

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC NUISANCE BY-LAW 0222-2008 WITH
RESPECT TO ILLEGAL SIGNS ON PUBLIC ROAD ALLOWANCES**

City Council has enacted the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008, to declare signs and advertising devices illegally placed on public road allowances in the City as matters of public nuisances. According to this By-law, residents can be delegated the power to remove illegal nuisance signs within the City upon entering into an appropriate agreement with the City. This information bulletin is being provided to interested residents who wish to be delegated the authority to remove illegal nuisance signs under the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008.

You are eligible to be delegated the authority to remove illegal nuisance signs found on public road allowances if:

1. You are at least 18 years of age or older; and
2. You are a resident of the City of Mississauga; and
3. You have entered into a Nuisance Sign Removal Agreement with the City of Mississauga.

Please ensure that you review the Nuisance Sign Removal Agreement carefully prior to signing it. Please execute two copies of the Nuisance Sign Removal Agreement and bring both copies with you to the City's Sign Unit located at 300 City Centre Drive on the 3rd floor. One copy will be returned to you for your records.

If you are a resident of the City of Mississauga and you would only like to be delegated the authority to remove illegal nuisance signs that are placed on public property abutting your property/the private property you occupy, then you are not required to enter into an agreement with the City. Moreover, it is not necessary for employees of the City and elected officials to enter into an agreement with the City for the purposes of removing illegal nuisance signs.

When removing illegal nuisance signs pursuant to the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008, please consult this information bulletin in conjunction with the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008.

1. When removing illegal nuisance signs pursuant to the City's Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008, you may:
 - (a) Remove temporary signs which are 1.0m² (10 sq. ft.) or less in size and which have been placed on the boulevard between a sidewalk and the curb (travelled portion of the road allowance); or
 - (b) Remove temporary signs that are located on the boulevard between a sidewalk and the curb and that are placed on:
 - i) traffic signal poles; or
 - ii) traffic signage poles (but NOT on the face of the traffic signs); or
 - iii) streetlighting poles; or
 - iv) utility poles.

2. Please keep in mind to:
 - (a) Be careful when removing signs from poles as many of these signs have staples;
 - (b) Refrain from approaching any work areas on public road allowances and any areas that are under construction;
 - (c) Put your safety first and refrain from removing a sign when confronted with a disgruntled citizen or the sign owner; and
 - (d) Continue to abide by any other applicable by-laws and laws while performing any activities under the Public Nuisance By-law. For example, please do not make prohibited stops on streets in order to remove illegal signs as that would be contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

3. Please DO NOT remove any of the following signs when you are removing illegal nuisance signs pursuant to the City's Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008, even if they are found on the public road allowances:
 - (a) Elections signs, new home development signs, open house signs, real estate signs, sidewalk signs, signs on poster sleeves and any signs placed on a bus shelter; or
 - (b) Garage sale signs for garage sales that will be taking place or have taken place within one (1) day of the day the sign is found (unless the garage sale sign is found on a streetlighting pole, a traffic signal pole, a traffic signage pole or a utility pole, and not on a poster sleeve); or
 - (c) A sign that is found on the centre median of a road or a traffic island.

4. Please DO NOT remove any sign found on private property.

If you encounter a sign that has been illegally placed, but you have not been delegated the authority to remove it, or you are not sure whether a sign can be removed according to the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008, please do not remove it. You may contact the City's Sign Unit at (905) 615-3200 ext. 4169.

Please remember to exercise caution and care when undertaking activities under the Public Nuisance By-law as you are committing yourself on a voluntary, at your own risk basis.



Nuisance Sign Removal Agreement

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of sections 11(2), 11(3)(7) and 128 of the Municipal Act 2001 and under the authority of City of Mississauga By-law 0222-2008. The personal information will be used to process an authorization agreement to remove and dispose of public nuisance signs. Questions about the collection of this personal information should be directed to the Sign Unit, 300 City Centre Drive, 3rd Floor, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1. Telephone: (905) 615-3200 ext. 4169.

Form Instructions

Return completed form to: Sign Unit, City of Mississauga, 300 City Centre Drive, 3rd Floor, Mississauga Ontario L5B 3C1
Phone: 905-615-3200 ext. 4169

Name of Resident: _____

Address of Resident: _____

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Mississauga has passed By-law 0222-2008, being a Public Nuisance By-law declaring certain illegal signs and advertising devices in the City as matters of public nuisances (“Public Nuisance By-law”), and that subject to entering into an appropriate agreement with the City, a resident may be delegated authority to remove such illegal nuisance signs under the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008.

THEREFORE I, _____ (name of Resident), being a resident of the City of Mississauga at the municipal address noted above, and 18 years of age or older, wish to be authorized to remove illegal nuisance signs within the City of Mississauga under the Public Nuisance By-law and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I agree that if I wish to remove any illegal nuisance signs, I will only remove illegal nuisance signs as outlined in “Schedule A” attached hereto. If I find other prohibited signs under the Sign By-law 54-02, as amended, that are not provided in Schedule A, I may contact the City’s Sign Unit for the removal of such signs, but will not remove such sign(s) myself.
2. This Agreement shall commence as of the date when this Authorization Agreement is received by the City for a term of five (5) years, unless it is terminated in accordance with section 3.
3. Notwithstanding section 2 above, this Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the term upon happening of any of the following whichever occurs first: a) upon 10 days written notice provided by the City, which notice may be delivered by mail; b) the repeal of the Public Nuisance By-law and in such case, this Agreement is terminated as of the date of the repeal; or c) I am no longer a resident of the City.

4. I agree that, despite my activities under the Public Nuisance By-law and this Agreement, I will continue to comply with any other applicable laws and by-laws, regulations and other requirements of governmental authority.
5. I acknowledge and agree that I am not an employee or contractor of the City by virtue of exercising any activities under the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008 and this Agreement.
6. I acknowledge and agree that any activities undertaken pursuant to the Public Nuisance By-law and this Agreement are on a volunteer basis only and are conducted at my own risk. I agree to exercise care in engaging in any such activities and freely accept and assume all risks and liabilities with respect to my activities hereunder, and agree to release and waive all claims against the City and its elected officials, employees, contractors, and Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc. (“Enersource”) and its directors, officers, employees, contractors, and indemnify and save harmless the City, Enersource, and all such City and Enersource personnel from any losses, claims, damages and any other expenses that may arise as a result of my activities under the Public Nuisance By-law and this Agreement.

By signing below, I agree and accept all the terms and conditions as noted above in this Nuisance Sign Removal Agreement.

Signature of Witness

Signature of Resident

Name of Witness

Date

SCHEDULE "A"

Public Nuisance Signs Authorized for Removal

1. Temporary signs that are prohibited by the Sign By-law 54-02, as amended, are authorized for removal and disposal under this Agreement, if such signs are:
 - (1) 1.0m² (10 sq. ft.) or less in size; and
 - (2) located or placed on the boulevard between a sidewalk and the travelled portion of the road allowance (i.e. the curb) including:
 - (a) traffic signal poles;
 - (b) traffic signage poles, but not on the face of the traffic signs;
 - (c) streetlighting poles;
 - (d) utility poles;

that are located on the boulevard between a sidewalk and the travelled portion of the road allowance.
2. Notwithstanding section 1 of this Schedule A, no authorization shall be granted under this Agreement for the removal and disposal of the following signs, whether or not they are prohibited under the Sign By-law 54-02, as amended:
 - (a) election signs;
 - (b) real estate signs;
 - (c) open house signs;
 - (d) signs placed on a bus shelter;
 - (e) signs placed on a poster sleeve;
 - (f) garage sale signs for garage sales that will be taking place or have taken place within one (1) day of the day the sign is found unless the garage sale sign is found on a streetlighting pole, a traffic signal pole, a traffic signage pole or a utility pole, and not on a poster sleeve; or
 - (g) signs that are otherwise not prohibited under the Sign By-law 54-02, as amended.