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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 857-2010

To amend Municipal Code Chapter 694, Signs, General, with respect to Institutional Uses in Residential and Residential Apartment Sign Districts.

WHEREAS under sections 7 and 8 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (the "Act"), the City may pass by-laws in respect of the health, safety and well-being of persons and the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City; and

WHEREAS subsection 8(1) of the Act provides the City with broad authority to provide any service or thing the City considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

WHEREAS the City has the authority to pass by-laws respecting matters related to Structures, including fences and signs under subsection 8(2) of the Act; and

WHEREAS the City provides the regulation of signs to the citizens of Toronto as a necessary and desirable service; and

WHEREAS Council has authorized regulations that promote the public's ability to utilize signs to express messages, while ensuring signs are appropriate to their function and compatible with their surroundings; and

WHEREAS Council has authorized regulations that will facilitate signs contributing positively to the quality of Toronto's appearance and its visual character to enhance the image and attractiveness of Toronto for its residents, business community, and visitors; and

WHEREAS Council has established sign districts which form the basis of regulations to be applied to specific premises to facilitate the public's ability to utilize signs to express messages while ensuring the signs are appropriate to their function and compatible with the nature of the premises upon which the sign is located; and

WHEREAS Council has authorized regulations for signs that are consistent with Toronto's goals for the quality and character of the City's streets, public spaces, and buildings; and

WHEREAS notice of the intention to enact this by-law has been provided in accordance with the *Act* and its regulations;

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

1. Chapter 694, Signs, General, of The City of Toronto Municipal Code is amended as follows:

A. By inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order to § 694-1:

COMMUNITY CENTRE — A premises owned and operated by the City and used for the purpose of providing community activities, such as arts, crafts, recreational, charitable, social, or educational activities.

HOSPITAL — Lands, buildings or structures used or to be used for a public hospital receiving aid under the *Public Hospitals Act* and used for the purposes set out in such Act.

NURSING HOME — A residential building or the residential portion of a mixed-use building licensed as a nursing home under the *Nursing Homes Act*.

PLACE OF WORSHIP — That part of a building or structure that is exempt from taxation as a place of worship under the *Assessment Act*.

SCHOOL — A premises used for elementary or secondary education which is regulated under the *Education Act*, whether or not it is funded under such Act.

B. By adding the following to § 694-21A:

- (2) An overhanging structure sign identifying a school, place of worship, hospital, nursing home or community centre provided:
 - (a) The sign shall only be erected on an overhanging structure located at the first storey;
 - (b) The total sign face area of all signs erected on any part of the overhanging structure shall not exceed 50 percent of the external surface area of that part of the overhanging structure;
 - (c) Subsection A(2)(b) does not apply where the sign is displayed in whole or in part above, below, or extending beyond the overhanging structure;
 - (d) Where the sign is displayed in whole or in part above the overhanging structure, it shall not extend more than one metre above the overhanging structure; and
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall from which the overhanging structure projects.
- (3) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises containing a school, place of worship, hospital, nursing home or community centre provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.5 square metre;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 1.5 metres;

- (c) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces; and
 - (d) There shall be no more than two such signs erected at each point of vehicular ingress and egress to the premises.
- (4) A ground sign on a premises containing a school, place of worship, hospital, nursing home or community centre, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection A(3), provided:
 - (a) There shall be no more than one such sign erected at each frontage;
 - (b) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.3 square metre for each 1.0 metre or part thereof of frontage at which the sign is erected to a maximum of 8.0 square metres;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 6.0 metres;
 - (d) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of any property line; and
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines.
- (5) A wall sign on a premises containing a school, place of worship, hospital, nursing home or community centre provided:
 - (a) The sign shall only be erected at the first storey;
 - (b) The total sign face area for all wall signs erected at the first storey shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected;
 - (c) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and
 - (d) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.

C. By deleting § 694-21B(1), and substituting the following:

- (1) Any sign permitted in an R-Residential sign district as set out in Subsection A;

ENACTED AND PASSED this 8th day of July, A.D. 2010.

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