create traffic hazards.

**SECTION 52 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS**

APPLICATIONS

- 52.1 Each use or building shall provide and maintain the minimum number of parking spaces shown in Table 52.3 unless otherwise required by the Municipal Planning Commission.
- 52.2 Where a use is not identified in Table 52.3 or where there is uncertainty, in the opinion of the Development Officer or Municipal Planning Commission, as to the minimum parking spaces required for that use, the minimum number of parking spaces shall be as required by the Municipal Planning Commission.

LOCATION OF PARKING SPACES

- 52.3 A parking space required by this section shall be located:
  - (a) on the same lot as the use or building for which it is required;
  - (b) on a lot abutting the lot containing the use for which parking is required provided that:
    - (i) both lots are a single parcel and contained in the same Certificate of Title, and
    - (ii) both lots are described in a plan of subdivision that was registered prior to July 1, 1950.
- 52.4 Where required parking will be provided on a lot abutting a lot for which parking is required and that abutting lot is either:
  - (a) described in a separate Certificate of Title; or
  - (b) contained in a plan of subdivision that was registered after July 1, 1950;then the Municipal Planning Commission, as a condition of issuing a development permit, shall require that both lots are consolidated into one lot by plan of subdivision or descriptive plan, as appropriate.
- 52.5 In a commercial or industrial district, where required parking will be provided on a lot that does not abut the lot for which parking is required, the Municipal Planning Commission, as a condition of development approval, may require that a restrictive covenant shall be registered against the lot to ensure that the lot is not disposed of, and that the required parking is maintained for the use of development for which it is required.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 52.7 Parking areas or lots shall be constructed in a manner which will permit adequate drainage, snow removal and maintenance to the satisfaction of the Municipal Planning Commission.