

Animal & Bylaw Services reminds Calgarians to avoid illegally placing temporary signs

With the arrival of spring, Animal & Bylaw Services would like to remind Calgarians to consult the rules for posting temporary signs before placing them along city streets or in other public areas.

Complaints about temporary signs advertising everything from landscaping to garage sales tend to increase as the weather warms up. If illegally placed, they can cause a public safety concern by impeding the visibility of motorists and pedestrians. They can even cause traffic hazards.

There are proper areas and methods of legally placing signs. To be legal, the bylaw states that temporary signs must be:

- At least 30 metres away from an intersection.
- At least 10 metres away from a crosswalk.
- Two metres from the curb or edge of the road.

It is illegal to place signs:

- On a traffic island, centre median, or if the placement creates a potential traffic or pedestrian hazard.
- On a street light pole, traffic control device, fire hydrant, Plus 15 bridge or sound attenuation wall.
- By permanently affixing them or supporting them with string, rope, wire or metal stakes or if the placement causes damage to municipal property.
- That are larger than 0.6 square metres or 2X3 feet in size.

Calgarians are also reminded to be respectful and ensure that they are not placing signs on private property.

Temporary signs must list the name, address and phone number of the owner and date the sign was placed. The sign cannot be displayed for longer than 14 consecutive days or for more than 24 hours after the advertised event has ended.

Officers can impound any signs found in breach of the bylaw with a \$100 fine per sign. The Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw 29M97 also includes a list of roadways where signs are prohibited or restricted. To read the bylaw, visit calgary.ca/bylawservices.