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adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001
Enacted by Council: December 6, 2001

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 997-2001

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees, to include sign permit fees and sign variance application fees and to amend former Borough of East York By-law No. 64-87, former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code, Chapter 215, Signs, former City of North York By-law No. 30788, former City of Scarborough By-law No. 22980, former City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 297, Signs, and former City of York Municipal Code, Chapter 835, Sign.

WHEREAS City Council wishes to harmonize sign permit fees and sign variance application fees across the City and to allow for the automatic increase of these fees on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS Council has authority to pass this by-law under section 220.1 and paragraph 146 of section 210 of the *Municipal Act*;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Chapter 441, Fees, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code is amended by adding the following:

“§ 441-9. Sign permit fees.

- A. Every person who applies for a permit to erect, display or alter a sign under any of the City’s sign by-laws shall pay a fee to the City Treasurer at the time of making the application in accordance with the following:
 - (1) For all types of signs except roof signs: \$20 per square metre of sign face area, with a minimum fee of \$150.
 - (2) For roof signs: \$25 per square metre of sign face area, with a minimum fee of \$150.
 - (3) For plan revisions, alterations to existing signs, relocation of existing signs on the same property, permit renewals and any other applications under any City sign by-law: \$150.
- B. The fees in subsections A(1) and (2) shall be based on the total area of all surfaces of a sign upon, against or through which information is or is intended to be displayed.
- C. The fees in subsection A shall automatically increase on the first day of January in each year by the percentage increase in the All Items Index of the Consumer Price Index (not seasonally adjusted) for the Toronto Census Metropolitan Area,

published by Statistics Canada, during the twelve-month period ending on October 1 in the year immediately preceding the rate increase date.

- D. If an application is cancelled or withdrawn, the applicant may apply for a refund and the amount of the refund shall be calculated based on the total required fee, as follows:
- (1) 75 percent of fee refunded if the application is cancelled or withdrawn prior to the review of the application and 50 percent if it is cancelled or withdrawn after the review has started but prior to permit issuance.
 - (2) 40 percent of fee refunded if the permit has been issued minus \$80 for each field inspection performed before the request for refund was received.
 - (3) If the fees paid are less than the total required fees, the amount of the refund will be reduced by the amount of the unpaid fees.

§ 441-10. Sign variance application fees.

- A. Upon application for a sign variance, the applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of \$600.
 - B. The fee in subsection A shall automatically increase on the first day of January in each year by the percentage increase in the All Items Index of the Consumer Price Index (not seasonally adjusted) for the Toronto Census Metropolitan Area, published by Statistics Canada, during the twelve-month period ending on October 1 in the year immediately preceding the rate increase date".
2. By-law No. 22980 of the former City of Scarborough is amended by deleting subsection 4(4) and substituting:
- “The person making application for a permit shall do so on a prescribed form and shall submit plans and specifications for each sign with sufficient detail to determine compliance with all applicable law”.
3. Chapter 835, Sign, of the Municipal Code of the former City of York is amended by:
- A. Deleting from Section 835.5.7 the words “an additional fee of \$31.50” and substituting “the applicable fee”.
 - B. Deleting from Section 835.5.10 the words “On receipt of an application and payment of fees in accordance with Sections 835.5.8 and 835.5.9” and substituting “On receipt of an application in accordance with Section 835.5.8 and payment of the applicable fee”.
4. The following are repealed:

- A. Subsection 2.2(e) and section 2.3 of By-law No. 64-87 of the former Borough of East York, as amended.
- B. Subsections 215-3B(1) and 215-8C(2) of Chapter 215, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Etobicoke, as amended.
- C. Sections 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 of By-law No. 30788 of the former City of North York, as amended.
- D. Schedule "A" to By-law No. 30788 of the former City of North York, as amended.
- E. All of Schedule "B" to By-law No. 22980 of the former City of Scarborough, as amended, except for subsection 1(f)(i) (annual fees) and sections 6 and 7.
- F. Subsections 297-5A, 297-5B and 297-5C of Chapter 297, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto, as amended.
- G. Section 178-9 of Chapter 178, Fees, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto, as amended.
- H. Sections 835.5.2 (Fee - upon application), 835.5.3 (Fee - incidental sign - calculation), 835.5.3.1 (Refund), 835.5.4 (Fee - revision - alteration - existing sign) and 835.5.9 (Application - minor variance -fee) of Chapter 835, Sign, of the Municipal Code of the former City of York, as amended.

5. This by-law comes into force on January 1, 2002.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 6th day of December, A.D. 2001.

CASE OOTES,
Deputy Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

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