

Appendix 1 –Proposed Amendments to Chapter 694, Signs, General

To amend Chapter 694, Signs, General, to add Topiary Wall Signs as a sign type, add a definition of Topiary Sign Copy, establish regulations on the display of Topiary Sign Copy, modify regulations concerning Topiary Signs, and modifying regulations concerning applications for variance from Chapter 694, Signs, and adding a short title for Chapter 694 of the Municipal Code, Signs, General.

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts as follows:

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

A. By adding the following definitions alphabetically in the appropriate place Section 694-1:

TOPIARY SIGN COPY – shall include living plants, grasses, shrubs, flowers or other landscaping elements, but shall not include artificial plants, grasses, shrubs or flowers

TOPIARY WALL SIGN – a sign erected on the wall of a building that displays only Topiary Sign Copy

B. By adding Topiary Wall Signs alphabetically in the appropriate place to the sign types listed in section 694-4B.

C. By deleting 694-6 (2) and replacing it with the following:

(2) A first party topiary sign provided that the sign:

- a) has a height not exceeding 0.6 metres;
- b) a minimum of 75% sign face area of the sign displays of topiary sign copy consisting of living plants, grasses, shrubs, or flowers; and,
- c) the sign face area does not exceed 20 square metres.

D. By adding the phrase ", topiary wall sign" to §§694-6A(1), 694-6A(3) § 694-6A(5) and § 694-6A(6), immediately before the phrase ", or wall sign" wherever it may appear in each of these subsections;

E. By deleting 694-14H and replacing it with the following:

- H. There shall be a minimum vertical clearance of 2.5 metres for the ground, sidewalk or walkway to the lowest point of an overhanging structure sign, projecting signs, or topiary wall sign located above
- F. Section 694-20 is amended by adding the following as 694-20I
 - I. First party signs shall display static copy, subject to subsection J, topiary sign copy, or subject to Subsections E, & F, readograph copy
- G. Section 694-20 is amended by adding the following as 694-20J
 - J. Where a first party sign displays topiary sign copy, a minimum of 75% of the sign face area consisting of topiary sign copy, must comprise topiary sign copy consists of living plants, grasses, shrubs, or flowers.
- H. By adding the phrase "topiary wall sign, " to § 694-17A(3), immediately before the phrase "overhanging structure sign" wherever it appears in the section
- I. Amending sections 694-20C and 694-20D by replacing the phrase "first party wall" with the phrase "first party wall signs, topiary wall signs," wherever it appears in both subsections;
- J. By deleting 694-22A and replacing it with the following:
 - A. Third party signs are permitted to display mechanical copy or topiary sign copy
- K. Section 694-22 is amended by adding the following as 694-22F
 - F. Where a third party sign displays topiary sign copy, a minimum of 75% of the sign face area consisting of topiary sign copy, must comprise topiary sign copy consists of living plants, grasses, shrubs, or flowers.
- L. By replacing the phrase "A wall sign" with the phrase " A wall sign or a topiary wall sign " where it appears in each of subsections 694-25A(1), 694-25C(2), 694-26B(1), 694-26K(1),

M. Amending sections 694-26L, 694-26M and 694-26N by replacing the phrase "first party wall" with the phrase "first party wall signs, topiary wall signs," wherever it appears in each subsection;

O. By deleting 694-31A(2) and replacing it with the following:

(2) The proposed sign would not comply with:

- (a) a provision of Article II, other than § 694-6,
- (b) §§ 694-15, 694-16, 694 17, 694-19 or 694-23 of Article III or
- (c) Any provision contained in Articles I, IV, V, VI and VII of this chapter

P. By adding the following subsection to 694-29 as 694-29B:

B. An application for variance from the provisions of § 694-6, while may seek to allow a proposed sign or signs to be permitted to be erected, displayed, modified or restored in any sign districts, it may not seek to exempt or otherwise modify the applicable requirements of the other provisions of Article II, with respect to the proposed sign or signs, including for greater clarity the requirements of § 694-5, that an individual must file with the City the information, and documents, pay the prescribed fee, and obtain a sign permit for the applicable sign class, prior to the erection, display, modification, or restoration of the sign or signs which are the subject of the application for variance, or the requirements under § 694-9 concerning the expiry of permits issued.

Q. By adding the following as 694-44A:

A. The short title of this chapter is "The Sign By-law"