



## Regulatory Fire & Safety Signage

### Vaughan, Ontario

#### Fire Routes

##### **Parking Bylaws**

[https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by\\_laws/Bylaws/140-96.pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by_laws/Bylaws/140-96.pdf)

- Minimum size of 30cm x 45cm
- Displays the following information
  - Fire access route
  - Parking prohibited
  - Number of bylaw: 140-96 (amended, original bylaw # is 1-96)
- A minimum size of 30cm x 60cm when the following additional information is needed:  
Vehicles will be tagged and/or towed away

##### **Amended information from above:**

[https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by\\_laws/Bylaws/137-2018.pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by_laws/Bylaws/137-2018.pdf)

- Minimum size of 30cm x 60cm
  - Identifies the area designated either a fire route or a fire access route
  - Indicates that parking is prohibited

#### No Parking

##### **Bylaw Office, 9058322281**

- Signs must quote the general parking bylaw: "Bylaw 1-96"

[https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by\\_laws/Bylaws/203-92\(consolidated\).pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by_laws/Bylaws/203-92(consolidated).pdf)

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- See general sign requirements under [Other](#)



## Towing

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## No Smoking

<https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/yorkregion/yr/bylaws>

All of York Region follows the Ontario code for no smoking

<https://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/en/smoke-free/legislation/signs.asp>

### Smoke Free Areas

- For employers and proprietors, hotels, motels, and inns
- At least 10cm in height at least 10cm in width
- Graphic symbol of the international no smoking symbol with a white background
- Have the Trillium and Smoke-Free Ontario logos shown on the sign



## Dumping

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## Underground Parking

### **Bylaw Office, 9058322281**

- There are no general signage requirements, it is based on the property requirements itself

### **Vaughan Urban Design Manual**

[https://www.vaughan.ca/services/business/urban\\_design/General%20Documents/171107%20UDG%20Vaughan\\_Draft%20for%20web.pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/services/business/urban_design/General%20Documents/171107%20UDG%20Vaughan_Draft%20for%20web.pdf)

- Use appropriate fonts and colours to provide clear wayfinding and signage that differentiate between public and private entrances
  - Signage should indicate pedestrian entrances and exits as well
- Should include design treatments for safe access by cyclists to secure long-term bike parking and storage units
  - This includes pavement markings and signage

### **Building Code Extracts**

[http://tnb.ca/en/brands/emergi-lite/files/EL\\_NBC%20BUILDING%20CODE\\_EN.pdf](http://tnb.ca/en/brands/emergi-lite/files/EL_NBC%20BUILDING%20CODE_EN.pdf)

Every exit door shall have an exit sign placed over it or adjacent to it if the exit serves

- A building that is 3 storeys in building height
- A building having an occupant load of more than 150
- A room or floor area that has a fire escape as part of a required means of egress

Every exit sign shall:

- Be visible on approach to the exit
- Consist of a green pictogram and a white or lightly tinted graphical symbol meeting the colour specifications referred to in ISO 3864-1, "Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas," and c) conform to the dimensions indicated in ISO 7010, "Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – for the following symbols (see A-3.4.5.1.(2)(c))
  - i) E001 emergency exit left,
  - ii) E002 emergency exit right,
  - iii) E005 90-degree directional arrow, and
  - iv) E006 45-degree directional arrow.
- Internally illuminated exit signs shall be continuously illuminated and
  - Where illumination of the sign is powered by an electrical circuit, be constructed in conformance with CSA C22.2 No. 141, "Emergency Lighting Equipment,"



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- Where illumination of the sign is not powered by an electrical circuit, be constructed in conformance with CAN/ULC-S572, "Photoluminescent and Self-Luminous Signs and Path Marking Systems."
- Externally illuminated exit signs shall be continuously illuminated and be constructed in conformance with CAN/ULC-S572, "Photoluminescent and Self-Luminous Signs and Path Marking Systems." (See A-3.4.5.1. (4)
- The circuitry serving lighting for externally and internally illuminated exit signs shall a) serve no equipment other than emergency equipment, and b) be connected to an emergency power supply as described in Sentences 9.9.12.3.(2), (3) and (7).
- Where no exit is visible from a public corridor, from a corridor used by the public, or from principal routes serving an open floor area having an occupant load of more than 150, an exit sign conforming to Clauses (2)(b) and (c) with an arrow or pointer indicating the direction of egress shall be provided

## Fire Safety Plan Box Provisions

### ***Fire Prevention Representative, Bylaw Office, 9058322281***

- No specific requirement in Vaughan
- If an occupancy requires a fire safety plan, then within the plan it must state where the approved location would be - between building and fire safety review for specific location, doesn't have to be in a box

## Accessibility Guidelines

### ***Designated Parking Spaces, Parking Bylaw***

[https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by\\_laws/Bylaws/1-96.pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/by_laws/Bylaws/1-96.pdf)



- Identified with the provincially regulated sign



York Region -  
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Accessibility Policy, ext.

<https://www.york.ca/wps/wcm/connect/yorkpublic/2c41dc58-b7f7-4522-90eb-b2eaf48b2187/Accessibility+Policy+2017.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>

- York Region has established an accessibility policy in order to meet the requirements that are outlined in the IASR, the AODA, the Design of Public Spaces, and also follows the requirements in the Ontario Building Code
  - AODA <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a11>
  - IASR <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/110191#BK91> (exterior design)
  - Design of Public Spaces Regulations  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2c3Xbwb7aY3bUJXWnBNdWhKMHM/view>  
(exterior design)
  - Ontario Building Code

OBC

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r13368>



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- Required to have a barrier-free entrance, signs using the International Symbol of Access shall be installed to indicate the location of
  - That entrance
  - Ramps located to serve that entrance
  - An exterior passenger loading zone
- Washrooms, elevators, telephones, or parking areas designed for accommodation shall be identified with a sign that has the International Symbol of Access
- Signs locating a barrier-free means of egress shall be identified with the International Symbol of Access
- Tactile sign (wall mounted)
  - Characters, symbols, or pictographs shall be not less than 1200mm and not more than 1500 mm above the finished floor

## Other

### Sign Bylaw - requirements for regulatory/directional signs

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### No Trespassing Sign

- Cannot be more than 0.50 square metres in sign area

### General Sign Requirements:

- Directional signs (Ground)
  - Set back a minimum of 1.0m from all street lines
  - No greater than 5.0m in any dimensions of the sign face
  - No more than one sign mounted on the supporting structure
  - Cannot exceed a maximum height of 7.5m from the finished grade level at the base
  - Set back a minimum of 1.5m from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot
  - Cannot be located closer than 1.0m to any driveway
  - Cannot be where the distance between a structure and the street line is less than 4m
  - Minimum 2.44m clearance for any sign located above a walkway
  - Max. 1 sign per premise
- Directional signs (wall)
  - Cannot project more than 0.3m from the wall
  - Minimum 2.44 m above the finished floor level immediately below the sign
  - Cannot extend beyond the extremities



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- Unless the premise is located on the corner of a building (counts as 2 signs), a wall sign may not extend around the corners of the wall
- Max. 1 sign per business premise located on the exterior wall
- Must be located at the storey having direct access to the street
  - If the premise occupies all stories in a multi-storey building the sign may be posted on the next storey above

## **Commercial Building Requirements**

- Ground signs may not be larger than 10.0sq.m in area on a single sign face, or 20.0 sq.m. for all faces combined
- Wall signs
  - Area cannot exceed 0.75 sq. m. per horizontal metre of the exterior wall of the building
  - Total area of a wall sign cannot exceed 20.0 sq. m.

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