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Business improvement areas - See Ch. 19.
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Public Hospitals Act - See R.S.O. 1990, c. P.40.

ARTICLE I
General Provisions

§ 694-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

APPLICANT - The person who applies for a sign permit under this chapter, a renewal of a sign permit issued for a third party sign, a variance from this chapter, or an amendment to this chapter.

BALA SUBDIVISION - The area labelled "Bala Subdivision" and designated as a U-Utility sign district, as provided for in Schedule A to this chapter, located in the easterly area of the City, running in a northerly and southerly direction, generally within the Don Valley, commencing near the intersection of Bayview Avenue and Eastern Avenue through to Steeles Avenue East, between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street. **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**

¹ Editor's Note: This by-law was passed under the authority of subsection 8(2) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 11. This by-law repealed the following provisions: Subsection 1(f)(i) of Schedule B to By-law 22980 of the former City of Scarborough, as amended; Sections 297-12N and 297-13 of Chapter 297, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto, as amended; Sections 835.5.2.42.1 (Sign Review Committee - defined), 835.5.8 (Application for minor variance), and 835.5.9 (Application - minor variance - review) of Chapter 835, Sign, of the Municipal Code of the former City of York, as amended; and Sections 215-8B, C and 215-31 of Chapter 215, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Etobicoke, as amended. This by-law came into force April 6, 2010.

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BIA - A Board of Management for a Business Improvement Area established in accordance with Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas.

BISECTING LINE - The distance across a sign face of a continuous straight line spanning the distance between the sign face top and the sign face bottom, which intersects the centre line at the sign face midpoint. **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014]**

BUILDING PERMIT - A permit issued pursuant to section 8 of the Building Code Act, 1992.

CENTRE LINE - The distance across a sign face of a continuous straight line parallel to grade, spanning the outermost points of the horizontal boundaries of the sign face, and equidistant from the sign face top and sign face bottom. **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014]**

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL - The Chief Building Official appointed by the Council of the City of Toronto pursuant to the Building Code Act, 1992, and any person authorized by him or her to carry out the duties of the Chief Building Official under this chapter.

CITY - The City of Toronto, and shall not include its Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

COMMERCIAL PLAZA - A building or buildings, held in individual or multiple ownerships or tenancies, containing units for separate occupancy for the purposes of conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service or government. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

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. **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**

DESIGNATED HERITAGE BUILDING - A building that is designated by a by-law passed by the City pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act as being of architectural or historical significance.

DEVELOPMENT: **[Added 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011²]**

- A. The construction, erection or placing of one or more buildings or structures on land;
- B. The making of an addition or alteration to a building or structure that has the effect of substantially increasing the size or usability of the building or structure; or
- C. The redevelopment of land through the removal of one or more buildings or structures to permit such development.

DEVELOPMENT SIGN - A sign which identifies, advertises, promotes or directs attention to a development as defined by this chapter and for greater certainty shall not include a new

² Editor's Note: This By-law came into force January 1, 2012.

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development sign as defined in Article III, Temporary Signs, of Chapter 693, Signs. **[Added 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011³]**

DISPLAY ZONE - The area located within a semicircle arising from the surface upon which the sign copy is displayed, with the radius established by this chapter, a centre point of the arc being the sign face midpoint, and a baseline parallel to the centre line. **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014]**

ELECTRONIC COPY HEIGHT - The vertical distance between grade and the highest point of the electronic static copy or electronic moving copy display on the sign. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC FUEL PUMP SIGN - A sign erected or displayed on or attached to a fuel pump authorized by law that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC GROUND SIGN - A freestanding sign which is permanently affixed to the ground and not supported in any manner by a building that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC MOVING COPY - Sign copy displayed utilizing electronic screens, televisions, computer video monitors, liquid crystal displays, light emitting diode displays, or any other similar electronic technology where the sign copy displays moving images.

ELECTRONIC OVERHANGING STRUCTURE SIGN - A sign erected on an overhanging structure that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC PROJECTING SIGN - A sign erected on and entirely supported by the wall of a building and which projects more than 0.60 metres from the wall that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC ROOF SIGN - A sign located entirely on or above the roof of a building or located entirely on the top of or above the parapet wall of a building that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC SIGN - A sign that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy and shall include an Electronic Fuel Pump Sign, Electronic Ground Sign, Electronic Overhanging Structure Sign, Electronic Projecting Sign, Electronic Roof Sign, Electronic Topiary Sign, Electronic Window Sign or Electronic Wall Sign. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

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ELECTRONIC STATIC COPY - Sign copy displayed utilizing electronic screens, televisions, computer video monitors, liquid crystal displays, light emitting diode displays, or any other similar electronic technology where the sign copy is fixed for a set period of time.

ELECTRONIC TOPIARY SIGN - A sign consisting only of shrubs, grasses, flowers, ornamental plants and landscape elements that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC WALL SIGN - A sign erected on and entirely supported by the wall of a building with a sign face which projects no more than 0.60 metres from the wall that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ELECTRONIC WINDOW SIGN - A sign erected, painted, attached, etched, inscribed, or projected onto the inside or outside of any part of a window in a wall, a sign located within or in place of the glass of a window, or any other sign erected or displayed in a manner so as to be visible through the window from the exterior of the building that displays, in whole or in part, electronic static copy or electronic moving copy, but does not include a sign that forms part of a window display. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ERECT - Attach, affix, paint, post, project, construct, place, locate or install.

FENCE - A barrier, including one for noise attenuation, guard, railing, or any structure, except a structural part of a building, that wholly or partially screens from view, encloses or divides a yard or other land, or marks or substantially marks the boundary between adjoining land, and includes any hedge or shrub that has the same effect. **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**

FIRST PARTY SIGN - A sign which identifies, advertises, promotes or directs attention to a business, service or activity available at the premises where the sign is located and shall include a Development Sign. **[Amended 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011⁴]**

FIRST STOREY - The storey with the floor nearest to the average elevation of the surface of the ground where it meets the front wall of a building.

FRONTAGE - The linear length of a property which abuts a street line.

FUEL PUMP - A retail fuel dispensing machine.

FUEL PUMP SIGN - A sign erected or displayed on or attached to a fuel pump authorized by law.

GRADE - The average elevation of the surface of the ground where it meets the sign, the average elevation of the surface of the ground where it meets the structure on which the sign is erected,

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or the average elevation of the surface of the ground where it meets the wall of the building to which the sign is erected.

GROUND SIGN - A freestanding sign which is permanently affixed to the ground and not supported in any manner by a building.

HEIGHT - The vertical distance between grade and the highest point of a sign.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT - An area which is designated by a by-law passed by the City pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act as being an area of architectural or historical significance.

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. **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**

ILLUMINATION - The act of lighting up a sign by way of an artificial light source located within, on or external to the sign, the brightness and intensity of which are measured in lux and nits.

INTERACTIVE COPY - Sign copy which specifically changes so as to communicate directly with a particular observer.

KINGSTON SUBDIVISION - The area labelled "Kingston Subdivision" and designated as a U-Utility sign district, as provided for in Schedule A to this chapter, located in the easterly area of the City, running in an easterly and westerly direction, generally parallel with the Lake Ontario Shoreline. **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**

LISTED HERITAGE BUILDING - A building which has been identified by the City as being of architectural or historical significance.

MAINTENANCE - Anything done to preserve a sign or to prevent its deterioration but does not include the modification or restoration of a sign.

MAJOR STREET - Any street identified on Map 3, Right of Way Widths Associated with Existing Major Streets, of the City of Toronto Official Plan, as amended.

MANSARD ROOF - Any portion of a roof that has a pitch of 30 degrees or less when measured against a vertical plane.

MECHANICAL COPY - Sign copy which physically moves in whole or in part and shall include tri-vision sign copy.

MESSAGE DURATION - The period of time that sign copy is displayed on a sign face.

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MESSAGE TRANSITION - The period of time involved for each change of sign copy displayed on a sign face.

MODIFICATION - Any change to a sign and shall include a change in the manner in which sign copy is displayed, a change to the method by which the sign is illuminated, a change to the sign class and a change to the sign face area but shall not include the removal and replacement of sign copy displayed on the sign face.

NEWMARKET SUBDIVISION - The area labelled "Newmarket Subdivision" and designated as a U-Utility sign district, as provided for in Schedule A to this chapter, located in the westerly area of the City, running in a northerly and southerly direction and commencing near the intersection of Lansdowne Avenue through to Steeles Avenue West, between Keele Street and Dufferin Street, and shall include the abandoned railway corridor commonly known as "The Beltline Trail." **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**

NON-COMMERCIAL MESSAGING - Sign copy displayed on a sign face and related to identifying and informing the public of: charitable, cultural or community organizations; provincial, municipal or civic organizations; public service messages; emerging Council-approved initiatives; divisional and committee programs and services including programs and services offered by the City of Toronto's special purpose bodies, agencies, boards, commissions and corporations; and, City-sponsored and City-partnered events but shall not include political messaging. **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**

NURSING HOME - A residential building or the residential portion of a mixed-use building licensed as a nursing home under the Nursing Homes Act. **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**

OAKVILLE SUBDIVISION - The area labelled "Oakville Subdivision" and designated as a U-Utility sign district, as provided for in Schedule A to this chapter, located in the westerly area of the City, running in an easterly and westerly direction, generally parallel with the Lake Ontario Shoreline. **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**

OCCUPANCY - The use or intended use of a building, or part of a building, for the shelter or support of persons, animals or property. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

OFFICE BUILDING - A building used primarily for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, or government.

OFFICIAL SIGN - A sign required by and erected in accordance with any statute, regulation, or by-law of any federal or provincial government or agency, board or commission thereof, or the City.

OVERHANGING STRUCTURE - Structures which project more than 0.60 metre from the face of a wall and shall include but not be limited to awnings, canopies, marquees, cornices, chimney breasts, soffits, and any other lawfully permitted projection.

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OVERHANGING STRUCTURE SIGN - A sign erected on an overhanging structure.

PERSON - An individual, business, firm, body corporate, corporation, association, partnership, or municipality.

PLACE OF WORSHIP - That part of a building or structure that is exempt from taxation as a place of worship under the Assessment Act. **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**

PREMISES - A property and all buildings or structures thereon.

PROJECTED IMAGE SIGN - A sign which displays sign copy on the sign face, where the sign copy is projected onto the sign face from or by a source external to the sign or sign copy, and shall include all signs where sign copy is projected onto the sign face from or by a source which does not form a component of, or a source which is not permanently affixed to, the sign structure upon which the sign copy is displayed. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

PROJECTING SIGN - A sign erected on and entirely supported by the wall of a building and which projects more than 0.60 metre from the wall.

PROPERTY - A parcel of land which can be legally conveyed pursuant to the *Planning Act*.

PROPERTY LINE - The legal boundary of a property.

PROPERTY OWNER - The registered owner of a property.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY - A common and public highway owned by the City including any sidewalk, untravelled portion of the road allowance, bridge, trestle, viaduct, or other structure forming part of the highway and includes a portion of a highway.

READOGRAPH COPY - Sign copy which displays alphanumeric characters which is changed either manually or electronically.

RESIDENTIAL USE - The occupancy or use of a building, or part of a building, by persons for whom sleeping accommodation is provided but who are not harboured or detained there to receive medical care or treatment or who are not involuntarily detained there. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

RESTORATION - The repair of a sign in whole or in part but shall not include the removal or replacement of the sign.

ROOF SIGN - A sign located entirely on or above the roof of a building or located entirely on the top of or above the parapet wall of a building.

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. **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**

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SEGMENT DIFFERENCE - The numerical value in metres arising from subtracting the absolute value of the length in metres of two segments of the centre line. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

SIGN - Any device, fixture, or medium that displays sign copy to attract attention or convey information of any kind and shall include its supporting structure, sign face, lighting fixtures, and all other component parts.

SIGNAGE MASTER PLAN - A submission with drawings, text, and specifications setting out the specifics of the location, arrangement, type and design of signs to be erected on premises within a defined area.

SIGN CLASS - The classes of signs listed in § 694-4A of this chapter.

SIGN COPY - Any colour, graphic, logo, symbol, word, numeral, text, image, message, picture, or combination thereof displayed on a sign face.

SIGN DISTRICT - Any district established by this chapter for the regulation of signs.

SIGN FACE - The opaque, transparent, or translucent surface of a sign upon, against, or through which the sign copy is displayed including any frame or border and shall also include the portion of any surface upon which a sign is projected or painted.

SIGN FACE AREA - The area, as measured in square metres, within the perimeter of the sign face, or in the case of individually installed letters or like sign components, the total area within the outermost perimeter bounding the limit of all the individual components.

SIGN FACE BOTTOM - The vertical distance between grade and the lowest point of a sign face. **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014]**

SIGN FACE MIDPOINT - The point of intersection of the bisecting line and centre line which would result in the centre line being divided into two segments with the smallest segment difference. **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014]**

SIGN FACE TOP - The vertical distance between grade and the highest point of a sign face. **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014]**

SIGN OWNER - Any person who owns a sign.

SIGN PERMIT - The approval granted by the Chief Building Official authorizing the erection, display, modification, or restoration of a sign in compliance with this chapter.

SIGN TYPE - The types of signs listed in § 694-4B of this chapter.

SMOG ALERT - A smog alert issued by the Medical Officer of Health.

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STATIC COPY - Sign copy that is fixed and does not move in any manner.

STOREY - The portion of a building situated between the top of any floor and the top of the floor next above it, or if there is no such floor, the roof next above it.

STREET - A highway as defined in subsection 3(1) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006.

STREET LINE - The line dividing a street and a property.

THIRD PARTY SIGN - A sign which advertises, promotes, or directs attention to businesses, goods, services, matters, or activities that are not available at or related to the premises where the sign is located.

TOPIARY SIGN - A sign consisting only of shrubs, grasses, flowers, ornamental plants and landscape elements.

TOPIARY SIGN COPY - shall include living plants, grasses, shrubs, flowers or other landscaping elements, but shall not include artificial plants, grasses, shrubs or flowers. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

TOPIARY WALL SIGN - a sign erected on the wall of a building that displays only Topiary Sign Copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

TRI-VISION SIGN COPY - Sign copy which rotates in three successive stages.

VISIBILITY ZONE - The area within three metres of the outermost points of a vehicular ingress or egress of a property where it intersects with a street.

WALL - Any exterior surface of a building extending from the ground to the roof or parapet wall and shall include a mansard roof but shall not include windows.

WALL SIGN - A sign erected on and entirely supported by the wall of a building with a sign face which projects no more than 0.60 metre from the wall.

WARD COUNCILLOR - The councillor for the ward containing the premises upon which a sign is or is proposed to be erected or displayed.

WESTON SUBDIVISION - The area labelled "Weston Subdivision" and designated as a U-Utility sign district, as provided for in Schedule A to this Chapter, located in the westerly area of the City, running in a north-westerly and south-easterly direction and commencing near the F.G. Gardiner Expressway between Bathurst Street and Dufferin Street, through to north of Highway 409. **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**

WINDOW SIGN - A sign erected, painted, attached, etched, inscribed, or projected onto the inside or outside of any part of a window in a wall, a sign located within or in place of the glass of a window, or any other sign erected or displayed in a manner so as to be visible through the

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window from the exterior of the building but does not include a sign that forms part of a window display.

§ 694-2. Scope.

- A. This chapter is intended to regulate all signs in the City with the exception of the following:
- (1) Signs governed by Article II, Election Signs, Article III, Temporary Signs, Article IV, Posters on Public Property, and Article V, Destination Signage on City Highways of Chapter 693, Signs; **[Amended 2010-08-27 by By-law 1074-2010; 2017-01-31 by By-law 101-2017]**
 - (2) Signs erected or displayed wholly within the public right of way on structures, elements, or fixtures provided by or on behalf of the City and governed by an agreement with the City;
 - (3) Banner signs and pennants erected or displayed in accordance with an approval granted by the City's Transportation Services Division;
 - (4) Signs erected or displayed by the Toronto Transit Commission to identify transit stops;
 - (5) Signs associated with special events and functions erected or displayed in accordance with an approval granted by the City's Economic Development and Culture Division;
 - (6) Signs expressly permitted under a film permit issued in accordance with Chapter 459, Filming;
 - (7) A sign within a building other than a window sign;
 - (8) Signs regulating traffic; and
 - (9) Official signs.
- B. This chapter shall apply to signs erected, displayed, or substantially altered on or after the day this chapter comes into force.
- C. This chapter shall not apply to a sign that was lawfully erected or displayed on the day this chapter comes into force provided the sign is not substantially altered.
- D. Any sign by-law passed by the City and still in effect prior to the day this chapter comes into force shall remain in effect but shall apply only to signs that were lawfully erected or displayed on the day this chapter comes into force provided the signs are not substantially altered.

§ 694-3. Administration.

- A. The Chief Building Official shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

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- B. The Chief Building Official shall collect the information required by this chapter specifically for the purpose of creating and maintaining a record available to the general public.

§ 694-4. Sign classes and types.

- A. For the purpose of this chapter, all signs are designated as belonging to one of the following sign classes:
- (1) First party signs; or
 - (2) Third party signs.
- B. For the purpose of this chapter, all signs are designated as belonging to one of the following sign types: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) Fuel pump signs;
 - (2) Ground signs;
 - (3) Overhanging structure signs;
 - (4) Projecting signs;
 - (5) Roof signs;
 - (6) Topiary signs;
 - (7) Window signs; or
 - (8) Wall signs.
 - (9) Electronic Fuel Pump signs;
 - (10) Electronic Ground signs;
 - (11) Electronic Overhanging Structure signs;
 - (12) Electronic Projecting signs;
 - (13) Electronic Roof signs;
 - (14) Electronic Topiary signs;
 - (15) Electronic Window signs;
 - (16) Electronic Wall signs;
 - (17) Projected Image signs; and
 - (18) Topiary Wall Signs.

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Sign Permit Regulations

§ 694-5. Permits.

- A. No person shall erect, display, modify, or restore or cause to be erected, displayed, modified or restored any sign within the City without first obtaining a sign permit from the Chief Building Official pursuant to this chapter.
- B. No sign permit shall be issued until approvals have been obtained, where applicable, from the following:
 - (1) Ontario Ministry of Transportation;
 - (2) Toronto and Region Conservation Authority;
 - (3) City's General Manager, Transportation Services, in accordance with § 694-17 of this chapter;
 - (4) City's Heritage Preservation Services, City Planning;
 - (5) City's Tree Preservation Services, Parks Forestry and Recreation; and
 - (6) The Chief Building Official, pursuant to the *Building Code Act, 1992*.
- C. No person shall erect, display, modify, or restore, or cause to be erected, displayed, modified, or restored any sign that does not comply in all respects with the provisions of this chapter.
- D. The applicant for a sign permit shall file with the City the information and documents required for the applicable sign class in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official and a written declaration that the consent of the property owner to erect, display, modify or restore the sign has been obtained, and the applicant shall pay the fee prescribed in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges.
- E. No sign permit shall be issued unless the proposed sign complies in all respects with this chapter.
- F. No sign permit shall be issued unless all applicable fees have been paid.

§ 694-6. Exemption from permit requirements.

- A. The following signs are permitted and may be erected, displayed, modified or restored in all sign districts without obtaining a sign permit under this chapter provided they comply in all other respects with the provisions of this chapter:
 - (1) A first party ground sign, overhanging structure sign, projecting sign, roof sign, topiary sign, window sign, topiary wall sign, or wall sign the primary purpose of which is not to identify a business located on the premises on which the sign is erected, where the sign face area does not exceed 0.6 square metre; [**Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015**]
 - (2) A first party topiary sign provided: [**Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015**]

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- (a) The height shall not exceed 0.6 metres;
 - (b) A minimum of 75 percent of sign face area of the sign shall display topiary sign copy consisting of living plants, grasses, shrubs or flowers; and
 - (c) The sign face area does not exceed 20 square metres.
- (3) A ground sign, overhanging structure sign, projecting sign, roof sign, topiary sign, window sign, topiary wall sign or wall sign erected by a charitable, cultural or community organization or BIA for the purpose of advertising events held or sponsored by such organization provided: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (a) The sign face area does not exceed 10.0 square metres; and
 - (b) The sign is removed immediately upon completion of the event.
- (4) A flag, banner, or emblem of a country, province, municipality or civic, educational, or religious organizations or institutions, and such signs may be permitted to move;
- (5) A ground sign, overhanging structure sign, projecting sign, roof sign, topiary sign, window sign, topiary wall sign or wall sign identifying any matters of memorial, commemorative or historical interest provided the sign face area does not exceed 2.0 square metres; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (6) A ground sign, overhanging structure sign, projecting sign, roof sign, topiary sign, window sign, topiary wall sign or wall sign displaying the name of the owner, contractor, consultant or any other party affiliated with the ongoing construction or demolition of a building provided the sign is removed immediately upon the completion or discontinuation thereof and the sign face area does not exceed 5.2 square metres; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (7) Fuel pump signs and electronic fuel pump signs provided the total sign face area of all such signs on the premises does not exceed 0.5 square metres; and **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (8) A first party window sign, other than in an R or RA sign district, provided:
- (a) The total sign face area of all such signs shall not exceed 25 percent of the area of the window excluding its frame;
 - (b) The sign shall not be located above the second storey of a building; and
 - (c) Notwithstanding Subsection A(8)(b), the sign shall not be located above the third storey of a building in the Chinatown Special Sign District.
- (9) A non-illuminated wall sign on a hospital advertising a fundraising event for that hospital provided: **[Added 2010-08-27 by By-law 1073-2010]**
- (a) The sign has a maximum sign face area of 100 square metres or 20 percent of the wall area where the sign is located, whichever is lesser;
 - (b) The sign shall display static copy only;

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- (c) The sign shall be erected or displayed for no more than 90 days; and
- (d) Only one such sign shall be erected or displayed per calendar year.

§ 694-7. Abandoned sign permit applications.

- A. Where an application for a sign permit remains inactive or incomplete for six months after it is submitted, the Chief Building Official, without further notice, may deem the application to have been abandoned and cancel the application.
- B. Where an application for a sign permit is abandoned, the application fee is not refundable.

§ 694-8. Scope of permit.

- A. The issuance of a sign permit pursuant to this chapter shall not be used as or construed as an approval or permission for any matter not regulated by this chapter or as a substitute for any approval or permission required by law including a building permit.

§ 694-9. Expiration of sign permit.

- A. Every sign permit issued by the Chief Building Official for the erection, display, modification or restoration of a first party sign expires and is null and void where the business, product, activity or service to which the first party sign relates ceases to operate or is no longer available at the premises where the sign is located.
- B. Every sign permit issued by the Chief Building Official for the erection or display of a third party sign shall expire five years from the date of issuance and is null and void on its expiry date.
- C. Notwithstanding Subsection B, where a third party sign is removed within five years of the date of issuance of the sign permit authorizing its erection or display, the sign permit shall expire on the date the sign is removed and is null and void on its expiry date.
- D. A permit to modify or restore a third party sign expires on the same date as the original permit for the erection or display of the sign in accordance with Subsections B and C.
- E. Where a sign permit has expired, the sign owner shall immediately remove the sign from the premises and in the case of a third party sign, the sign owner shall also remove the identifier required by § 694-22B of this chapter.
- F. Notwithstanding Subsection A, every sign permit issued by the Chief Building Official for the erection or display of a development sign shall expire one year from the date of issuance and is null and void on its expiry date. **[Added 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011⁵]**

⁵ Editor's Note: This By-law came into force January 1, 2012.

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- G. A permit to modify or restore a development sign expires on the same date as the original permit for the erection or display of the sign in accordance with Subsection F. **[Added 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011⁶]**
- H. Notwithstanding Subsection A, every sign permit issued by the Chief Building Official for the erection, display, modification or restoration of a first party electronic wall sign or electronic ground sign as permitted by Subsection 21C(7) and (8) expires and is null and void where less than 10 separate occupancies are operating to provide businesses, products, activities or services at the premises where the sign is located. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

§ 694-9.1. Renewal of permits for development signs. [Added 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011⁷]

- A. Prior to the expiry of a sign permit for a development sign, an application may be submitted to the Chief Building Official to renew the sign permit for a further period of one year provided no modifications or restorations are proposed to the sign.
- B. Where a modification or restoration to a development sign is proposed, an application shall be submitted to the Chief Building Official for a new sign permit pursuant to § 694-5 of this chapter.

§ 694-10. Renewal of permits for third party signs.

- A. Prior to the expiry of a sign permit for a third party sign, an application may be submitted to the Chief Building Official to renew the sign permit for a further period of five years provided no modifications or restorations are proposed to the sign.
- B. Where a modification or restoration to a third party sign is proposed, an application shall be submitted to the Chief Building Official for a new sign permit pursuant to § 694-5 of this chapter.
- C. The applicant for a renewal of a sign permit for a third party sign shall file with the City the information and documents in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official and shall pay the fee prescribed in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges.
- D. A third party sign permit shall only be renewed if the sign continues to comply in all respects with this chapter.
- E. Notwithstanding Subsection D, where an application is made to renew a permit for a third party sign which no longer complies with § 694-22D because a variance or by-law amendment was granted by the City permitting the erection of another third party sign, the sign permit shall be renewed.

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§ 694-11. Transfer of permit.

- A. Where a sign permit for a third party sign has been transferred by the sign owner to a new sign owner, the new sign owner shall provide written notification of the transfer to the City in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official and shall pay the fee prescribed in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges.

§ 694-12. Inspection.

- A. The Chief Building Official may enter upon or into any premises at any reasonable time to inspect a sign for the purpose of determining whether it complies with any sign permit and the provisions of this chapter.
- B. A sign owner shall provide the Chief Building Official with 48 hours' advance notice of the erection, modification or restoration of a sign for which a sign permit has been issued.
- C. A sign owner shall provide the Chief Building Official with notice of the completion of the erection, modification, or restoration of a sign for which a sign permit has been issued within 48 hours thereof.

§ 694-13. Revocation.

- A. The Chief Building Official may revoke a sign permit where:
- (1) The erection, display, modification, or restoration of the sign authorized by the sign permit has not, in the opinion of the Chief Building Official, been seriously commenced within six months of the date of the issuance of the sign permit;
 - (2) The erection, display, modification, or restoration of the sign authorized by the sign permit has not, in the opinion of the Chief Building Official, been substantially completed within 12 months of the date of the issuance of the sign permit;
 - (3) The sign permit was issued on mistaken, false, or incorrect information;
 - (4) The sign permit was issued in error;
 - (5) The sign owner requests in writing that the sign permit be revoked;
 - (6) Any fees due under this chapter have not been paid;
 - (7) A notice of violation has been issued by the Chief Building Official under § 694-28 and the sign has not been brought into compliance with this chapter within 14 days;
 - (8) Any required approval obtained as listed in § 694-5B of this chapter has been revoked, rescinded or retracted; or
 - (9) The sign permit was issued on the basis of a variance from this chapter granted with conditions under § 694-30 and there has not been compliance with a condition imposed, or a condition has been breached.

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- B. Before revoking a sign permit, the Chief Building Official shall provide the sign owner and any other person as the Chief Building Official deems appropriate with written notice of his or her intention to revoke the sign permit.
- C. A notice under Subsection B shall be served personally or by ordinary mail to the recipient's last known address, and if the notice is served by ordinary mail, it shall be deemed to have been served on the fifth day after the day of mailing.
- D. A sign owner or any other person to whom notice was served under Subsection B may, within 21 days from the date of service of the notice, request in writing that the Chief Building Official not revoke the sign permit and shall include therein the reasons for the request.
- E. When a request is made pursuant to Subsection D that the sign permit not be revoked, the Chief Building Official shall consider the reasons provided in the request and any other considerations he or she deems appropriate and shall thereafter provide the requestor with his or her decision in writing.
- F. The decision of the Chief Building Official in Subsection E shall be served personally or by ordinary mail to the requestor's last known address, and if the decision is served by ordinary mail, it shall be deemed to have been served on the fifth day after the day of mailing.
- G. Where no written request is made pursuant to Subsection D within 30 days from the date of service of notice of the intention to revoke a sign permit and the ground for revocation continues to exist, the Chief Building Official may proceed to revoke the sign permit.
- H. Where the Chief Building Official revokes a sign permit, written notice of the revocation shall be provided to the sign owner and any other person as the Chief Building Official deems appropriate.
- I. Notice of the revocation of a sign permit shall be served personally or by ordinary mail to the recipient's last known address, and if the notice is served by ordinary mail, it shall be deemed to have been served on the fifth day after the day of mailing.
- J. Where the Chief Building Official has revoked a sign permit, the sign owner shall immediately remove the sign and, where applicable, the identifier required by § 694-22B.

ARTICLE III
Sign Regulations and Requirements

§ 694-14. General regulations.

- A. Where this chapter requires a sign to be erected or displayed a minimum distance from another sign or a sign district, no part of the sign shall be located within the applicable minimum distance.
- B. Where a property is located in more than one sign district, the provisions applicable to the sign district where the sign is to be located shall apply.

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- C. No sign shall move, in whole or in part, unless otherwise expressly permitted by this chapter.
- D. No sign or sign copy shall be projected onto a building or any other surface from or by a source external to the sign or sign copy unless otherwise expressly permitted by this chapter.
- E. Signs shall display only static copy unless otherwise expressly permitted by this chapter.
- F. A sign displaying electronic moving copy or electronic static copy shall be designed so as to cease operating in the case of a malfunction.
- G. Where this chapter requires the sign face area to be calculated as a percentage of the area of the wall of a building, the area of the wall shall include the windows located therein.
- H. There shall be a minimum vertical clearance of 2.5 metres from the ground, sidewalk or walkway to the lowest point of an overhanging structure sign, electronic overhanging structure sign, projecting sign, electronic projecting sign, or topiary wall sign located above. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- I. Where this chapter permits a sign to display electronic static copy, the following requirements shall be met: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (1) The message duration shall not be less than 1.0 minute for a first party sign, and 10 seconds for a third party sign;
 - (2) The message transition shall not exceed 1.0 second;
 - (3) During the message transition the sign shall not include any other visible effects, including but not limited to motion, dissolving, blinking, intermittent or flashing light or the illusion of such effects;
 - (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), during the message transition the sign may fade or otherwise gradually transition the illumination level of the electronic static copy displayed; and
 - (5) The difference between the level of illumination of electronic static copy displayed on a sign and the level of illumination of electronic static copy displayed immediately preceding the electronic static copy shall be no greater than 25 percent of the average illumination of the immediately preceding electronic static copy throughout the entirety of the message duration.
- J. Where this chapter permits a sign to display readograph copy and the readograph copy is changed electronically, the following requirements shall be met:
 - (1) The message duration shall not be less than 10 seconds;
 - (2) The message transition shall not exceed 1.0 second; and
 - (3) During the message transition, the sign shall not display any visible effects, including but not limited to action, motion, fading, dissolving, blinking, intermittent, or flashing light or the illusion of such effects.

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- K. An electronic fuel pump sign is permitted provided: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) The sign shall only be erected or displayed on top of the fuel pump;
 - (2) There shall be no more than one such sign on each fuel pump;
 - (3) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.2 square metres;
 - (4) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
 - (5) The height shall not exceed 2.5 metres;
 - (6) The sign shall display electronic static copy or electronic moving copy only;
 - (7) The sign shall not face a street except where the sign is obstructed such that it is not visible from the street or except where the sign is set back a minimum of 12.0 metres from the street; and
 - (8) Notwithstanding Subsections K(2) and O(2), the total number of electronic fuel pump signs and fuel pump signs erected or displayed on the premises shall not exceed 50 percent of the total number of fuel pumps located on the premises.
- L. No development signs shall be located in, or projected over, in whole or in part, a public right of way. **[Added 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011⁸]**
- M. Where this chapter requires a distance to be measured from the intersection of two streets, the intersection of two streets will be deemed to be the closest point where: **[Added 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**
- (1) The street lines of two streets meet to form an interior angle of 135 degrees or less; or
 - (2) Where one street bends to create an interior angle of 135 degrees or less between the segments of the street line of the street.
- N. Where this chapter requires a distance to be measured from the intersection of two street lines, the intersection of two streets will be deemed to be the closest point where: **[Added 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**
- (1) The two street lines meet to form an interior angle of 135 degrees or less; or
 - (2) Where one street bends to create an interior angle of 135 degrees or less between the segments of the street line of the street.

⁸ Editor's Note: This By-law came into force January 1, 2012.

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- O. For purposes of § 694-26I(4)(f): **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014]**
- (1) The term "face" shall be deemed to include the situation where any portion of a premises is contained within the display zone; and
 - (2) The radius for the display zone shall be established as 250 metres plus the measurement in metres of the larger segment of the centre line.
- P. A fuel pump sign is permitted provided: **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) The sign shall only be erected or displayed on top of the fuel pump;
 - (2) There shall be no more than one such sign on each fuel pump;
 - (3) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.2 square metre;
 - (4) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
 - (5) The height shall not exceed 2.5 metres;
 - (6) The sign shall display static copy or mechanical copy only;
 - (7) The sign shall not face a street except where the sign is obstructed such that it is not visible from the street or except where the sign is set back a minimum of 12.0 metres from the street; and
 - (8) Notwithstanding Subsections K(2) and O(2), the total number of electronic fuel pump signs and fuel pump signs erected or displayed on the premises shall not exceed 50 percent of the total number of fuel pumps located on the premises.
- Q. For purposes of Subsections 694-25A, C and D, the term "facing" shall be deemed to include the situation where any portion of a premises are contained within the display zone and the radius for the display zone shall be established as 250 metres plus the measurement in metres of the larger segment of the centre line. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- R. No sign shall be located in a visibility zone. **[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**

§ 694-15. Prohibited signs.

- A. Anything not expressly permitted by this chapter is prohibited.
- B. The following are expressly prohibited:
- (1) A sign erected on a tree or a fence;
 - (2) A roof sign, except a first party roof sign included in a Signage Master Plan consisting solely of first party signs, or a roof sign located in the Dundas Square Special Sign District; **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013; 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**
 - (3) A sign erected on a parked vehicle or trailer where the primary purpose of the vehicle or trailer is the display of the sign;

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- (4) A sign erected on a vehicular, railway or pedestrian bridge;
 - (5) A sign which obstructs or interferes in any way with the use of any fire escape, fire exit, door, flue, air intake, exhaust, or required parking space or window, but shall not include a window sign permitted by this chapter;
 - (6) A sign which interferes with any electrical or telephone wires or associated supports;
 - (7) A sign emitting sound or odour;
 - (8) A sign discharging any gas, liquid, or solid;
 - (9) A sign containing interactive copy;
 - (10) Reserved⁹.
 - (11) An electronic roof sign, except a first party electronic roof sign included in a Signage Master Plan consisting solely of first party signs, or an electronic roof sign located in the Dundas Square Special Sign District. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015; amended 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**
- C. Notwithstanding § 694-15B, third party roof signs and third party electronic roof signs are permitted in the Dundas Square Special Sign District. **[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**

§ 694-16. Maintenance.

- A. The sign owner shall ensure that the sign is maintained in good condition and that the sign does not become unsafe, structurally unsound, or dangerous.

§ 694-17. Approval from Transportation Services.

- A. No person shall erect or display, or cause to be erected or displayed, the following signs without first having obtained written approval from the General Manager, Transportation Services:
- (1) Any sign located, in whole or in part, in a public right of way;
 - (2) Any sign which projects, in whole or in part, over a public right of way; and
 - (3) Any topiary wall sign, overhanging structure sign, projecting sign, electronic overhanging structure sign, or electronic projecting sign located within 30 metres of the intersection of two streets where the flow of traffic is controlled by traffic lights. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

§ 694-18. Illumination.

- A. No first party sign shall be illuminated at any time when a smog alert is in effect.

⁹ Editor's Note: Subsection (10) was deleted July 15, 2016 by By-law 767-2016.

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- B. All first party signs shall cease to be illuminated within four hours of the issuance of the smog alert.
- C. No sign shall be illuminated during the following time periods: [**Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015**]
- (1) Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. where the sign is located in an R sign district, except where:
 - (a) The sign is a first party sign associated with a lawful business which operates during this period, and only while the business is actually in operation;
 - (2) Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. where the sign is located in an RA sign district, except where:
 - (a) The sign is a first party sign associated with a lawful business which operates during this period, and only while the business is actually in operation; or
 - (b) Subject to the requirements of subsection (4), the sign is a first party sign authorized to be displayed under Subsections 694-21B(2), (3) or (4);
 - (3) Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. where the sign is located within 30 metres of a premises in an R sign district, except where:
 - (a) The sign is a first party sign associated with a lawful business which operates during this period, and only while the business is actually in operation; or
 - (b) The sign is located in the Downtown Yonge Street Special Sign District, the Dundas Square Special Sign District, or a premises designated as "C", "E" or "U" within the Gardiner Gateway Special Sign District as set out in Schedule A.
 - (4) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except where:
 - (a) The sign is a first party sign associated with a lawful business which operates during this period and only while the business is actually in operation; or
 - (b) The sign is located in the Downtown Yonge Street Special Sign District, the Dundas Square Special Sign District, or a premises designated as "C", "E" or "U" within the Gardiner Gateway Special Sign District as set out in Schedule A.
- D. Subsections A, B and C shall not apply to the following:

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- (1) Hospitals, emergency treatment facilities and blood banks;
- (2) Telephone exchanges;
- (3) Power generating stations and electrical substations;
- (4) Control centres for land transportation;
- (5) Public transit facilities;
- (6) Public water treatment and storage facilities;
- (7) Water and sewage pumping stations;
- (8) Emergency response facilities;
- (9) Fire, rescue, and police stations;
- (10) Storage facilities for vehicles or boats used for fire, rescue and police purposes; and
- (11) Communication facilities, including radio and television stations.

E. Unless otherwise expressly prohibited by this chapter, all signs may be illuminated provided the following requirements are met:

- (1) The sign shall not be up-lit;
- (2) The light shall not project onto any adjacent premises located in an R, RA, CR, I, or OS sign district;
- (3) The illumination shall not increase the light levels within 10.0 metres of all points of the sign face by more than 3.0 lux above the ambient lighting level; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (4) The illumination shall not exceed 5,000 nits during the period between sunrise and sunset; and
- (5) The illumination shall not exceed 300 nits during the period between sunset and sunrise. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

§ 694-19. Sign districts.

A. For the purposes of this chapter, the following sign districts are established as set out in Schedule A at the end of this chapter:

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| (1) | R | Residential District |
| (2) | RA | Residential Apartment District |
| (3) | C | Commercial District |
| (4) | CR | Commercial Residential District |
| (5) | E | Employment District |
| (6) | EIO | Employment Industrial Office District |

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- (7) I Institutional District
- (8) U Utility District
- (9) OS Open Space District
- (10) DYS-SSD Downtown Yonge Street Special Sign District
- (11) DS-SSD Dundas Square Special Sign District
- (12) CHNPS-SSD City Hall and Nathan Philips Square Special Sign District
- (13) UA-SSD University Avenue Special Sign District
- (14) GG-SSD Gardiner Gateway Special Sign District
- (15) CT-SSD Chinatown Special Sign District
- (16) ED-SSD Entertainment District Special Sign District
[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]

B. The sign district designation applying to a property reflected in Schedule A shall extend to the centre line of any streets which the property abuts.

§ 694-20. First party general sign regulations.

- A. First party signs may advertise, promote, or direct attention to goods available at the premises where the sign is located provided: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) in the case of a fuel pump sign, ground sign, wall sign, window sign, overhanging structure sign, roof sign, topiary wall sign or topiary sign, the portion of the sign copy which advertises, promotes, or directs attention to goods available at the premises does not exceed 30 percent of the sign face area; and
 - (2) in the case of an electronic wall sign, electronic window sign, electronic ground sign, and electronic overhanging structure sign the portion of the sign copy which advertises, promotes, or directs attention to goods available at the premises does not exceed 30 percent of the sign face area.
- B. Notwithstanding Subsection A, in the case of: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) a projecting sign or electronic projecting sign, the portion of the sign copy which advertises, promotes, or directs attention to goods available at the premises may equal 100 percent of the total sign face area; and
 - (2) an electronic fuel pump sign, electronic roof sign, electronic topiary sign, or projected image sign may not advertise, promote, or direct attention to goods available at the premises.

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- C. The total sign face area of all first party wall signs, topiary wall signs, window signs, overhanging structure signs, electronic wall signs, electronic window signs, and electronic overhanging structure signs erected at the first storey of a building shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected and from which the overhanging structures project. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- D. The total sign face area of all first party wall signs, topiary wall signs, window signs, overhanging structure signs, electronic wall signs, electronic window signs, and electronic overhanging structure signs erected at the second storey of a building shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected and from which the overhanging structures project. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- E. Up to 50 percent of the sign face area of a first party ground sign located on a premise in RA, C, CR, E, EIO, I, or U Sign District may contain readograph copy to a maximum of 5.0 square metres. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- F. Up to 30 percent of the sign face area of a first party wall sign located on a premises in a C or CR sign district may contain readograph copy to a maximum of 5.0 square metres.
- G. Notwithstanding §§ 694-20A and 694-21, the following ground signs and electronic ground signs associated with a drive-through facility permitted by the City's applicable Zoning By-law are permitted in each drive-through lane: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) An electronic ground sign, provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.7 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 2.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign displays electronic static copy or electronic moving copy but not both; and
 - (d) No more than one electronic ground sign shall be erected.
 - (2) A ground sign for the purpose of providing information about the products or services of the drive-through facility provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 6.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 3.0 metres; and
 - (c) No more than one such sign shall be erected.

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- (3) A ground sign for the purpose of providing information about the products or services of the drive-through facility provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 1.8 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 2.5 metres; and
 - (c) No more than one such sign shall be erected.

- (4) A ground sign for the purpose of providing direction to a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a drive-through facility provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.5 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 1.5 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (d) There shall be no more than one such sign erected at each point of vehicular ingress and egress to the drive-through facility; and
 - (e) No more than two such signs shall be erected.

- H. Notwithstanding Subsections A, B, C, D, E, F and § 694-21, the following development signs are permitted on a premises: **[Added 2011-12-01 by By-law 1382-2011¹⁰]**
 - (1) A ground sign provided:
 - (a) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (b) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 7.0 metres;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of any property line;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines;
 - (f) The sign shall be erected or displayed on premises containing the development to which the sign relates, or on premises located within 750 metres of the premises containing the development to which the sign relates; and
 - (g) There shall be no more than two such signs on the premises.

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- (2) A projecting sign provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) The sign shall not be erected closer than 6.0 metres, measured horizontally from any point on the sign, from another projecting sign on the same premises;
 - (c) The sign shall not project more than 1.0 m from the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (d) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (e) Where the sign has two sign faces, the sign faces shall be back to back;
 - (f) Each sign face shall be perpendicular to the wall of the building on which the sign is erected;
 - (g) The sign face area shall not exceed 2.0 square metres; and
 - (h) The sign shall be erected or displayed on premises containing the development to which the sign relates, or on premises located within 750 metres of the premises containing the development to which the sign relates.
- (3) A wall sign provided:
- (a) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the first or second storey shall not exceed 50 percent of the area of the wall at the first or second storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the premises; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (b) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected above the second storey shall not exceed the lesser of: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - [1] 20 percent of the area of the wall above the second storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the premises; or
 - [2] 100 square metres less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the premises;
 - (c) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building;
 - (d) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (e) The sign shall be erected or displayed on premises containing the development to which the sign relates, or on premises located within 750 metres of the premises containing the development to which the sign relates; and

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- (f) There shall be no more than three such signs per building elevation on the building located on the premises.
- I. First party signs are permitted to display the following: **[Added 2010-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) static copy; or
 - (2) topiary sign copy; or
 - (3) readograph copy.
- J. Notwithstanding Subsection E, and § 694-21, the following first party signs are permitted on a premises: **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) A ground sign on a premises other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection 694-21H(1), or a ground sign permitted by Subsection 694-21H(2) provided:
 - (a) There shall be no more than one such sign erected on the premises;
 - (b) The sign shall be erected on a premises containing a community centre;
 - (c) The premises is not an R-sign district;
 - (d) The premises contain does not contain a ground sign permitted by Subsections 694-21A(4), C(3), D(3), E(3), F(3), G(2), H(2), or I(3);
 - (e) The sign face area shall not exceed the greater of 3.0 square metres or 1.0 square metre for each 100 metres of frontage;
 - (f) The height shall not exceed 1.5 metres for each 3.0 square metres of sign face area;
 - (g) The sign shall display static and readograph copy only;
 - (h) The sign face area displaying readograph copy shall not exceed the lessor of 50 percent of the sign face area; or 5.0 square metres;
 - (i) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (j) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of any property line; and
 - (k) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines.

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- K. Signs located on a premises in an R sign district, which are permitted by Subsections 694-21A(4), or 694-21A(5), may contain readograph copy. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- L. Up to 30 percent of the sign face area of a first party electronic ground sign located on a premises in a C or E sign district may contain electronic static copy to a maximum of 5.0 square metres. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- M. Up to 30 percent of the sign face area of a first party electronic wall sign located on a premises in a C or E sign district sign district may contain electronic copy to a maximum of 5.0 square metres. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- N. Where a first party sign displays topiary sign copy, a minimum of 75 percent of the sign face area displaying topiary sign copy, must comprise topiary sign copy consisting of living plants, grasses, shrubs, or flowers. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

§ 694-21. District-specific first party sign regulations.

- A. A R-Residential sign district may contain the following:
 - (1) A wall sign identifying a home occupation permitted by the City's applicable Zoning By-law provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.3 square metre;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 3.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
 - (d) There shall be no more than one sign for each home occupation located in the building on which the sign is erected; and
 - (e) The sign shall not be illuminated.
 - (2) An overhanging structure sign identifying a school, place of worship, hospital, nursing home or community centre provided: **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**
 - (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

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- (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: **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**
- (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: **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010; amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (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 5.0 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;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines; and
 - (g) The sign may display readograph copy provided:
 - [1] readograph copy does not exceed the lesser of 50 percent of the sign face area or 4.0 square metres; and
 - [2] readograph copy shall be displayed and changed manually only.
- (5) A wall sign on a premises containing a school, place of worship, hospital, nursing home or community centre provided: **[Added 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010]**
- (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 less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (c) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and

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- (d) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (e) The sign may display readograph copy provided: **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - [1] readograph copy does not exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the sign face area or 4.0 square metres; and
 - [2] readograph copy shall be displayed and changed manually only.

B. A RA-Residential Apartment sign district may contain the following:

[Amended 2010-07-08 by By-law 857-2010; 2018-05-24 by By-law 657-2018]

- (1) Any sign permitted in an R-Residential sign district as set out in Subsection A;
- (2) A ground sign erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises providing direction 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 at each point of vehicular ingress and egress to the premises.
- (3) A ground sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 1.5 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 2.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (d) There shall be no more than one such sign erected at each frontage;
 - (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 from the intersection of two street lines.
- (4) A wall sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 2.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 3.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
 - (d) The sign shall only be erected on a wall facing a street;
 - (e) The total sign face area of 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

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are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; and **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

- (f) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the second storey shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

C. A C-Commercial sign district may contain the following:

- (1) An overhanging structure sign provided:
 - (a) The sign shall not be erected on an overhanging structure located above the second storey of a building;
 - (b) Where the overhanging structure is located at the first storey of a building, 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) Where the overhanging structure is located at the second storey of a building, the total sign face area of all signs erected on any part of the overhanging structure shall not exceed 25 percent of the external surface area of that part of the overhanging structure;
 - (d) Subsections C(1)(b) and (c) do not apply where the sign is displayed in whole or in part above, below, or extending beyond the overhanging structure;
 - (e) 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
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall from which the overhanging structure projects.
- (2) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises 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.
- (3) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection C(2), provided:
 - (a) There shall be no more than one ground sign or one electronic ground sign per frontage; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

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- (b) Notwithstanding Subsection C(3)(a), where a frontage exceeds 200 metres, two signs may be erected provided they are separated by a distance of 100 metres;
 - (c) 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 20.0 square metres;
 - (d) The height shall not exceed:
 - [1] 3.5 metres when erected at a frontage less than or equal to 20 metres;
 - [2] 5.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 20 metres but less than or equal to 30 metres;
 - [3] 6.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 30 metres but less than or equal to 40 metres;
 - [4] 8.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 40 metres but less than or equal to 60 metres; or
 - [5] 10.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 60 metres;
 - (e) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of any property line; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines.
- (4) A wall sign displaying the logo or corporate symbol of a business located on the premises provided: **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**
- (a) The sign shall only be erected on an office building containing 10 or more storeys;
 - (b) There shall be no more than one sign erected on each wall of a building to a maximum of two signs;
 - (c) The sign shall only be erected on the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse, or parapet wall of a building;
 - (d) The sign face area shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse or parapet wall on which the sign is erected; and
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (5) A wall sign, other than a sign displaying a logo or corporate symbol permitted by Subsection C(4), provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) Where erected at the first storey, the height shall not exceed 1.5 times the vertical distance between grade and the top boundary of the first storey of the

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building wall upon which the sign is located, and the sign shall not extend above the sill of the lowest window at the second storey of the wall on which the sign is erected; **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**

- (c) The total sign face area of 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;
 - (d) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the second storey shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected;
 - (e) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (6) A projecting sign provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) The sign shall not project more than 1.0 m from the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (d) Where the sign has two sign faces, the sign faces shall be back to back;
 - (e) Each sign face shall be perpendicular to the wall of the building on which the sign is erected;
 - (f) The sign face area shall not exceed 1.0 square metre; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected closer than 6.0 metres, measured horizontally from any point on the sign, from another projecting sign on the same premises.
- (7) An electronic wall sign provided: **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) Where erected at the first storey, the height shall not exceed 1.5 times the vertical distance between grade and the top boundary of the first storey of the building wall upon which the sign is located, and the sign shall not extend above the sill of the lowest window at the second storey of the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (c) The total sign face area of all electronic wall sign erected at the first storey shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the electronic wall sign are erected less the sign face area of any wall signs erected on the wall at that storey;
 - (d) The total sign face area of all electronic wall sign erected at the second storey shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which

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the signs are erected less the sign face area of any wall signs erected on the wall at that storey;

- (e) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building;
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (g) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
 - (h) There shall be no more than one electronic sign erected at the premises;
 - (i) The sign shall contain electronic static copy and static copy only;
 - (j) The electronic copy height does not exceed the vertical distance between grade and the center line of the sign face upon which any electronic static copy is displayed;
 - (k) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (l) The message duration of any electronic static copy displayed shall not exceed 3.0 minutes;
 - (m) The sign shall not be erected at a frontage of less than 100 metres; and
 - (n) The sign may only be erected on a premises which contains:
 - [1] A Commercial Plaza containing 10 or more units each containing distinct and separate occupancies which are conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service or government; and
 - [2] No building containing an occupancy which is a residential use.
- (8) An electronic ground sign provided: **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (a) There shall be no more than one ground sign or one electronic ground sign erected at each frontage;
 - (b) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 10.0 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;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines;
 - (g) Where the sign has two faces, the sign faces shall be back to back;
 - (h) There shall be no more than one electronic sign erected at the premises;
 - (i) The sign shall contain electronic static copy and static copy only;

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- (j) The electronic copy height does not exceed the vertical distance between grade and the center line of the sign face upon which any electronic static copy is displayed;
 - (k) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (l) The message duration of any electronic static copy displayed shall not exceed 3.0 minutes;
 - (m) The sign shall not be erected at a frontage of less than 100 metres; and
 - (n) The sign may only be erected on a premises which contains:
 - [1] A Commercial Plaza containing 10 or more units each containing distinct and separate occupancies which are conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service or government; and
 - [2] No building containing an occupancy which is a residential use.
- D. A CR-Commercial Residential sign district may contain the following:
- (1) An overhanging structure sign provided:
 - (a) The sign shall not be erected on an overhanging structure located above the second storey of a building;
 - (b) Where the overhanging structure is located at the first storey of a building, 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) Where the overhanging structure is located at the second storey of a building, the total sign face area of all signs erected on any part of the overhanging structure shall not exceed 25 percent of the external surface area of that part of the overhanging structure;
 - (d) Subsections D(1)(b) and (c) do not apply where the sign is displayed in whole or in part above, below, or extending beyond the overhanging structure;
 - (e) 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
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall from which the overhanging structure projects.
 - (2) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises 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

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- (d) There shall be no more than two such signs erected at each point of vehicular ingress and egress to the premises.
- (3) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection D(2), provided:
- (a) There shall be no more than one such sign erected at each frontage;
 - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection D(3)(a), where a frontage exceeds 200 metres, two signs may be erected provided they are separated by a distance of 100 metres;
 - (c) 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 20.0 square metres;
 - (d) The height shall not exceed:
 - [1] 3.5 metres when erected at a frontage less than or equal to 20 metres;
 - [2] 5.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 20 metres but less than or equal to 30 metres;
 - [3] 6.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 30 metres but less than or equal to 40 metres;
 - [4] 8.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 40 metres but less than or equal to 60 metres; or
 - [5] 10.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 60 metres.
 - (e) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of any property line; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines.
- (4) A wall sign displaying the logo or corporate symbol of a business located on the premises provided: **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**
- (a) The sign shall only be erected on an office building containing 10 or more storeys;
 - (b) There shall be no more than one sign erected on each wall of a building to a maximum of two signs;
 - (c) The sign shall only be erected on the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse, or parapet wall of a building;
 - (d) The sign face area shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse or parapet wall on which the sign is erected; and
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.

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- (5) A wall sign, other than a sign displaying a logo or corporate symbol permitted by Subsection D(4), provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) Where erected at the first storey, the height shall not exceed 1.5 times the vertical distance between grade and the top boundary of the first storey of the building wall upon which the sign is located, and the sign shall not extend above the sill of the lowest window at the second storey of the wall on which the sign is erected; **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**
 - (c) The total sign face area of 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 less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (d) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the second storey shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (e) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall upon which it is erected.
- (6) A projecting sign provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) The sign shall not project more than 1.0 m from the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (d) Where the sign has two sign faces, the sign faces shall be back to back;
 - (e) Each sign face shall be perpendicular to the wall of the building on which the sign is erected;
 - (f) The sign face area shall not exceed 1.0 square metre; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected closer than 6.0 metres, measured horizontally from any point on the sign, from another projecting sign on the same premises.
- E. An EIO-Employment Industrial Office sign district may contain the following; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (1) An overhanging structure sign provided: **[Amended 2010-08-27 by By-law 1065-2010]**
 - (a) The sign shall only be erected on an overhanging structure located at the first storey of the building;

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- (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 E(1)(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.
- (2) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises 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.
- (3) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection E(2), 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 15.0 square metres;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 7.5 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.
- (4) A wall sign displaying the logo or corporate symbol of a business located on the premises provided: **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**
- (a) The sign shall only be erected on an office building containing 10 or more storeys;
 - (b) There shall be no more than one sign erected on each wall of a building to a maximum of two signs;
 - (c) The sign shall only be erected on the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse, or parapet wall of a building;

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- (d) The sign face area shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse or parapet wall on which the sign is erected; and
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (5) A wall sign, other than a sign displaying a logo or corporate symbol permitted by Subsection E(4), provided:
- (a) The sign shall only be erected at the first storey;
 - (b) The total sign face area for all wall signs erected on a wall shall not exceed 15 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (c) Notwithstanding Subsection E(5)(b), the total sign face area of all wall signs erected on an office building shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (d) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- F. An I-Institutional sign district may contain the following:
- (1) An overhanging structure sign provided: **[Amended 2010-08-27 by By-law 1065-2010]**
 - (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 F(1)(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.
 - (2) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.5 square metre;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 1.5 metres;

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- (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.
- (3) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection F(2), 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.
- (4) A wall sign 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 less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (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.
- G. A U-Utility sign district may contain the following:
- (1) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises 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.
 - (2) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection G(1), provided:
 - (a) There shall be no more than one sign erected at each frontage;

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- (b) The sign face area shall not exceed 3.0 square metres;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 1.5 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.
- (3) A wall sign provided:
- (a) The sign shall only be erected at the first storey;
 - (b) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the first storey shall not exceed 15 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (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.
- H. An OS-Open Space sign district may contain the following:
- (1) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises 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.
 - (2) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection H(1), provided:
 - (a) There shall be no more than one such sign erected at each frontage;
 - (b) The sign face area shall not exceed the greater of 3.0 square metres or 1.0 square metre for each 100 metres of frontage;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 1.5 metres for each 3.0 square metres of sign face area;
 - (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.

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- (3) A wall sign provided:
 - (a) The sign shall only be erected at the first storey;
 - (b) The total sign face area for all wall signs erected on a wall shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (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.
- I. An E-Employment sign district may contain the following: **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (1) An overhanging structure sign provided:
 - (a) The sign shall only be erected on an overhanging structure located at the first storey of the building;
 - (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 I(1)(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.
 - (2) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.5 square metres;
 - (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.
 - (3) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection (2), 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 metres for each 1.0 metre or part thereof of frontage at which the sign is erected to a maximum of 15.0 square metres;

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- (c) The height shall not exceed 7.5 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.
- (4) A wall sign displaying the logo or corporate symbol of a business located on the premises provided:
- (a) The sign shall only be erected on an office building containing 10 or more storeys;
 - (b) There shall be no more than one sign erected on each wall of a building to a maximum of two signs;
 - (c) The sign shall only be erected on the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse, or parapet wall of a building;
 - (d) The sign face area shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse or parapet wall on which the sign is erected; and
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (5) A wall sign, other than a sign displaying a logo or corporate symbol permitted by Subsection (4), provided:
- (a) The sign shall only be erected at the first storey;
 - (b) The total sign face area for all wall signs erected on a wall shall not exceed 15 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey;
 - (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(b), the total sign face area of all wall signs erected on an office building shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey;
 - (d) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (6) An electronic wall sign provided:
- (a) The sign shall only be erected at the first storey;
 - (b) The total sign face area for all wall signs erected on a wall shall not exceed 15 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any wall signs erected on the wall at that storey;

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- (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(b), the total sign face area of all wall signs erected on an office building shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any wall signs erected on the wall at that storey;
 - (d) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building;
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (f) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
 - (g) There shall be no more than one electronic sign erected at the premises;
 - (h) The sign shall contain electronic static copy and static copy only;
 - (i) The electronic copy height does not exceed the vertical distance between grade and the centre line of the sign face upon which any electronic static copy is displayed;
 - (j) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (k) The message duration of any electronic static copy displayed shall not exceed 3.0 minutes;
 - (l) The sign shall not be erected at a frontage of less than 100 metres; and
 - (m) The sign may only be erected on a premises which contains no building containing an occupancy which is a residential use.
- (7) An electronic ground sign provided:
- (a) There shall be no more than one ground sign or one electronic ground sign erected at each frontage;
 - (b) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (c) The height shall not exceed 10.0 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;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines;
 - (g) Where the sign has two faces, the sign faces shall be back to back;
 - (h) There shall be no more than one electronic sign erected at the premises;
 - (i) The sign shall contain electronic static copy and static copy only;
 - (j) The electronic copy height does not exceed the vertical distance between grade and the centre line of the sign face upon which any electronic static copy is displayed;

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- (k) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
- (l) The message duration of any electronic static copy displayed shall not exceed 3.0 minutes;
- (m) The sign shall not be erected at a frontage of less than 100 metres; and
- (n) The sign may only be erected on a premises which contains no building containing an occupancy which is a residential use.

§ 694-22. Third party sign general regulations.

- A. Third party signs are permitted to display the following: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (1) static copy;
 - (2) mechanical copy; or
 - (3) topiary sign copy.
- B. A sign owner of a third party sign shall securely affix and display an identifier in the form, manner, and location approved by the Chief Building Official.
- C. A third party sign shall not be erected, displayed, modified, or restored in a heritage conservation district, or on a listed heritage building or a designated heritage building unless otherwise expressly permitted by this chapter. **[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹¹]**
- D. A third party sign shall not be erected within 100.0 metres of any other lawful third party sign whether or not erected.
- E. A third party electronic sign, as permitted by Subsections 694-25A(2), C(2), D(3), D(4), 694-26I(1), (2) and (3) shall not be erected within 150.0 metres of any other lawful third party sign whether or not erected. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- F. Where a third party sign displays topiary sign copy, a minimum of 75 percent of the sign face area displaying topiary sign copy, must comprise topiary sign copy consisting of living plants, grasses, shrubs, or flowers. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- G. Where an application is made for a sign permit to modify or restore a third party sign which no longer complies with Subsection D or E because a variance or by-law amendment was granted by the City permitting the erection of another third party sign, the sign permit shall be issued provided the sign complies in all other respects with this chapter. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

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§ 694-23. Energy efficiency requirements.

- A. Where this chapter permits a third party sign, the electricity required to operate the sign shall be provided by:
- (1) On-site renewable energy production subject to compliance with the requirements of City By-law 218-2008; or
 - (2) A distributor recognized and licensed by the Ontario Energy Board and shall be governed by an agreement to purchase renewable energy.

§ 694-24. Site-specific area restrictions.

- A. A third party sign shall not be erected or displayed or caused to be erected or displayed in whole or in part within:
- (1) 400 metres of any limit of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway from Highway 427 to the Humber River, transferred from the Province by Order in Council 534/97;
 - (2) 400 metres of any limit of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway from the Humber River to the easterly limit of Dufferin Street;
 - (3) 400 metres of any limit of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway from a point 250 metres west of Strachan Avenue to the easternmost limit of Booth Avenue;
 - (4) 400 metres of any limit of Bayview Avenue from the northerly limit of Front Street to the northerly limit of Moore Avenue;
 - (5) 400 metres of any limit of Eglinton Avenue East from the easterly limit of Brentcliffe Road to the westerly limit of Victoria Park Avenue;
 - (6) 400 metres of any limit of Lawrence Avenue East from the easterly limit of Don Mills Road to the westerly limit of Victoria Park Avenue;
 - (7) 400 metres of any limit of Mount Pleasant Road from the northerly limit of Bloor Street East to the southerly limit of St. Clair Avenue East;
 - (8) 100 metres of any limit of the W.R. Allen Expressway from the northerly limit of Wilson Heights Boulevard to the southerly limit of Eglinton Avenue West;
 - (9) 100 metres of any limit of Black Creek Drive from the northerly limit of Maple Leaf Drive to the southerly limit of Weston Road;
 - (10) 400 metres of any limit of Highway 27 from Highway 401 to Steeles Avenue, transferred from the Province by Order in Council 535/97;
 - (11) 400 metres of any limit of Highway 2A from Highway 401 to Old Highway 2 (Kingston Road) and Highway 2 from Highway 401 to the City of Toronto and

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Durham boundary, transferred from the Province by Order in Council 647/97;
[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹²]

- (12) 400 metres of any limit of the portion of Highway 427 referred to as "Eglinton Avenue," from The East Mall to a point 0.5 kilometre east, and transferred from the Province by Order in Council 533/97;
- (13) 400 metres of any limit of any portion of Highway 400 contained within the municipal boundaries of the City;
- (14) 400 metres of any limit of any portion of Highway 401 contained within the municipal boundaries of the City;
- (15) 400 metres of any limit of any portion of Highway 404 contained within the municipal boundaries of the City;
- (16) 400 metres of any limit of any portion of Highway 409 contained within the municipal boundaries of the City;
- (17) 400 metres of any limit of any portion of Highway 427 contained within the municipal boundaries of the City;
- (18) 400 metres of any limit of the Don Valley Parkway;
- (19) 400 metres of any limit of the Queen Elizabeth Way;
- (20) 50.0 metres of any limit of Queen Street East, from the westerly limit of Coxwell Avenue to the easterly limit of Victoria Park Avenue; **[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹³]**
- (21) 50.0 metres of any limit of Merton Street, from the easterly limit of Yonge Street to the easterly limit of Mount Pleasant Road;
- (22) 50.0 metres of any limit of Ripley Avenue;
- (23) 450.0 metres of the westerly limit of Yonge Street, from the southerly limit of Highway 401 to northerly limit of Drewry Avenue;
- (24) 450.0 metres of the easterly limit of Yonge Street, from the southerly limit of Highway 401 to northerly limit of Cummer Avenue;
- (25) 100.0 metres of any limit of Yonge Street, from the southerly limit of Birch Avenue to northerly limit of Merton Street;

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- (26) 100.0 metres of any limit of St. Clair Avenue, from the westerly limit of Bathurst Street to the easterly limit of Inglewood Drive;
- (27) The area bounded by the northerly limit of King Street West, the westerly limit of Shaw Street extending through to the westerly limit of Pirandello Street extending through to Manitoba Drive, the southerly limit of Manitoba Drive eastwards through to Canada Boulevard, the westerly limit of Canada Boulevard extended southwards to the shoreline of Lake Ontario, the shoreline of Lake Ontario and the easterly limit of Brant Place extended southwards to the shoreline of Lake Ontario;
- (28) The area bounded by the easterly limit of Bathurst Street, the northerly limit of Bloor Street West, the westerly limit of Palmerston Boulevard and the southerly limit of Lennox Street;
- (29) The area bounded by the westerly limit of Lansdowne Avenue, the northerly limit of Davenport Road, the easterly limit of Avenue Road and the southerly limit of Dupont Street;
- (30) The premises municipally known as 115 Belfield Road or on any other premises within 100 metres of any limit of the premises municipally known as 115 Belfield Road; **[Added 2012-07-13 by By-law 1060-2012]**
- (31) Within 100 metres of a point located 155 metres from the southerly limit of Bethridge Road and 9.0 metres from the easterly limit of Martin Grove Road; **[Added 2012-07-13 by By-law 1060-2012]**
- (32) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Rogers Road and a portion of the area defined as the Weston Subdivision, east of Blackthorne Avenue; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (33) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Kipling Avenue and a portion of the area defined as the Weston Subdivision, approximately 150 metres north of Belfield Road; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (34) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Eglinton Avenue East and a portion of the area defined as the Kingston Subdivision, approximately 150 metres east of Bellamy Road North; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (35) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and a portion of the area defined as the Kingston Subdivision, approximately 155 metres north of Gerrard Street East; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**

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- (36) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Steeles Avenue West and a portion of the area defined as the Newmarket Subdivision, approximately 200 metres east of Alness Street; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (37) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Finch Avenue West and a portion of the area defined as the Kingston Subdivision, approximately 300 metres west of Chesswood Drive; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (38) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Kipling Avenue and a portion of the area defined as the Oakville Subdivision, north of New Toronto Street; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (39) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of York Mills Road and a portion of the area defined as the Bala Subdivision, approximately 350 metres east of Leslie Street; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (40) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Danforth Avenue and a portion of the area defined as the Kingston Subdivision, east of Medford Avenue; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (41) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the specific location north of the boundary of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway and approximately 200 metres east of the boundary of Atlantic Avenue, on a portion of the area defined as the Oakville Subdivision, on the premises legally described as PT BLK 8-9, 11 PL ORDNANCE RESERVE TORONTO; PT BLK E, F, G PL 1096 CITY WEST; PT BLK A, B, C, D PL 684 CITY WEST BTN 63R569, 63R4792, 64R13389 & 64R15380; PT 13 64R15422, PT 5 64R 15380, PT 8, 9, 10 & 11 64R13389 (W OF STRACHAN AV); S/T EASE OVER PTS 1, 2, 3 & 7 PL 66R-20267 IN FAVOUR OF OWNERS OF PTS 1 TO 11 INCL PL 64R-16798 AS IN AT202247, CITY F TORONTO. S/T EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 & 2, 66R20388 IN FAVOUR OF TORONTO HYDROELECTRIC SYSTEM LIMITED AS IN AT1176039; S/T EASEMENT OVER PARTS 1,2,3 & 4 ON PLAN 66R24801 & PARTS 1,2 & 3 ON PLAN 66R24861 AS IN AT2553853; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PART BLOCK C AND D ON PLAN 684 CITY WEST AND PART OF BLOCK G, PLAN 1096 CITY WEST, BEING PARTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 ON PLAN 66R24772 AS IN AT2638026, CITY OF TORONTO, upon which, as of June 1, 2012, the third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (42) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the specific location north of the boundary of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway and approximately 200 metres west of the boundary of Strachan Avenue, on a portion of the area defined as the Oakville Subdivision, on the premises legally described as PT BLK 8-9, 11 PL ORDNANCE RESERVE TORONTO; PT BLK E, F, G PL 1096 CITY WEST; PT BLK A, B, C, D PL 684 CITY WEST BTN 63R569, 63R4792, 64R13389 & 64R15380; PT 13 64R15422, PT 5 64R 15380, PT 8, 9, 10 & 11 64R13389

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- (43) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the specific location south of the boundary of The Queensway and east of the boundary of Parkside Drive, on a portion of the area defined as the Oakville Subdivision, on the premises legally described as PART OF LOTS 35 & 36 BROKEN FRONT CONCESSION AND PART OF THE ROAD ALLOWANCE B/T BROKEN FRONT CONCESSION AND CONCESSION 1 FROM THE BAY AND PART OF THE ROAD ALLOWANCE B/T LOTS 35 & 36 BROKEN FRONT CONCESSION AND PART OF LOT 34, CONCESSION 1 FROM THE BAY, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF YORK, CITY OF TORONTO, upon which, as of June 1, 2012, the third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012]**
- (44) 100 metres of the outermost limits of the intersection of Dufferin Street and a portion of the area defined as the Newmarket Subdivision, and commonly known as "The Beltline Trail", north of Hopewell Avenue; **[Added 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012; amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (45) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Greenwood Avenue and north of Walpole Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (46) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Dundas Street East and west of Logan Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (47) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Dundas Street East and west of Tiverton Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (48) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Queen Street East and west of McGee Street, upon which, as of July

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- 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (49) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Eastern Avenue and south of Broadview Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (50) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Eastern Avenue and west of Dibble Street, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (51) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Gerrard Street East and east of Carlaw Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (52) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Victoria Park Avenue and north of Gerrard Street East, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (53) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Greenwood Avenue and north of Ivy Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (54) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Birchmount Road and south of Raleigh Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (55) The portions of the Kingston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Brimley Road and north of Skagway Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (56) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Sheppard Avenue West and east of Keele Street, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (57) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Highway 401 and east of Keele Street, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a

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third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**

- (58) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Wilson Avenue and west of Murray Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (59) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Lawrence Avenue West and west of Caledonia Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (60) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Castlefield Avenue and west of Caledonia Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (61) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near St. Clair avenue West and west of Caledonia Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (62) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Davenport Road and west of Caledonia Park Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (63) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Rogers Road and west of Caledonia Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (64) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Bloor Street West and west of St. Helens Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (65) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Finch Avenue West and west of Chesswood Drive, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (66) The portions of Newmarket Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein Wilson Avenue and west of Murray Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third

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party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**

- (67) The portions of Oakville Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Royal York Road and north of Cavell Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (68) The portions of Oakville Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Royal York Road and south of Judson Street, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (69) The portions of Weston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein Lawrence Avenue West and east of Weston Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (70) The portions of Weston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Martin Grove Road and south of Bethridge Road, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (71) The portions of Weston Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near King Street West and east of Atlantic Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (72) The portions of Bala Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Sheppard Avenue East and west of Leslie Street, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (73) The portions of Bala Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Leslie Street and south of Highway 401, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed; and **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**
- (74) The portions of Bala Subdivision within 100 metres of the location therein near Warden Avenue and south of Danforth Avenue, upon which, as of July 11, 2014, a third party ground sign was erected or displayed. **[Added 2014-08-28 by By-law 980-2014]**

§ 694-25. District-specific third party sign regulations.

[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]

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- A. A C - Commercial sign district may contain the following:
- (1) A wall sign or a topiary wall sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 15.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected facing a street;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA or OS sign district;
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (g) The sign shall have no more than one sign face; and
 - (h) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of the building on which it is erected.
 - (2) An electronic wall sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 15.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected facing a street;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (f) Where a sign is located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district, the sign cannot face any premise in the R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (g) The sign be located a minimum of 500 metres from any other third party electronic sign located on:
 - [1] the same street; or
 - [2] on a street which forms an intersection with the street on which the sign is located;
 - (h) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (i) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
 - (j) The sign shall contain electronic static copy or static copy only; and
 - (k) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of the building on which it is erected.

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- B. A CR – Commercial Residential sign district may contain the following:
- (1) A wall sign or a topiary wall sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 3.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 3.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected facing a street;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA, I or OS sign district;
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected; and
 - (g) The sign shall have no more than one sign face; and
 - (h) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of the building on which it is erected.
- C. An E – Employment Sign District may contain the following:
- (1) A ground sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 10.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected within any required setback of a building from a street as regulated by the City's applicable Zoning By-law;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA or OS sign district;
 - (f) There shall be no more than one ground sign or electronic ground sign erected on the premises; and
 - (g) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces.
 - (2) An electronic ground sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 10.0 square metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;

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- (d) The sign shall not be erected within any required setback of a building from a street as regulated by the City's applicable Zoning By-law;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (f) Where a sign is located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district, the sign cannot face any premise in the R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (g) The sign be located a minimum of 500 metres from any other third party electronic sign located on:
 - [1] the same street; or
 - [2] on a street which forms an intersection with the street on which the sign is located;
 - (h) There shall be no more than one ground sign or electronic ground sign erected on the premises;
 - (i) The sign shall display static or electronic static copy only;
 - (j) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces; and
 - (k) Where the sign has two faces, the sign faces shall be back to back.
- D. A U - Utility Sign District may contain the following:
- (1) A ground sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 10.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected within any required setback of a building from a street as regulated by the City's applicable Zoning By-law;
 - (d) The sign shall only be erected within 30.0 metres of a major street;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of a property line;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of a street line;
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected or displayed within 30.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA or OS sign district; and
 - (h) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces.
 - (2) A wall sign or a topiary wall sign provided:
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 15.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall only be erected within 30.0 metres of a major street;

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- (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA or OS sign district;
 - (e) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (f) The sign shall have no more than one sign face; and
 - (g) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of the building on which it is erected.
- (3) An electronic ground sign provided:
- (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 10.0 square metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within any required setback of a building from a street as regulated by the City's applicable Zoning By-law;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (f) Where a sign is located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I, or OS sign district, the sign cannot face any premise in the R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
 - (g) The sign be located a minimum of 500 metres from any other third party electronic sign located on:
 - [1] the same street; or
 - [2] on a street which forms an intersection with the street on which the sign is located;
 - (h) There shall be no more than one ground sign or electronic ground sign erected on the premises;
 - (i) The sign shall display static or electronic static copy only;
 - (j) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces; and
 - (k) Where the sign has two faces, the sign faces shall be back to back.
- (4) An electronic wall sign provided:
- (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 15.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected facing a street;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;

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- (e) The sign shall not be erected within 60.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
- (f) Where a sign is located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district, the sign cannot face any premise in the R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district;
- (g) The sign be located a minimum of 500 metres from any other third party electronic sign located on:
 - [1] the same street; or
 - [2] on a street which forms an intersection with the street on which the sign is located;
- (h) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
- (i) The sign shall have no more than one sign face;
- (j) The sign shall contain static or electronic static copy only; and
- (k) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of the building on which it is erected.

§ 694-26. Special sign district sign regulations.

- A. The Downtown Yonge Street Special Sign District - DYS-SSD - may contain the following first party signs:
 - (1) An overhanging structure sign provided:
 - (a) The sign shall not be erected on an overhanging structure located above the second storey of a building;
 - (b) Where the overhanging structure is located at the first storey of a building, 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) Where the overhanging structure is located at the second storey of a building, the total sign face area of all signs erected on any part of the overhanging structure shall not exceed 25 percent of the external surface area of that part of the overhanging structure;
 - (d) Subsections A(1)(b) and (c) do not apply where the sign is displayed in whole or in part above, below, or extending beyond the overhanging structure;
 - (e) Where the sign is displayed in whole or in part above the overhanging structure, it shall not extend more than 1.0 metre above the overhanging structure; and
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall from which the overhanging structure projects.
 - (2) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises provided:

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- (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.
- (3) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection A(2), provided:
- (a) There shall be no more than one such sign erected at each frontage;
 - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection A(3)(a), where a frontage exceeds 200 metres, two signs may be erected provided they are separated by a distance of 100 metres;
 - (c) 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 20.0 square metres;
 - (d) The height shall not exceed:
 - [1] 3.5 metres when erected at a frontage less than or equal to 20 metres;
 - [2] 5.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 20 metres but less than or equal to 30 metres;
 - [3] 6.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 30 metres but less than or equal to 40 metres;
 - [4] 8.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 40 metres but less than or equal to 60 metres; or
 - [5] 10.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 60 metres.
 - (e) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of any property line; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines.
- (4) A wall sign displaying the logo or corporate symbol of a business located on the premises provided:
- (a) The sign shall only be erected on an office building containing 10 or more storeys;
 - (b) There shall be no more than one sign erected on each wall of a building to a maximum of four signs;
 - (c) The sign shall only be erected on the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse, or parapet wall of a building;

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- (d) Each sign shall display identical sign copy;
 - (e) The sign face area shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse or parapet wall on which the sign is erected to a maximum of 25.0 square metres; and
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (5) A wall sign, other than a sign displaying a logo or corporate symbol permitted by Subsection A(4), provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) Where erected at the first storey, the height shall not exceed the lesser of 4.5 metres or the sill of the lowest window at the second storey of the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (c) The total sign face area of 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 less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (d) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the second storey shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (e) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (6) A projecting sign provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the second storey;
 - (b) The sign shall not project more than 1.0 m from the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (d) Where the sign has two sign faces, the sign faces shall be back to back;
 - (e) Each sign face shall be perpendicular to the wall of the building on which the sign is erected;
 - (f) The sign face area shall not exceed 1.0 square metre; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected closer than 6.0 metres, measured horizontally from any point on the sign, from another projecting sign on the same premises.
- B. The Downtown Yonge Street Special Sign District - DYS-SSD - may contain the following third party signs:

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- (1) A wall sign or a topiary wall sign provided: [**Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015**]
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 15.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected facing a street;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA, or OS sign district;
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (g) The sign shall have no more than one sign face; and
 - (h) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of the building on which it is erected.
- C. The Dundas Square Special Sign District - DS-SSD - may contain the following first party signs:
 - (1) Any sign which complies with the applicable provisions of §§ 297-9, 297-10, 297-11 and 297-12 of Chapter 297, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto, as they applied to the lands contained within the Dundas Square Special Sign District on the day before this chapter comes into effect.
 - (2) Any sign which is erected, displayed, or substantially altered after July 30, 2016, which complies with the applicable provisions of Subsection 3 of Schedule C, Additional Special Sign District Regulations, notwithstanding compliance with § 694-26C(1). [**Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016**]
- D. The Dundas Square Special Sign District - DS-SSD - may contain the following third party signs:
 - (1) Any sign which complies with the applicable provisions of §§ 297-9, 297-10, 297-11 and 297-12 of Chapter 297, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto, as they applied to the lands contained within the Dundas Square Special Sign District on the day before this chapter comes into effect.
 - (2) Any sign which is erected, displayed, or substantially altered after July 30, 2016, which complies with the applicable provisions of Subsection 4 of Schedule C, Additional Special Sign District Regulations, notwithstanding compliance with Subsection D(1). [**Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016**]
- E. Sections 694-20B through to and including §§ 694-20G and 694-22 of this chapter shall not apply to the Dundas Square Special Sign District - DS-SSD.
- F. The City Hall Nathan Philips Square Special Sign District - CHNPS-SSD - may contain the following first party signs:

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- (1) Any sign which complies with the applicable provisions of §§ 297-9, 297-10, 297-11 and 297-12 of Chapter 297, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto, as they applied to the lands contained within the City Hall Nathan Philips Square Special Sign District on the day before this chapter comes into effect.
 - (2) Any sign which is erected, displayed, or substantially altered after July 30, 2016, which complies with the applicable provisions of Subsection 5 of Schedule C, Additional Special Sign District Regulations, notwithstanding compliance with Subsection F(1). **[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**
- G. The University Avenue Special Sign District - UA-SSD - may contain the following first party signs:
- (1) Any sign which complies with the applicable provisions of §§ 297-9, 297-10, 297-11 and 297-12 of Chapter 297, Signs, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto, as they applied to the lands contained within the University Avenue Special Sign District on the day before this chapter comes into effect. **[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹⁴]**
 - (2) Any sign which is erected, displayed, or substantially altered after July 30, 2016, which complies with the applicable provisions of Subsection 6 of Schedule C, Additional Special Sign District Regulations, notwithstanding compliance with Subsection G(1). **[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**
- H. The Gardiner Gateway Special Sign District - GG-SSD - may contain the following first party signs: **[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹⁵]**
- (1) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-21C of this chapter where erected on a property designated "C" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A;
 - (2) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-21E of this chapter where erected on a property designated "E" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A;
 - (3) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-21F of this chapter where erected on a property designated "I" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A;
 - (4) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-21A of this chapter where erected on a property designated "R" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A;
 - (5) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-21G of this chapter where erected on a property designated "U" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A; and
 - (6) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-21H of this chapter where erected on a property designated "OS" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A.
- I. The Gardiner Gateway Special Sign District - GG-SSD - may contain the following third party signs:

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- (1) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-25A of this chapter where erected on a property designated "C" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A; **[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹⁶]**
 - (2) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-25C of this chapter where erected on a property designated "E" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A; **[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹⁷; 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (3) Any sign which complies with the provisions of § 694-25D of this chapter where erected on a property designated "U" within the GG-SSD as set out in Schedule A; and **[Amended 2010-04-01 by By-law 354-2010¹⁸; 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (4) An electronic ground sign containing electronic static copy provided: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 50.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 15.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall be erected and displayed entirely within the Gardiner Gateway Special Sign District;
 - (d) The sign shall be erected only on a premises where, on the day before this chapter comes into effect, an existing lawful electronic ground sign as defined by this chapter was erected and displayed containing electronic moving copy or electronic static copy as defined by this chapter, and the sign shall replace the existing sign;
 - (e) The sign shall contain electronic static copy and static copy only;
 - (f) The number of sign faces shall not exceed that of the existing lawful electronic ground sign;
 - (g) Where a sign is located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District, the sign shall not face any premise in a R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District; and
 - (h) The sign shall not contain illumination that results in light which projects onto any premises located in an R, RA, CR, I or OS sign district.
- J. The Chinatown Special Sign District - CT-SSD - may contain the following first party signs:
- (1) An overhanging structure sign provided:

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¹⁸ Editor's Note: This by-law came into force April 6, 2010.

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- (a) The sign shall not be erected on an overhanging structure located above the third storey of a building;
 - (b) Where the overhanging structure is located at the first storey of a building, 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) Where the overhanging structure is located at the second storey of a building, the total sign face area of all signs erected on any part of the overhanging structure shall not exceed 25 percent of the external surface area of that part of the overhanging structure;
 - (d) Where the overhanging structure is located at the third storey of a building, the total sign face area of all signs erected on any part of the overhanging structure shall not exceed 25 percent of the external surface area of that part of the overhanging structure;
 - (e) Subsections J(1)(b), (c) and (d) do not apply where the sign is displayed in whole or in part above, below, or extending beyond the overhanging structure;
 - (f) 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
 - (g) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall from which the overhanging structure projects.
- (2) A ground sign providing direction erected at a point of vehicular ingress and egress to a premises 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.
- (3) A ground sign, other than a sign providing direction permitted by Subsection J(2), provided:
- (a) There shall be no more than one such sign erected at each frontage;
 - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection J(3)(a), where a frontage exceeds 200 metres, two signs may be erected provided they are separated by a distance of 100 metres;
 - (c) 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 20.0 square metres;
 - (d) The height shall not exceed:

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- [1] 3.5 metres when erected at a frontage less than or equal to 20 metres;
 - [2] 5.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 20 metres but less than or equal to 30 metres;
 - [3] 6.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 30 metres but less than or equal to 40 metres;
 - [4] 8.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 40 metres but less than or equal to 60 metres; or
 - [5] 10.0 metres when erected at a frontage more than 60 metres.
- (e) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (f) The sign shall not be erected within 2.0 metres of any property line; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected within 6.0 metres of the intersection of two street lines.
- (4) A wall sign displaying the logo or corporate symbol of a business located on the premises provided:
- (a) The sign shall only be erected on an office building containing 10 or more storeys;
 - (b) There shall be no more than one sign erected on each wall of a building to a maximum of four signs;
 - (c) The sign shall only be erected on the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse, or parapet wall of a building;
 - (d) Each sign shall display identical sign copy;
 - (e) The sign face area shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the uppermost storey, mechanical penthouse or parapet wall on which the sign is erected to a maximum of 25.0 square metres; and
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (5) A wall sign, other than a sign displaying a logo or corporate symbol permitted by Subsection J(4), provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the third storey;
 - (b) Where erected at the first storey, the height shall not exceed the lesser of 4.5 metres or the sill of the lowest window at the second storey of the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (c) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the first storey shall not exceed 30 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

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- (d) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the second storey shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (e) The total sign face area of all wall signs erected at the third storey shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the third storey on which the signs are erected less the sign face area of any electronic wall signs erected on the wall at that storey; **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (f) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of a building; and;
 - (g) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected.
- (6) A projecting sign provided:
- (a) The sign shall not be erected above the third storey;
 - (b) The sign shall not project more than 1.5 m from the wall on which the sign is erected;
 - (c) The sign shall have no more than two sign faces;
 - (d) Where the sign has two sign faces, the sign faces shall be back to back;
 - (e) Each sign face shall be perpendicular to the wall of the building on which the sign is erected;
 - (f) The sign face area shall not exceed 0.3 square metre for each metre of frontage to a maximum of 4.5 square metres; and
 - (g) The sign shall not be erected closer than 6.0 metres, measured horizontally from any point on the sign, from another projecting sign on the same premises.
- K. The Chinatown Special Sign District - CT-SSD - may contain the following third party signs:
- (1) A wall sign or a topiary wall sign provided: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (a) The sign face area shall not exceed 20.0 square metres;
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 15.0 metres;
 - (c) The sign shall not be erected facing a street;
 - (d) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of the intersection of a major street with any other street;
 - (e) The sign shall not be erected within 30.0 metres of any premises located, in whole or in part, in an R, RA, or OS sign district;
 - (f) The sign shall not extend beyond either end of the wall on which it is erected;
 - (g) The sign shall have no more than one sign face; and

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- (h) The sign shall not extend above the wall or parapet wall of the building on which it is erected.
- L. Notwithstanding § 694-20C of this chapter, the total sign face area of all first party wall signs, topiary wall signs, window signs, overhanging structure signs, electronic wall signs, electronic window signs, and electronic overhanging structure signs erected at the first storey of a building in the Chinatown Special Sign District shall not exceed 30 percent of the area of the wall at the first storey on which the signs are erected and from which the overhanging structures project. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- M. Notwithstanding § 694-20D of this chapter, the total sign face area of all first party all first party wall signs, topiary wall signs, window signs, overhanging structure signs, electronic wall signs, electronic window signs, and electronic overhanging structure signs erected at the second storey of a building in the Chinatown Special Sign District shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected and from which the overhanging structures project. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- N. The total sign face area of all first party wall signs, topiary wall signs, window signs, overhanging structure signs, electronic wall signs, electronic window signs, and electronic overhanging structure signs erected at the third storey of a building in the Chinatown Special Sign District shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the third storey on which the signs are erected and from which the overhanging structures project. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- O. The Entertainment District Special Sign District - ESD-SSD - may contain first party signs only where the sign complies with the provisions of Subsection 1 of Schedule C, Additional Special Sign District Regulations. **[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**
- P. The Entertainment District Special Sign District - ESD-SSD - may contain third party signs only where the sign complies with the provisions of Subsection 2 of Schedule C, Additional Special Sign District Regulations. **[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**

ARTICLE IV
Enforcement

§ 694-27. Offences and penalties.

- A. Every person who contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$500 and no more than \$100,000.
- B. Every person who contravenes any provision of this chapter may be liable, in addition to the fine provided for in Subsections A or D, to a special fine of not less than \$500 designed to eliminate or reduce any economic advantage or gain from contravening this chapter.
- C. In addition to offences referred to in Subsection A, every person is guilty of an offence under this chapter who:
 - (1) Hinders or obstructs or attempts to hinder or obstruct any person exercising a power or performing a duty under this chapter;

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- (2) Neglects or refuses to produce or provide any information or thing to any person acting pursuant to an order made under section 378 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006;
 - (3) Knowingly makes, participates in, assents to or acquiesces in the provision of false information in a statement, affidavit, application or other document prepared, submitted or filed under this chapter;
 - (4) Erects, displays, modifies or restores or causes to be erected, displayed, modified or restored any sign, other than a first party sign, for which a sign permit is required by this chapter without first obtaining a sign permit from the Chief Building Official;
[Amended 2015-02-11 by By-law 253-2015]
 - (5) Erects, displays, modifies or restores or causes to be erected, displayed, modified or restored any sign prohibited by this chapter;
 - (6) Erects, displays, modifies or restores or causes to be erected, displayed, modified or restored a sign contrary to a sign permit issued by the Chief Building Official;
 - (7) Erects or displays or causes to be erected or displayed a third party sign without displaying the identifier required by § 694-22B;
 - (8) Is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with actions taken by or on behalf of the corporation in relation to an offence described in Subsections C(1) to (7);
 - (9) Erects or causes to be erected a first party sign, for which a sign permit is required by this chapter without first obtaining a sign permit from the Chief Building Official;
[Added 2015-02-11 by By-law 253-2015]
 - (10) Displays or causes to be displayed a first party sign for which a sign permit is required by this chapter without first obtaining a sign permit from the Chief Building Official; **[Added 2015-02-11 by By-law 253-2015]**
 - (11) Modifies or causes to be modified a first party sign for which a sign permit is required by this chapter without first obtaining a sign permit from the Chief Building Official;
[Added 2015-02-11 by By-law 253-2015]
 - (12) Restores or causes to be restored a first party sign for which a sign permit is required by this chapter without first obtaining a sign permit from the Chief Building Official;
or **[Added 2015-02-11 by By-law 253-2015]**
 - (13) Is a director or officer of a corporation and knowingly concurs with actions taken by or on behalf of the corporation in relation to an offence described in Subsections (9) to (12). **[Added 2015-02-11 by By-law 253-2015]**
- D. Each offence in Subsection C with the exception of the offences in Subsections C(9) to (13), is designated as a continuing offence and is subject to, for each day or part of a day that the offence continues, a minimum fine of no less than \$500 and a maximum fine of no more than \$10,000; and each offence in Subsections C(9) to (13), is designated as a continuing offence and is subject to, for each day or part of a day that the offence continues, a minimum fine of no less than \$250 and a maximum fine of no more than

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\$10,000. The total of all of the daily fines imposed for each offence in Subsection C may exceed \$100,000. [Amended 2015-02-11 by By-law 253-2015]

§ 694-28. Enforcement.

- A. The Chief Building Official may issue a Notice of Violation, that shall require the sign to be brought into compliance with this chapter within 14 days, to any person who:
 - (1) Has erected, displayed, modified or restored or has caused to be erected, displayed, modified or restored a sign without first having obtained a sign permit to do so; or
 - (2) Having obtained a sign permit, has erected, displayed, modified or restored or has caused to be erected, displayed, modified or restored a sign contrary to the sign permit issued.
- B. Where a Notice of Violation has been issued under Subsection A and the sign has not been brought into compliance with this chapter within 14 days, the Chief Building Official may remove or cause the sign or any part thereof to be removed or may take any action necessary to prevent the sign copy from being displayed, and the City may recover the costs incurred by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll for the property on which the sign was located and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes.
- C. Where a sign or any part thereof has been removed under Subsection B, the Chief Building Official may store or dispose of the sign or any part thereof as he or she deems fit.
- D. Where a sign or any part thereof has been removed under Subsection B and the Chief Building Official has stored the sign or any part thereof, the City may enforce the associated care and storage costs by claiming a lien under the Repair and Storage Liens Act.

ARTICLE V
Variations and By-law Amendments

§ 694-29. Variations and by-law amendment applications.

- A. A person may apply for:
 - (1) A variance from the provisions of this chapter, provided none of the circumstances set out in § 694-31A applies; or
 - (2) A site-specific amendment to this chapter to permit a sign in the circumstances set out in § 694-31A.
- B. An application for variance from the provisions of § 694-6 may seek to allow a proposed sign or signs to be permitted to be erected, displayed, modified or restored in any sign districts, however such an application 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

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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. **[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

§ 694-30. Variance applications.

[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013¹⁹]

- A. An application for variance from the provisions of this chapter may be granted where it is established that the proposed sign or signs will:
- (1) Belong to a sign class permitted in the sign district where the premises is located;
 - (2) In the case of a third party sign, be of a sign type that is permitted in the sign district, where the premises is located;
 - (3) Be compatible with the development of the premises and surrounding area;
 - (4) Support the Official Plan objectives for the subject premises and surrounding area;
 - (5) Not adversely affect adjacent premises;
 - (6) Not adversely affect public safety, including traffic and pedestrian safety; **[Amended 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]**
 - (7) Not be a sign prohibited by § 694-15B;
 - (8) Not alter the character of the premises or surrounding area; and
 - (9) Not be, in the opinion of the decision maker, contrary to the public interest.
- B. The applicant for a variance or variances from this chapter shall:
- (1) File the application for variance and other information required for the applicable sign class in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official and shall pay the non-refundable fees prescribed in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, for the processing of the variance application; and
 - (2) Where the application for variance relates to three or more signs, a roof sign, an electronic roof sign, a projected image sign, or an area or premises which a Signage Master Plan has previously been approved the applicant is required to make an application for variance for a Signage Master Plan and shall: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (a) File application for variance for a Signage Master Plan and other information required for the application in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official; and

¹⁹ Editor's Note: By-law 1112-2013 deleted and substituted various subsections throughout § 694-30.

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- (b) Shall pay the non-refundable fees prescribed in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, for the processing of the application for a Signage Master Plan.
- C. An applicant for a variance or variances from this chapter shall post, for no less than 30 days prior to the City's consideration of the application, notice of the application in such form as approved by the Chief Building Official in a location visible to the public on the premises or defined area which is the subject of the application for variance.
- D. Upon receiving the application and information referred to in Subsection B, the Chief Building Official shall: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (1) In the case of a variance or variances from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs, serve notice of the application on the ward councillor and on the property owners of all properties and to the mailing addresses of residential and business tenancies within:
 - (a) a 250-metre radius of the premises on which the first party sign or signs are proposed to be erected where the sign is proposed to display electronic static copy or electronic moving copy; or
 - (b) in all other cases, a 60-metre radius of the premises on which the first party sign or signs are proposed to be erected.
 - (2) In the case of a variance or variances from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a third party sign or signs, serve notice of the application serve notice of the application on the ward councillor and on the property owners of all properties and to the mailing addresses of residential and business tenancies within:
 - (a) a 250-metre radius of the premises on which the third party sign or signs are proposed to be erected where sign is proposed to display electronic static copy or electronic moving copy; or
 - (b) in all other cases a 120-metre radius of the premises on which the third party sign or signs are proposed to be erected.
 - (3) In the case of an application for a variance or variances from this chapter required to be made by means of an application for a Signage Master Plan, serve notice of the application on the ward councillor and on the property owners of all properties and to the mailing addresses of residential and business tenancies within:
 - (a) a 250-metre radius of the premises on which the sign or signs are proposed to be erected where the sign is proposed to display electronic static copy or electronic moving copy; or
 - (b) in all other case a 120-metre radius the premises or defined area which is the subject of the proposed Signage Master Plan.
- E. Where an application for variance is filed and a condominium development is located within 60 metres, or 250 metres, of the premises on which the sign is proposed to be erected in the case of application for variance respecting a first party sign, as applicable,

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or within 120 metres, or 250 metres, of the premises on which the sign is proposed to be erected in the case of application for variance respecting a third party sign, as applicable, or within 120 metres, or 250 metres, of the premises or defined area which is the subject of the proposed Signage Master Plan in the case of an application for variance with respect to a Signage Master Plan, as applicable, the notice under Subsection D may be served on the condominium corporation at its most recent address for service or mailing address as registered under section 3 of the Condominium Act, 1998, instead of being served upon the owners of the units of the condominium development. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

- F. A notice under Subsection D may be served:
- (1) On property owners within the applicable radius personally or by ordinary mail sent to the property owners' last known address, and if the notice is served by ordinary mail, the property owners shall be deemed to have been served with the notice on the fifth day after the day of mailing;
 - (2) On the ward councillor by any means; and
 - (3) To the mailing addresses of residential and business tenancies within the applicable radius personally or by ordinary mail, and if the notice is served by ordinary mail, service shall be deemed to have been made on the fifth day after the day of mailing.
- G. Where an application for variance from this chapter is made to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs, the notice under Subsection D shall contain the following information:
- (1) A statement that the application for variance shall be considered by the Chief Building Official;
 - (2) A statement that the recipient of the notice may submit written comments or any other documentation to the Chief Building Official regarding the application for variance;
 - (3) The date by which any written comments or documentation must be submitted to the Chief Building Official;
 - (4) The date by which the Chief Building Official will make a decision on the application for variance which shall be at least 30 days from the date the application was filed; and
 - (5) A statement that the recipient of the notice may request in writing, prior to the date described in Subsection G(4), that the person be served with notice of the Chief Building Official's decision on the application for variance.
- H. Where an application for variance from this chapter is made to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs, any person may, within 30 days from the date the application was filed:

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- (1) Submit written comments or any other documentation to the Chief Building Official regarding the application for variance; and
 - (2) Request in writing that the person be served with notice of the Chief Building Official's decision on the application for variance.
- I. Where an application for variance from this chapter is made to permit the erection and display of a third party sign, or signs, or a third party sign or signs and first party sign or signs, the notice under Subsection D shall contain the following information:
- (1) A statement that the application for variance shall be considered by the Sign Variance Committee;
 - (2) A statement that the recipient of the notice may submit written comments or any other documentation to the Sign Variance Committee regarding the application for variance;
 - (3) A statement that the recipient of the notice may appear at the hearing of the application to make submissions before the Sign Variance Committee regarding the application for variance; and
 - (4) The time and location of the hearing before the Sign Variance Committee at which the application for variance will be considered.
- J. In the case of an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs, written notice of the Chief Building Official's decision shall be served on the applicant, the property owner, the ward councillor and any other person who requested he or she be served with notice of the decision in accordance with Subsection G(5) and Subsection H(2).
- K. Any person served with notice of the Chief Building Official's decision on an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs may appeal the Chief Building Official's decision to the Sign Variance Committee by filing the notice of appeal in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official and paying the non refundable fee prescribed in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, within 20 days of service of the notice of decision.
- L. Where an application for variance from this chapter is made to permit the erection and display of a third party sign or sign, or where the decision of the Chief Building Official on an application for a variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or sign has been appealed, any person may:
- (1) Submit written comments or any other documentation to the Sign Variance Committee regarding the application for variance; and
 - (2) Appear at the hearing of the application to make submissions before the Sign Variance Committee regarding the application for variance.
- M. In the case of an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a third party sign or signs, or an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of first and third party signs, or in the case of an appeal to

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the Sign Variance Committee of the Chief Building Official's decision on an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs, written notice of the decision of the Sign Variance Committee shall be served on the applicant, the property owner, the ward councillor, any person who submitted documentation to the Sign Variance Committee with respect to the variance application, and any person who appeared before the Sign Variance Committee at the hearing of the variance application.

- N. A notice of decision under Subsections J or M may be served personally or by ordinary mail, and if the notice is served by ordinary mail, it shall be deemed to have been served on the fifth day after the day of mailing.
- O. Upon considering an application for a variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign, the Chief Building Official may issue a decision to:
- (1) Grant a variance;
 - (2) Grant a variance with conditions; or
 - (3) Refuse to grant a variance.
- P. Upon considering an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a third party sign or signs, or an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of first and third party signs, or an appeal to the Sign Variance Committee of the decision of the Chief Building Official on an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs the Sign Variance Committee may pass a resolution to:
- (1) Grant a variance or variances;
 - (2) Grant a variance or variances with conditions; or
 - (3) Refuse to grant a variance or variances.
- Q. On an appeal to the Sign Variance Committee of the Chief Building Official's decision on an application for variance from this chapter to permit the erection and display of a first party sign or signs, the Sign Variance Committee may pass a resolution to:
- (1) Grant a variance or variances;
 - (2) Grant a variance or variances with conditions; or
 - (3) Refuse to grant a variance or variances.
- R. A decision of the Sign Variance Committee is final and binding:
- (1) In the case of a decision to refuse to grant a variance or variances, on the date the decision is issued; and
 - (2) In the case of a decision to grant a variance or variances, or grant a variance or variances with conditions, 21 days after the date the decision is issued unless an application to consider is filed by the ward councillor in accordance with § 694-30S.

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- S. The ward councillor may elect to have the decision of the Sign Variance Committee to grant a variance or variances, or grant a variance or variances with conditions, considered by Council by filing an application to consider in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official within 20 days of the date of the decision.
- T. Upon receiving an application to consider from a ward councillor pursuant to Subsection S, the Chief Building Official shall report as necessary to the next available meeting of the community council for the geographical area containing the premises where the sign is proposed to be erected or displayed or to be the subject of the Signage Master Plan, which will hear and consider the application for variance and make recommendations to Council for final decision.
- U. Upon considering an application for variance from this chapter, Council may:
 - (1) Grant a variance or variances;
 - (2) Grant a variance or variances with conditions; or
 - (3) Refuse to grant a variance or variances.
- V. Council may grant a variance or variances from the provisions of this chapter where Council determines that the application for variance satisfies the criteria set out in § 694-30A.
- W. Any decision of Council is final and binding on the date of its adoption.

§ 694-31. By-law amendments.

- A. A person may apply for an amendment to the provisions of this chapter where: **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**
 - (1) The proposed sign is expressly prohibited by § 694-15B;
 - (2) The proposed sign would not comply with: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
 - (a) A provision of Article II, other than § 694-6;
 - (b) Sections 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.
 - (3) The proposed amendment would alter the sign district designation of a premises as indicated in Schedule A to this chapter; or
 - (4) The proposed amendment would implement a prohibition with respect to the erection or display of signs generally or with respect to specific premises or areas.
- B. The applicant for an amendment to this chapter shall file the application and other information required for the applicable sign class in the form and manner approved by the Chief Building Official and shall pay the non-refundable fees prescribed in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, for the processing of the by-law amendment application.

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- C. An applicant for an amendment to this chapter shall post, for no less than 30 days prior to the City's consideration of the application, notice of the application in such form as approved by the Chief Building Official in a location visible to the public on the premises where the sign is proposed to be erected.
- D. Upon receiving the application and information referred to in Subsection B, the Chief Building Official shall serve notice of the application on the owners of all properties and to the mailing addresses of residential and business tenancies within: **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**
- (a) a 250-metre radius of the premises on which the sign or signs are proposed to be erected where the sign is proposed to display electronic static copy or electronic moving copy; or
 - (b) in all other cases, a 120-metre radius of the premises on which the sign is proposed to be erected.
- E. A notice under Subsection D may be served:
- (1) On property owners within the applicable radius personally or by ordinary mail sent to the property owners' last known address, and if the notice is served by ordinary mail, the property owners shall be deemed to have been served with the notice on the fifth day after the day of mailing; and
 - (2) To the mailing addresses of residential and business tenancies within the applicable radius personally or by ordinary mail, and if the notice is served by ordinary mail, service shall be deemed to have been made on the fifth day after the day of mailing.
- F. Where an application for an amendment to this chapter is filed and a condominium development is located within 120 metres, or 250 metres of the premises on which the sign is proposed to be erected, as applicable, the notice under Subsection D may be served on the condominium corporation at its most recent address for service or mailing address as registered under section 3 of the *Condominium Act, 1998*, instead of being served upon the owners of the units of the condominium development. **[Amended 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]**

ARTICLE VI
Sign Variance Committee

§ 694-32. Creation of Committee.

- A. A Sign Variance Committee is constituted for the City of Toronto.

§ 694-33. Composition.

- A. The Sign Variance Committee shall consist of five members appointed by Council.
- B. Members shall be at least 18 years old and residents of the City.
- C. Council shall appoint the Chair of the Sign Variance Committee from among its members.

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- D. Members shall not act as agents for any person for any proceeding before the Sign Variance Committee.

§ 694-34. Quorum.

- A. The majority of committee members constitute a quorum.

§ 694-35. Term of appointment.

[Amended 2015-06-12 by By-law 629-2015]

- A. The members of the Sign Variance Committee shall be appointed for a term specified by Council, and serve at pleasure of Council until their successors are appointed.

§ 694-36. Authority to grant variances.

- A. The members of the Sign Variance Committee may, as provided in §§ 694-30P, 694-30Q, 694-30R and 694-30S, grant a variance or variances from the provisions of this chapter where the proposed sign satisfies the criteria set out in § 694-30A.

§ 694-37. Responsibilities.

The responsibilities of the Sign Variance Committee include:

- A. Hearing applications for variances from this chapter with respect to third party signs;
- B. Hearing appeals from decisions of the Chief Building Official on applications for variances from this chapter with respect to first party signs; and
- C. Granting variances from this chapter.

§ 694-38. Procedures.

- A. The Sign Variance Committee is a local board that shall conduct itself in accordance with its procedures by-law.

§ 694-39. Staff support.

- A. The City Clerk's Office shall provide meeting management support to the Sign Variance Committee. **[Amended 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013]**

ARTICLE VII
Transition

§ 694-40. Conflict.

- A. In the event of conflict between any provisions of this chapter and the provisions of any other City by-law regulating signs or advertising devices, the provisions of this chapter shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.

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§ 694-41. Validity.

- A. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any subsection, section, article, or part of this chapter invalid, it is the City's intention that the remainder of the chapter shall continue to be in force unless the court makes an order to the contrary.

§ 694-42. Transition provisions.

- A. None of the provisions of this chapter shall apply to prevent the erection of a sign, upon issuance of a sign permit, where:
- (1) An application for a permit for the sign is filed with the Chief Building Official before April 6, 2010;
 - (2) As at April 5, 2010, the proposed sign complies with the relevant sign by-law in effect on April 5, 2010; and
 - (3) A permit for the sign has not been issued by April 6, 2010.

§ 694-43. Effective date.

- A. This chapter comes into force and effect on April 6, 2010.

§ 694-44. Title.

[Added 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015]

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

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SCHEDULE A, MAPS

[Amended 2010-08-27 by By-law 1070-2010; 2011-02-08 by By-law 230-2011; 2011-07-14 by By-law 923-2011; 2011-07-14 by By-law 972-2011; 2012-05-09 by By-law 640-2012; 2012-11-29 by By-law 1635-2012; 2013-07-19 by By-law 1112-2013²⁰; 2014-08-28 by By-law 976-2014; 2015-10-02 by By-law 1041-2015; 2016-07-15 by By-law 767-2016]

Copies of the maps are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

To view the maps on the City's website, click on the following:

www.toronto.ca/signbylawunit/sign_bylaw.htm#map

²⁰ Editor's Note: Schedule A, Maps, is amended as required to designate each of the premises municipally known as 4917-4975 Yonge Street and 6 Spring Garden Avenue as a CR-Commercial Residential Sign District, such amendment to take effect upon the approval of the development application being processed as of July 19, 2013 under City File Nos. 11 330487 NNY 23 OZ and 10 108155 NNY 23 SA becoming final and binding, and the expiration of any statutory appeal period of that decision; and receipt by the Chief Building Official of an undertaking from the owners of 4917-4975 Yonge Street and 6 Spring Garden Avenue to remove all third party signs currently on each of the premises, such removal to occur prior to the making of any application under Ch. 694 with respect to either of the aforementioned premises.