

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

BYLAW NO. 8417

RESPECTING UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Saanich in an open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. In this bylaw,

GRAFFITI means any drawing, printing, picture, writing or mark or combination thereof but does not include anything in or on a sign for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the "Sign Bylaw, 2000, No. 8101", or any successor bylaw, or a sign for which no permit is required pursuant to the said Sign Bylaw, or a sign which is exempt from the provisions of the said Sign Bylaw, or a mural for which a permit has been issued by the Council, or a mural approved by the Project Jury in accordance with the Comprehensive Arts Policy, January 2002.

PROJECT JURY means the arts jury pursuant to the Comprehensive Arts Policy, January 2002.

2. No owner or occupier of real property shall allow the said real property to become or remain unsightly.
3. No person shall write, draw, print, mark or place graffiti on a wall, fence or other place or thing in or upon a highway, park or other public place, unless authorized by a permit issued by the Council.
4. No person shall write, draw, print, mark or place graffiti on a wall, fence or other place or thing in or upon a parcel of land so that the graffiti is visible from a highway, park or other public place.
5. No person being the owner or occupier of a parcel of land shall write, draw, print, mark, place, suffer or maintain graffiti on a wall, fence or other place or thing in or upon a parcel of land so that the graffiti is visible from a highway, park or other public place.
6. Notwithstanding anything contained in this bylaw or the "Sign Bylaw, 2000, No 8101" or any successor bylaw or bylaws, the Council may, upon the application in writing of an owner of land, authorize the issuance of a permit to paint a mural on a wall, fence or other place or thing on a parcel of land.

7. No person shall cause or permit water, rubbish or noxious, offensive or unwholesome matter or substances to collect or accumulate around their premises.
8. No person shall deposit or throw bottles, broken glass or other rubbish in any open place in the Municipality of Saanich.
9. Every owner or occupier of real property or the agent of such owner or occupier shall remove from the said real property an accumulation of filth, discarded material, rubbish or graffiti placed in contravention of Section 5 hereof. The Council may direct a notice in writing to be sent to such owner or occupier or the agent of such owner or occupier notifying the said owner, occupier or agent that in default of such removal within a time specified in the said notice, the Municipality by its workmen or other persons may, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, enter upon the said real property and effect such removal at the expense of the person so defaulting and the charge for so doing, if unpaid on the 31st day of December in any year, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that real property as taxes in arrear.
10. (a) The Director of Planning, Manager of Inspection Services and Bylaw Enforcement Officers may enter, at all reasonable times, upon any property in order to ascertain whether the regulations set out in this bylaw are being obeyed.

(b) No person shall prevent or obstruct, or attempt to prevent or obstruct, the entry of the Director of Planning, Manager of Inspection Services or Bylaw Enforcement Officers upon any property as authorized under this bylaw.
11. (a) Every person who without lawful excuse, contravenes this bylaw by wilfully doing any act which it forbids, or omitting to do any act which it requires to be done, is guilty of an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than \$150.00.

(b) The penalties imposed under this section shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other penalty or remedy imposed by law.
12. Bylaw No. 6472 being the “Unsightly Premises Bylaw, 1990” is hereby repealed except insofar as it may repeal any other bylaw.
13. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “**UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW, 2003, NO. 8417**”.

Includes Bylaw amendment No. 9048