

BYLAW 2024-06

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CANMORE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO
REGULATE THE PLACEMENT AND LOCATION OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN
SIGNS**

The Council of the Town of Canmore, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

TITLE

- 1 This bylaw shall be known as the “Political Campaign Sign Bylaw.”

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In this bylaw:
- a) “Political Campaign Sign” means temporary sign used for municipal, school board, regional health authority, provincial, or federal political elections;
 - b) “Highway” has the same meaning as set out in *Traffic Safety Act RSA 2000 Chapter T-6*.
 - c) “Peace Officer” means:
 - i) a person appointed as a bylaw enforcement officer pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, as amended;
 - ii) a person appointed as a Peace Officer pursuant to the Peace Officer Act, as amended; or
 - iii) a police officer.
 - d) “Private Property” means land owned in fee simple, held under a lease, sub-lease or license of occupation and is controlled by an individual or business.
 - e) “Public Place” means any land owned or leased by the municipality, other than a Highway, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use and includes:
 - i) Parks, as defined in the Parks Bylaw, as amended,
 - ii) Parking lots, and
 - iii) Land developed, used or managed by the Town for public utilities;
 - f) “Violation Tag” means a municipal tag or similar document issued by a Peace Officer in relations to an offence under this bylaw;
 - g) “Violation Ticket” means a ticket issued pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedures Act, as amended, and the regulations thereunder;

PROVISIONS

- 3 A person may place a Political Campaign Sign on Private Property with the permission of the property owner.
- 4 A person must not place Political Campaign Sign at a Public Place or Highway.
- 5 Notwithstanding s. 9.13.0.6 of the Land Use Bylaw, as amended, a Political Campaign Sign may be constructed from plastic panel foam or fiberglass.
- 6 A Political Campaign Sign is exempt from requirements for Certificates of Signage Conformance and Development Permits as set out in the Land Use Bylaw as amended.
- 7 A person must not place a Political Campaign Sign on Private Property in a manner that interferes with the safety and convenience of pedestrians, cyclists, or motorists.
- 8 Political campaign signs must be removed from Private Property within 48 hours of the closing of the polls following the election.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- 9 Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is liable to a minimum penalty of \$250.
- 10 Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction shall be liable for a minimum penalty in accordance with section 10 of this bylaw, and not exceeding \$10,000.
- 11 A Peace Officer is hereby authorized to seize, remove, and impound any Political Campaign Sign found in contravention of any provision of this bylaw.
- 12 The owner of the Political Campaign Sign is liable for a fee of \$50 per day for the impounding and storage of the sign.
- 13 The Town may destroy any Political Campaign Sign impounded by a Peace Officer and not claimed by the owner within 14 days without compensation to the owner.
- 14 A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Tag to any person, who a Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.
- 15 A Violation Tag may be issued to such person:
 - a) either personally; or
 - b) by mailing a copy to such person at their last known address.

- 16 The person to whom a Violation Tag is issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay to the Town the penalty specified on the Violation Tag.
- 17 If the penalty specified on a Violation Tag has not been paid within the prescribed time, then a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, as amended.
- 18 Notwithstanding section 14 of this bylaw, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, as amended, to any person who a Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.
- 19 In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which it continues and a person guilty of such an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this bylaw.

ENACTMENT/TRANSITION

- 20 If any clause in this bylaw is found to be invalid, it shall be severed from the remainder of the bylaw and shall not invalidate the whole bylaw.
- 21 This bylaw comes into force on the date it is passed.

FIRST READING:

SECOND READING:

THIRD READING:

Approved on behalf of the Town of Canmore:

 Sean Krausert
 Mayor

 Date

 Cheryl Hyde
 Manager, Municipal Clerk's Office

 Date