



**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT**  
**MOVEABLE SIGNS BY-LAW 2014**  
**By-law No. 4 of 2014**

*A by-law to set standards for moveable signs on roads and to provide conditions for the placement of such signs in the Council's area.*

**PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**

**1. Title**

This By-law may be cited as the *Moveable Signs By-law 2014* and is By-law No. 4 of the District Council of Grant.

**2. Authorising law**

This By-law is made under sections 239 and 246 of the Act and sections 667(1), 4.1, and 9.XVI of the *Local Government Act 1934*.

**3. Purpose**

The object of this By-law is to set standards for moveable signs on roads:

- 3.1 to protect the comfort and safety of road users and members of the public;
- 3.2 to enhance the amenity of roads and surrounding parts of the Council area;
- 3.3 to prevent nuisances occurring on roads;
- 3.4 to prevent unreasonable interference with the use of a road; and
- 3.5 for the good rule and government of the Council area.

**4. Expiry**

- 4.1 This By-law will expire on 1 January 2022.

**Note-**

1. Generally a By-law comes into operation 4 months after the day on which it is gazetted:

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section 249(5) of the Act.

2. Section 253 of the Act provides that the revocation of a By-law by another By-law that contains substantially the same provisions, does not affect certain resolutions such as those applying a By-law to a part or parts of the Council area.
3. Pursuant to section 251 of the Act, a By-law will expire on 1 January following the seventh anniversary of the gazettal of the By-law.

## 5. Application

- 5.1 This By-law operates subject to the Council's *Permits and Penalties By-law 2014*.
- 5.2 This By-law applies throughout the Council area.

## 6. Interpretation

In this By-law, unless the contrary intention appears:

- 6.1 **Act** means the *Local Government Act 1999*;
- 6.2 **business premises** means premises from which a business is being conducted;
- 6.3 **Council** means the District Council of Grant;
- 6.4 **footpath area** means:
  - 6.4.1 that part of a road between the property boundary of the road and the edge of the carriageway on the same side as that boundary;
  - 6.4.2 a footway, lane or other place made or constructed for the use of pedestrians and not for the use of vehicles;
- 6.5 **vehicle** has the same meaning as in the *Road Traffic Act 1961*.

### Note-

Section 14 of the *Interpretation Act 1915* provides that an expression used in this By-law has, unless the contrary intention appears, the same meaning as in the Acts under which the By-law was made.

## PART 2 – MOVEABLE SIGNS

### 7. Construction and design

A moveable sign placed on a footpath area must:

- 7.1 be of a kind known as an 'A' frame or sandwich board sign, an 'inverted T' sign, or a flat sign or, with the permission of the Council, a sign of some other kind;
- 7.2 be designed, constructed and maintained in good quality and condition;
- 7.3 be of strong construction and sufficiently stable or securely fixed so as to keep its position in adverse weather conditions;

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- 7.4 have no sharp or jagged edges or corners;
  - 7.5 not be unsightly or offensive in appearance or content;
  - 7.6 be constructed of timber, metal, plastic or plastic coated cardboard, or a mixture of such materials;
  - 7.7 not exceed 900mm in height, 600mm in width and 600mm in depth;
  - 7.8 in the case of an 'A' frame or sandwich board sign:
    - 7.8.1 be hinged or joined at the top;
    - 7.8.2 be of such construction that its sides are securely fixed or locked in position when erected; and
    - 7.8.3 not have a base area in excess of 0.6 square metres;
  - 7.9 in the case of an inverted 'T' sign, not contain struts or members that run between the display area and the base of the sign.

## 8. Placement

A moveable sign must not be:

- 8.1 placed on any part of a road apart from the footpath area;
- 8.2 placed on a footpath that is less than 2.5 metres wide;
- 8.3 placed closer than 2 metres from another structure, fixed object, tree, bush or plant;
- 8.4 placed within 1 metre of an entrance to any business premises;
- 8.5 placed on the sealed or paved part of a footpath, if there is an unsealed part on which the sign can be placed in accordance with this By-law;
- 8.6 placed so as to interfere with the reasonable movement of persons or vehicles using the footpath or road in the vicinity of where the moveable sign is placed;
- 8.7 placed closer than 1.5 metres to the kerb (or, if there is no kerb, to the edge of the carriageway of a road or the shoulder of the road, whichever is the greater);
- 8.8 placed on a landscaped area, other than landscaping that comprises only lawn;
- 8.9 placed within 10 metres of an intersection of two or more roads;
- 8.10 placed on a footpath area with a minimum height clearance from a structure above it of less than 2 metres;
- 8.11 placed on a designated parking area or within 1 metre of an entrance to premises;

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- 8.12 tied, fixed or attached to, or placed closer than 2 metres to any other structure, object or thing (including another moveable sign);
  - 8.13 displayed during the hours of darkness unless it is clearly lit; or
  - 8.14 placed in such a position or in such circumstances that the safety of a user of the footpath area or road is at risk.

## 9. Appearance

A moveable sign placed on the footpath area of a road must, in the opinion of an authorised person:

- 9.1 be painted or otherwise detailed at a competent and professional manner;
- 9.2 be attractive, legible and simply worded to convey a precise message;
- 9.3 be of such design and contain such colours which are compatible with the architectural design of the premises adjacent to the sign, and which relate well to the town scope and overall amenity of the locality in which it is situated;
- 9.4 contain combinations of colour and typographical styles which blend in with and reinforce the heritage qualities of the locality and the buildings where it is situated;
- 9.5 not have balloons, flags, streamers or other things attached to it; and
- 9.6 not rotate or contain flashing parts.

## 10. Banners

A person must not erect or display a banner on a building or structure on a road without the Council's permission.

### Note-

A person must not erect or display a banner on a public road for a business purpose without a permit from the Council issued under section 222 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

## 11. Restrictions

- 11.1 The owner or operator of a business must not cause or allow more than one moveable sign for each business premises to be displayed on the footpath area of a road at any time.
- 11.2 A person must not, without the Council's permission, display a moveable sign on or attached to or adjacent to a vehicle that is parked on Local Government land (including roads) primarily for the purpose of advertising or offering for sale a product (including the vehicle) or business to which the sign relates.
- 11.3 For the purposes of clause 11.2, the definition of a "moveable sign on or attached to or adjacent to a vehicle" does not apply to:

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- 11.3.1 a sign that is required by law to be on or attached to or adjacent to a vehicle; or
- 11.3.2 any sign which is permanently attached to the chassis or roof of the vehicle; or
- 11.3.3 any moveable sign in respect of which an authorisation or permit has been issued by the Council.
- 11.4 A person must not cause or allow a moveable sign to be placed on a footpath area unless:
- 11.4.1 it only displays material which advertises a business being conducted on premises adjacent to the moveable sign or the goods and services available from that business; and
- 11.4.2 the business premises to which it relates is open to the public.
- 11.5 If in the opinion of the Council a footpath area is unsafe for a moveable sign to be displayed, the Council may prohibit or restrict the display of a moveable sign on such conditions as the Council thinks fit.

## 12. Exemptions

- 12.1 Subclauses 9.1-9.4, 11.1 and 11.4 of this By-law do not apply to a moveable sign which:
- 12.1.1 advertises a garage sale taking place from residential premises;
- 12.1.2 is a directional sign to an event run by a community organisation or charitable body;
- 12.2 Subclauses 9.1-9.4, 11.1 and 11.4 of this By-law do not apply to a flat sign which only contains a newspaper headline and the name of a newspaper or magazine.
- 12.3 A requirement of this By-law will not apply where the Council has granted permission for the moveable sign to be displayed contrary to that requirement.

### Note-

This By-law does not apply to moveable signs placed and maintained on a road in accordance with section 226(3) of the Act, which includes any sign:

- placed there pursuant to an authorisation under another Act;
- designed to direct people to the open inspection of any land or building that is available for purchase or lease;
- related to a State or Commonwealth election and is displayed during the period commencing on the issue of the writ of writs for the election and ending at the close of polls on polling day;
- related to an election held under this Act or the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* and is displayed during the period commencing 4 weeks immediately before the date that has been set (either by or under either Act) for polling day and ending at the close of voting on polling day; or
- the sign is of a prescribed class.

## PART 3 – ENFORCEMENT

**13. Removal of moveable signs**

13.1 A person must immediately comply with the order of an authorised person to remove a moveable sign made pursuant to section 227(1) of the Act.

13.2 The owner of or other person entitled to recover a moveable sign removed by an authorised person pursuant to section 227(2) of the Act, may be required to pay to the Council any reasonable costs incurred by the Council in removing, storing, and/or disposing of the moveable sign before being entitled to recover the moveable sign.

13.3 The owner, or other person responsible for a moveable sign must remove or relocate the moveable sign at the request of an authorised person:

13.3.1 if, in the opinion of an authorised person, and notwithstanding compliance with this By-law, there is any hazard or obstruction or there is likely to be a hazard or obstruction arising out of the location of the moveable sign; or

13.3.2 for the purpose of special events, parades, roadworks or in any other circumstances which, in the opinion of the authorised person, require relocation or removal of the moveable sign to protect public safety or to protect or enhance the amenity of a particular locality.

**Note-**

Section 227 of the Act provides that:

- (1) If—
  - a) the design or construction of a moveable sign that has been placed on a road does not comply with a requirement of the council's by-laws; or
  - b) the positioning of the sign does not comply with a requirement of the council's by-laws; or
  - c) any other relevant requirement of the council's by-laws is not complied with; or
  - d) the sign unreasonably—
    - i. restricts the use of the road; or
    - ii. endangers the safety of members of the public,
 an authorised person may order the owner of the sign to remove the sign from the road.

If the authorised person cannot find the owner, or the owner fails to comply immediately with the order, the authorised person may remove and dispose of the sign.

This By-law was duly made and passed at a meeting of the District Council of Grant held on the 14 July 2014 by an absolute majority of the members for the time being constituting the Council, there being at least two thirds of the members present.

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TREVOR SMART  
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