

31 In this Part:

“sign” includes sign boards, advertisements, advertising devices and structures;

“specified municipality” means any of the following:

- (a) the City of Richmond;
- (b) the City of Vancouver;
- (c) the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

32 (1) Subject to this section and section 34, an officer or employee of a specified municipality or a person authorized by the council of a specified municipality has the authority to enter on property, and to enter into property, without the consent of the owner or occupier for the purpose of enforcing, in accordance with subsection (4), the specified municipality’s bylaws in relation to signs.

(2) Except in the case of a significant risk to the health or safety of persons or property, a person

- (a) may only exercise the authority in subsection (1) at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, and
- (b) must take reasonable steps to advise the owner or occupier before entering the property.

(3) A person may only exercise the authority in subsection (1) to enter into a place that is occupied as a private dwelling if any of the following applies:

- (a) the occupier consents;
- (b) the specified municipality has given the occupier at least 24 hours’ written notice of the entry and the reasons for it;
- (c) the entry is made under the authority of a warrant under this or another Act;
- (d) the person exercising the authority has reasonable grounds for believing that failure to enter may result in a significant risk to the health or safety of the occupier or other persons.

(4) A person who has entered on property, or entered into property, in accordance with this section has the authority to enforce the specified municipality's bylaws in relation to signs by removing, covering or altering the sign that is in contravention of these bylaws.

(5) A specified municipality may

- (a) remove, cover or alter a sign that is in contravention of the specified municipality's bylaws in relation to signs at the expense of the owner or the occupier of the property on which the sign is located, and
- (b) recover the costs incurred from that person as a debt.

(6) If satisfied by evidence on oath or affirmation that access to property is necessary for the purpose of enforcing a specified municipality's bylaws in relation to signs, a justice may issue a warrant authorizing a person named in the warrant to enter on or into property for that purpose.

33 (1) Subject to this section and section 34, an officer or employee of a specified municipality or a person authorized by the council of a specified municipality has the authority to enter on property without the consent of the owner or occupier for the purpose of enforcing, in accordance with subsection (3), the specified municipality's bylaws in relation to graffiti.

(2) A person

- (a) may only exercise the authority in subsection (1) at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, and
- (b) must take reasonable steps to advise the owner or occupier before entering the property.

(3) A person who has entered on property in accordance with this section has the authority to enforce the specified municipality's bylaws in relation to graffiti by removing, covering or altering the graffiti that

is in contravention of these bylaws.

34 The powers in sections 32 and 33 may be exercised only during the period of February 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010.