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	<b>Anmore</b> Village of	<b>Belcarra</b> Village of	<b>Bowen Island</b> Municipality of	<b>Burnaby</b> City of	<b>Coquitlam</b> City of	<b>Delta</b> Corporation of
<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#"><u>Zoning Bylaw, 2004, No.374</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Zoning Bylaw, 1996, No.253</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Land Use Bylaw, 2002, No.57</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Burnaby Sign Bylaw, 1972, No.6163</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Coquitlam Sign Bylaw, 2008, No.3873</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Delta Sign Bylaw, 2000, No.5860</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Sign Permit Application</u></a>
<b>Real estate signs defined</b> (Term "Real Estate" or "Realty" Sign used)	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Size limitations</b> (residential only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Construction/development signs defined</b> (non-residential)	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Open house/directional signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Vehicle signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Time limitations</b>	Yes	Real estate sign permitted for the duration of the sale. Open house directional signs permitted for the duration on the open house.	Must be removed within 30 days of sale	Real estate sign permitted for the duration of the sale. Open house directional signs permitted for the duration on the open house.	Real estate sign permitted for the duration of the sale. Open house directional signs permitted for the duration on the open house.	Real estate sign permitted for the duration of the sale. Open house directional signs permitted for the duration on the open house.
<b>Permit required</b>	No	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Local government will seize signs</b> (If in contravention of bylaw)*			No		No	No
<b>How to retrieve a seized sign *</b>				City won't contact REALTOR® about seized sign. REALTOR® must contact City to see if they have their sign. No fine issued	City will contact REALTOR® to retrieve their sign. No fine levied, unless REALTOR® is a repeat offender.	Corporation won't contact REALTOR® about seized sign. REALTOR® must contact corporation. A fine may be levied.

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<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#"><u>Gibsons Sign Bylaw, 1985, No.526</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Lions Bay Zoning Bylaw, 2004, No.362</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Maple Ridge Sign Bylaw, 1992, No.4653</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>New Westminister Sign Bylaw, 2000, No.6625</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>North Vancouver Sign Bylaw, 1992, No.6363</u></a>
<b>Real estate signs defined</b> (Term "Real Estate" or "Realty" Sign used)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Size limitations</b> (residential only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Construction/development signs defined</b> (non-residential)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Open house/directional signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
<b>Vehicle signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Time limitations</b>			Real estate sign permitted for the duration of the sale. Open house directional signs permitted for the duration on the open house.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 15 days of the sale/lease/rental. Open house and directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 15 days of the sale/lease/rental. Open house and directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.
<b>Permit required</b>	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Local government will seize signs</b> (If in contravention of bylaw)*			Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>How to retrieve a seized sign *</b>	Town will contact REALTOR® to retrieve sign. A \$200 fine could be levied		District won't contact REALTOR® about seized sign. REALTOR® must contact District to see if they have their sign. A fine may be levied	City will not contact REALTOR® to retrieve their seized sign. No fine is levied.	City will contact REALTOR® to retrieve their sign. No fine levied,

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<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#"><u>North Vancouver District Sign Bylaw, 2004, No.7532</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Pemberton Sign Bylaw, 1995, No.380</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Pitt Meadows Sign Bylaw, 2005, No. 2248</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Port Coquitlam Sign Bylaw, 1995, No.2638</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Port Moody Sign Bylaw, 1998, No.2403</u></a>
<b>Real estate signs defined</b> (Term "Real Estate" or "Realty" Sign used)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Size limitations</b> (residential only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Construction/development signs defined</b> (non-residential)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Open house/directional signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Vehicle signs permitted</b> (with Restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Time limitations</b>	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 7 days of the sale/lease/rental. Open house and directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 2 weeks of the sale/lease/rental. Open house directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale. Open house directional signs permitted between 5:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 am Monday. Extended hours for statutory holidays.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 7 days of the sale/lease/rental. Open house and directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 7 days of the sale/lease/rental. Open house and directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.
<b>Permit required</b>	No	No	No	No	NO (Note: permit required for sandwich board signs on public property)
<b>Local government will seize signs</b> (If in contravention of bylaw)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>How to retrieve a seized sign *</b>	District may contact REALTOR® to retrieve their sign. A fine may be levied.	Village will contact REALTOR® to retrieve their sign. \$100 fine is levied.	City won't contact REALTOR® about seized sign. REALTOR® must contact City to see if they have their sign. \$100 may be levied	City won't contact REALTOR® about seized sign. REALTOR® must contact City to see if they have their sign. A fine may be levied	City will contact REALTOR® to retrieve their sign. No fine levied,

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	<b>Richmond</b> City of	<b>Sechelt</b> District of	<b>Squamish</b> District of	<b>Squamish-Lillooet</b> Regional District of	<b>Sunshine Coast</b> Regional District of
<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#"><u>Richmond Sign Bylaw, 1990, No. 5560</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sechelt Sign Bylaw, 1990, No.5560</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Squamish Sign Bylaw, 2000, No. 1582</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Squamish-Lillooet Sign Bylaw, 1996, No.681</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sunshine Coast Zoning Bylaw, 1987, No.310 (Area B, D, E &amp; F)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Sunshine Coast Zoning Bylaw, 1990, No.337 (Area A)</u></a>
<b>Real estate signs defined</b> (Term "Real Estate" or "Realty" Sign used)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Size limitations</b> (residential only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Construction/development signs defined</b> (non-residential)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Open house/directional signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Vehicle signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Time limitations</b>	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale. Open house directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 14 days of the sale/lease/rental. Open house and directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.	Real estate sign permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 4 weeks of the sale/lease/rental. Open house directional signs permitted no more than 8 hours in a 24 hour period.	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 14 days of the sale/lease/rental. Open house and directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house.	
<b>Permit required</b>	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Local government will seize signs</b> (If in contravention of bylaw)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>How to retrieve a seized sign *</b>	City won't contact REALTOR® about seized sign. Fine is levied for second offence.	District will contact the REALTOR® to pick up the sign. No fine levied.	District won't contact REALTOR® about seized sign. REALTOR® must contact District to see if they have their sign. A fine may be levied.	Regional District will contact REALTOR® with a written notice to retrieve their sign. No fine levied.	

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	<b>Vancouver</b> City of (Part 1)	<b>Vancouver</b> City of (Part 2)	<b>West Vancouver</b> District of	<b>Whistler</b> Resort Municipality of	<b>Gabriola Island</b> Islands Trust
<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#"><u>Vancouver Sign Bylaw, 2010, No.6510</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Street and Traffic Bylaw, 1944, No.2849</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Policy for Real Estate Signs</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>West Vancouver Sign Bylaw, 2007, No.4499</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Whistler Sign Bylaw, 1987, No.558</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Gabriola Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, No.177 (Part B.4)</u></a>
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<b>Size limitations</b> (residential only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Construction/development signs defined</b> (non-residential)	Yes		Yes	Yes	
<b>Open house/directional signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes - sign must state "Open House" No - directional arrows	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Vehicle signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Time limitations</b>	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 15 days of sale/lease/rental. Open House signs directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house	Yes	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 14 days of sale/lease/rental. Open House signs directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house	Real estate signs permitted for the duration of the sale and must be removed within 2 weeks of sale/lease/rental. Open House signs directional signs permitted for the duration of the open house	Must be removed within 2 weeks of sale
<b>Permit required</b>	No	No	No	No	
<b>Local government will seize sign</b> (If law is in contravention of bylaw) *	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>How to retrieve a seized sign *</b>	City will contact REALTOR® to retrieve their sign. \$100 min fine is levied.	City will contact REALTOR® to retrieve their sign. \$100 min fine is levied.	District will contact REALTOR® to pick up the sign. No fine levied	Municipality will contact REALTOR® about seized sign. A \$100 fine may be levied	

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<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#"><u>Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw 1999, No.127 (Part 16)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw, 2008, No.146 (Part 6)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>North Pender Island Land Use By-law, 1996, No.103 (Part 5)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 2001, No.355 (Part 6)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw, 2002, No.78 (Part 13)</u></a>
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<b>Size limitations</b> (residential only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Construction/development signs defined</b> (non-residential)					
<b>Open house/directional signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Vehicle signs permitted</b> (with restrictions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Time limitations</b>	Must be removed within 30 days of sale	Must be removed within 30 days of sale		Must be removed within 30 days of sale	Must be removed within 30 days of sale
<b>Permit required</b>					
<b>Local government will seize sign</b> (If law is in contravention of bylaw) *					
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