

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY SIGNAGE, AND ADVERTISEMENT AGENCY AS THE REGULATORY BODY FOR OUTDOOR STRUCTURES USED FOR SIGNAGE AND ADVERTISEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT FROM POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACT THAT MAY ARISE FROM ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH SIGNAGE AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENT INCLUDING VISUAL BLIGHTS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1.-(1) There is established the Federal Capital Territory FCT
2 Signage and Advertisement Agency (referred to as "the Agency").

Establishment
of the Federal
Capital Territory
Signage and
Advertisement
Agency

3 (2) The Agency:

4 (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common
5 seal;

6 (b) Has power to sue and be sued in its corporate name;

7 (c) Is capable of acquiring and disposing of property movable and
8 immovable for the purpose of carrying out its functions under this Law.

9 2.-(1) A Governing Board of the Agency (referred to in this Law as
10 "the Board") is established for the agency:

Membership of
the Board

11 (2) The Board consists of:

12 (a) The ALGON chairman who shall be the Chairman of the
13 Board;

14 (b) one member from each of the Area Councils;

15 (c) the Managing Director of the Agency;

16 (d) 7 members each representing:

- 1 (i) Area Councils Secretariat;
2 (ii) Legal Services Secretariat;
3 (iii) Abuja Municipal Management Council;
4 (iv) Department of URP;
5 (v) Abuja Geographic Information Systems;
6 (vi) The Secretary of the Board who shall be the Legal Adviser of the
7 Agency.

8 (3) The FCT Minister shall appoint the Chairman of the Board on a
9 two year rotational basis from the Chairman of Local Government Areas who
10 are Members of the Board.

11 (4) The members of the Board shall hold office:

12 (a) for a term of 2 years, and no more on a part time basis; and

13 (b) on terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of
14 appointment.

15 (5) The Managing Director shall serve on a full time basis.

16 (6) The FCT Minister shall approve remuneration for members of the
17 Board.

18 (7) Where the office of a member becomes vacant before the
19 expiration of his tenure for any reason, the Board shall notify the FCT Minister.

20 The Chairman or a member of the Board shall cease to hold office if:

21 (a) He resigns his appointment in writing addressed to the FCT
22 Minister through the Chairman of the Board;

23 (b) He becomes incapacitated by reason of infirmity of the mind or
24 body which prevents him from performing the duties of his office;

25 (c) He has been convicted of an indictable offence or an offence under
26 this law;

27 (d) He has been found guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his
28 duties or shown gross negligence in his duties;

29 (e) In case of a person possessing a professional qualification, he is
30 disqualified or suspended by an order of a competent Authority;

Vacation of
office

1 (f) He has been absent from four consecutive meetings for reasons
2 considered to be unjustifiable by the Board or without prior written notice;

3 (g) He has an interest in the Agency or outside the Agency which
4 may prejudice him in the discharge of his functions; or

5 (h) The FCT Minister removes him from office where he is
6 satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Agency or of the public for him to
7 continue in office.

8 3.-(1) The Board shall meet at least once in a quarter at a Place and Meetings
9 time as the Board may determine

10 (2) An extraordinary meeting of the Board may be summoned by:

11 (a) The Chairman;

12 (b) The Managing Director; or

13 (c) By a written request of not less than 4 members of the Board.

14 (3) The Secretary shall call for a meeting of the Board or A person
15 acting in that office.

16 (4) The Chairman shall preside at a meeting of the Board and in his
17 absence, he Managing Director shall preside.

18 (5) The quorum of a meeting of the Board is 5 members.

19 (6) Where a member is excused during a meeting on Grounds of an
20 emergency or unforeseen development, the department shall not count
21 against the quorum.

22 (7) A question for decision by the Board at a meeting shall be
23 decided by a majority of the votes of members present and voting and in the
24 case of an equality of votes, the Chairman has a second vote.

25 (8) Where the Chairman or a Board member is unable to attend a
26 meeting of the Board, he shall notify the Board in writing stating reason for
27 his absence.

28 (9) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice or opinion of a
29 person on a matter, the Board may invite the person to attend its meeting:

30 (a) The Board may request an officer, agent or a consultant of the

1 Agency to attend a meeting of the Board.

2 (b) Neither person in (a) nor (b) is entitled to vote on a question for
3 decision by the Board nor shall count towards a quorum.

4 (10) The validity of a proceeding of the Board shall not be affected by:

5 A vacancy in the Board's membership:

6 (a) A defect in the appointment of a member; or

7 (b) Reason that a person who is not entitled to take part in the
8 proceedings took part in it.

9 4. A member of the Board who is directly or indirectly interested in a
10 transaction with the Agency or a transaction which the Agency is required by
11 this Law to approve, shall disclose the interest at a meeting of the Board.

Functions of
the Agency

12 5.-(1) The Agency shall:

13 (a) Control outdoor structures used for signage and advertisement;

14 (b) Issue a license or permit for the construction and placement of an
15 outdoor advertisement structure in the Federal Capital Territory;

16 (c) Protect the environment from potential adverse impact that may
17 arise from an activity connected with signage and outdoor advertisement
18 including visual blights;

19 (d) Control the number, size and location of an outdoor advertisement
20 structure;

21 (e) Ensure that an outdoor advertisement structure is:

22 (i) designed according to prevailing standards;

23 (ii) erected, modified or maintained; or

24 (iii) removed when no longer in use to avoid danger to life, damage to
25 property, or prevent a health, safety or an environmental risk.

26 (f) Ensure that an outdoor advertisement structure is compatible with
27 surrounding land use and environment;

28 (g) Ensure that the beautification of the immediate vicinity of the
29 advertisement;

30 (h) Control the posting of posters on a fence, building, vehicle, public

1 structure, street and highways;

2 (i) Organize a procedure to regulate the ownership and operation of
3 an outdoor advertisement structure for the purpose of signage and
4 advertisement under a specific regulation in this Law, or any Law relating to
5 outdoor advertisement in the FCT;

6 (j) Refuse an application, revoke or modify a permit if found to be
7 in violation of this Law; or condition for its grants;

8 (k) Prepare and keep general records and any record relating to
9 issuance and denial of an outdoor advertisement structures permit;

10 (l) Monitor and inspect through its monitoring unit on outdoor
11 advertisement structure and verify its compliance with this Law;

12 (m) Establish a data-base of outdoor advertisement structures for
13 signage, hoarding and advertisement, their owners and operators as well as
14 their location and the reason for the operation.

15 6. The Agency has power to:

16 (a) Employ staff as it may require;

17 (b) Determine the remuneration for its staff, which shall not be less
18 than those of their counterparts in the civil service; and

19 (c) Appoint an agent or a contractor to perform any duty which the
20 Agency may assign to him or provide professional services to the Agency

21 7.-(1) The Board may, with the approval of the FCT Minister,
22 appoint a Consultant to the Agency who shall be a technical partner to the
23 Agency in the exercise of its functions.

24 The Agency may delegate to the Consultant:

25 (a) The collection of revenue in respect of an outdoor
26 advertisement structure, signage, hoarding and advertisements on its behalf;
27 and

28 (b) Any other function as it consider necessary.

29 8. The Consultant shall advise the Agency and make
30 Recommendation on matters relating to:

Powers of the
Agency

Appointment of
Consultants

Functions of the
Consultants

Financial
provisionst

- 1 (a) The regulation of an outdoor advertisement structure and its uses
2 for the display of signage; and
3 (b) Advertisement and any other connected matters.
- 4 9.-(1) The Agency shall establish and maintain Fund to be approved
5 by the Board into which shall be paid:
6 (a) An amount appropriated by the National Assembly for the
7 Agency;
8 (b) Sums, debentures, investments or properties vested in the Agency;
9 (c) Money raised by loan under the powers to borrow vested in the
10 Board under Section 16;
11 (d) Fees and charges for services rendered;
12 (e) Fee, charges or tariffs from licenses or other permits;
13 (f) Money accruing to the Agency by way of gifts, grants-in-aids
14 testamentary dispositions, endowment and donations from any source; and
15 (g) Proceeds from other assets that may accrue to the Agency.
- 16 (2) The Agency shall administer the Fund in accordance with
17 regulations made by the Board.
18 (3) The Board may make regulations to:
19 (a) Specify how the Agency shall hold its asset or Fund;
20 (b) Regulate how the Agency makes payment into and out of the
21 Fund; and
22 (c) Ensure that proper accounts and records are kept for the purpose of
23 the Fund in a form as the regulation may specify.
24 (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Law:
25 (a) each Area Government is entitled to 60% of the revenue accruing
26 from signage, hoarding and outdoor advertisement from that Area
27 Government;
28 (b) the Agency is entitled to 20% of the Revenue accruing from
29 signage, hoarding and outdoor advertisement generated by the Agency from a
30 Local Government Area as administrative and running cost; and

1 (c) The FCT Administration is entitled to 20% of the revenue
2 accruing from signage, hoarding, and outdoor advertisement from each
3 Area Council.

4 (5) The Agency shall establish a Committee Known as The
5 Accruals & Allocation Complaints Committee, (A & ACC) to receive and
6 resolve complaints from an aggrieved Council regarding accruals and
7 allocations.

8 10. The Agency may with the written consent of the FCT Power to borrow
9 Executive Council and the approval of the National Assembly, borrow money
10 money required in the exercise of its functions on terms and conditions as it
11 may determine

12 11. The Managing Director and the Agency's accountant are the Bank Account
13 signatories to the Agency's bank account.

14 12. The Agency shall prepare not later than 31st March each year, Annual Accounts
15 an account of the expenditure and Income for the preceding financial year

16 13.-(1) The Agency shall: Accounts and Audits

17 (a) Keep proper accounts for each year in respect of its revenue and
18 expenditure;

19 (b) Prepare an annual statement of account not later than 3 months
20 after the end of each financial year; and

21 (c) Cause the accounts to be audited:

22 (i) not later than 3 months after the end of each financial year; and

23 (ii) by an auditor appointed by the FCT Auditor-General for Area
24 Government.

25 (2) The Agency shall submit:

26 (a) A copy of the audited accounts of the Agency together with the
27 auditor's report;

28 (b) A quarterly report of its activities, and

29 (c) Not later than 31st March after the end of each financial year, a

1 report that accurately reflects The Agency's activities during the preceding
2 year; to the:

3 (i) FCT Executive Council through the Permanent Secretary FCT;

4 (ii) each Area Council Chairman, and

5 (iii) the Auditor-General for Area Government

Collection tariffs
and charges

6 **14.-(1)** The Agency has power to:

7 (a) Impose a commercial tariff which may vary from one Area
8 Council to another, and

9 (b) Make a direct charge on a user for a structure and signage.

10 (2) The Agency shall institute a civil action against a person who fails
11 to pay the tariff, fee or charge Imposed by the Agency and that person shall be
12 liable for the legal fee or other cost incurred by the Agency in the process.

13 **15.-(1)** The Agency shall, subject to the Board's approval prescribe an
14 a mount to be paid as a fee or charge in each Area Councilor Zone for the
15 mounting of an outdoor advertisement structure and the charge for amendment
16 of an existing structure.

17 (2) The Board may review when necessary the fees and charges in the
18 5th Schedule.

19 **16.-(1)** A person who owns or operates an outdoor advertisement
20 structure shall register it with the Agency and the Agency shall give him a
21 registration number.

22 (2) An owner or operator shall apply to the Agency for a permit and
23 provide the registration number in the application.

24 (3) Where an applicant for a permit has registered an outdoor
25 advertisement structure and paid the prescribed fee, the Agency shall issue the
26 permit.

27 (4) The permit is renewable annually.

28 (5) Specification and application for outdoor advertisement structure
29 are as contained in the schedules.

30 (6) The Agency shall provide a registration code for each registered

1 outdoor advertisement.

2 (7) The registration code of each structure erected shall be boldly
3 displayed on it.

4 (8) A structure for:

5 (a) Free-standing portable signs including any sign on a standard,
6 column or A- frame boards fixed to its own self-contained base which may
7 be moved manually or temporarily attached to a permanent free-standing
8 sign;

9 (b) A billboard including a sign age structure designed and
10 intended to provide a leasing advertisement copy pasted or otherwise
11 mounted onto the copy area;

12 (c) A spectacular billboard;

13 (d) Roof sign which includes a sign which is entirely on or above
14 the roofline or parapet of a building;

15 (e) A sign including a sign painted or posted on a wall;

16 (f) Furniture or statute type of sign which includes a structure,
17 Kiosk supporting outdoor advertising or signage; and

18 (g) A temporary sign including a permitted sign structure designed
19 or intended to be displayed for a short period of time, shall require
20 registration.

21 (9) Each sign in sub-section 8 shall be recorded on the form and
22 attachment in the Schedules.

23 (10) A structure shall bear at its base, the registration number of the
24 owner and permit number of the structure.

25 17. Application for special permit shall be made for:

26 (a) A structure that:

27 (i) Exceed the permissible dimension provided in the 4th Schedule;

28 (ii) Is illuminated by flashing lights, bare bulb or not conforming to
29 the scope of illumination provided in the 3rd Schedule; and

Structure requiring
special permit

1 (b) The use of a mobile trailer or vehicle for the sole purpose of
2 advertising.

3 *3rd Schedule*

4 Qualification
for Advertisers

5 18.-(1) No person shall establish or operate a billboard or outdoor
6 commercial advertisement unless he is a member of Advertising Practitioners
7 Council of Nigeria (APCON).

8 (2) Subscription (1) shall not apply to a person who does outdoor
9 advertisement business.

10 Application for
permit or
license, etc.

11 19.-(1) An applicant for a:

12 (a) Special permit;

13 (b) License; or

14 (c) Renewal of a permit license shall address his application to the
15 Agency.

16 (2) The application shall be in form specified by the Agency.

17 (3) The Agency shall fix the fee for the issuance or renewal of a permit
18 or license

19 (4) A:

20 (a) Permit;

21 (b) License; or

22 (c) Renewal of a permit or license, is valid for 1 year.

23 20.-(1) The Agency shall issue a certificate of Registration to a
24 successful applicant.

25 (2) No person shall apply for a permit for ownership unless he holds a
26 certificate of registration.

27 (3) The Agency shall assign a registration number to a person who
28 holds a certificate of registration.

29 (4) An applicant who has been issued a registration number shall use it
30 in any correspondence with the Agency.

(5) The terms and conditions on a permit or license is a binding
agreement between the Agency and a holder of the permit or license.

1 (6) A Certificate of Registration is renewable annually at a fee less
2 than the initial payment.

3 (7) An applicant shall provide the Agency with necessary
4 information and any accompanying material which the Agency may require.

5 21. No person shall erect, enlarge, structurally modify or operate
6 an outdoor advertisement or a signage structure without a permit from the
7 Agency.

Requirement to
register as owner
of a structure

8 22.-(1) An erected affixed or a constructed structure shall comply
9 with Schedules 1, 2, and 3.

10 (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to:

11 (a) an official, a directional or warning sign erected or maintained
12 by:

13 (i) the Federal, State or an Area Council; or

14 (ii) an agency of the Federal, State or Area Council; and

15 (b) a structure for a sign or billboard mandatory under the Federal
16 or FCT Laws or authorized by the Agency.

17 23.-(1) An owner or operator of an existing structure shall submit
18 the prescribed registration form with the Agency and apply for a permit
19 required by this Law at least 30 days from the date of commencement of this
20 Law.

21 (2) Where an existing structure does not conform to the
22 requirements of this Law, the Agency shall notify the owner or operator to
23 remove it not later than 30 days of receipt of notice.

24 (3) Pursuant to subsection (2), where the owner or operator fails to
25 remove the structure, the Agency shall remove it at the expense of the owner
26 or operator.

27 (4) Where an existing structure is not registered within 30 days
28 from the commencement of this Law, the Agency shall direct its removal at
29 the expense of the owner or operator.

30 (5) A structure which existed before this Law or erected after the

1 commencement of this Law which does not conform to this Law shall be
2 demolished at the expense of the owner.

Approval of
outdoor structure
for signage

3 24.-(1) A residential unit visible from the public highway must be
4 identified by a street number not exceeding 0.30 square meters in area.

5 (2) A non-residential building or group of buildings must be identified
6 by a street number, visible from adjacent streets, not exceeding 0.30 square
7 meters in area.

8 (3) The street numbers are not part of the total sign area permitted for
9 the building or group of buildings and shall not require a sign permit.

Prohibited
structures, or
content

10 25. A structure not permitted by this Law shall not be used for
11 signage, except a sign that is less.

12 These signs are prohibited:

13 (a) a sign with an un ethical or obscene content;

14 (b) a sign that does not conform with a Federal, State or Area Council
15 Laws, Rules or Regulations;

16 (c) use of a scrolling device, moving or flashing character for
17 advertising on a vehicle;

18 (d) erection, attachment or painting of a sign on a fence, rock or
19 natural feature;

20 (e) outdoor structures of any classification installed, erected or
21 attached in any form, shape or master to roof fire escape or any door or window
22 giving access to any fire escape;

23 (f) abandoned signs;

24 (g) fly posting;

25 (h) Outdoor structures obstructing pedestrian or vehicular visibility
26 or otherwise interfering with the safe operation of vehicles or the safety of
27 pedestrians; and

28 (i) A trailer, or any other vehicle as a statutory billboard.

Non-compliance
and offences

29 26.-(1) A person who:

30 (a) contravenes a regulation or order made pursuant to this Law; or

1 (b) displays a sign or billboard, L.E.D, screen, post a bill, poster,
2 sign, panel, banner Sticker, or any advertising material or message on a tree,
3 road, sign, road divider, Flyover, bridge, rock, wall or an electric pole or any
4 other place in an un authorized way; is liable to a fine of N250, 000 for a
5 corporate body and N50, 000 for an individual.

6 (2) Subject to subsection (1), the Agency shall notify the person
7 within 7 days of its intention to impose the fine.

8 Where the person fails to pay the fine at the expiration of the 7 days' notice:

9 (a) He is liable to a fine of N20, 000 for each week that the default
10 continues; and

11 (b) Where the default continues beyond 4 weeks, the Agency,
12 where it considers necessary, may order the removal of the structure and the
13 owner or operator of the structure shall bear the cost of removal.

14 (3) A person who falsifies a plan, statement or information relating
15 to sign age, hoarding or outdoor advertisement commits an offence and is
16 liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment for 1 year or fine of
17 N1,500,000 by a corporate body and N500, 000 by an individual.

18 Where an offence is committed by a corporate body or firm or other
19 association of individuals, every:

20 (a) Director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body
21 corporate;

22 (b) Partner or officer of the firm;

23 (c) Person concerned in the management of the association; or

24 (d) Person purposing to act in a capacity as mentioned; commits
25 that offence and is liable as if he had himself committed that offence, unless
26 he proves that the act or omission constituting the offence took place without
27 his knowledge, consent or connivance.

28 27. The Agency shall regulate:

29 (1) An on-premises and off-premises sign and billboard;

30 (2) A Lamp post or pole-mounted advertisement;

1 (3) An illuminated lighting device used on-premises and off-premises
2 sign and billboard;

3 (4) A decorative flashing lights, banner, poster, pennant, string of
4 lights, ribbon, streamer for advertising purpose

5 (5) A portable sign which include but not limited to an A-Frame sign
6 and air activated attraction and device;

7 (6) A direction sign, which include those of the public and private
8 address;

9 (7) An inflatable sign;

10 (8) A furniture advertisement;

11 (9) A political signs;

12 (10) A.L.E.O. screens, and

13 (11) Any other method of outdoor advertisement.

Conflicts

14 28.-(1) The Agency shall collaborate with any ministry, department or
15 agency of government in relation to signage, hoarding or outdoor
16 advertisement.

17 (2) Where there is a conflict between this Law and another Law in the
18 FCT regarding the selling of a guideline and standard for signage, hoarding and
19 outdoor advertisement, this Law shall prevail.

Pre-action notice

20 29.-(1) A person who intends to sue the:

21 (a) Agency; either as a party or an agent to of a party, or

22 (b) Managing Director, shall give a 1 month written notice of his
23 intention to the Agency.

24 (2) The notice shall state:

25 (i) the cause of action;

26 (ii) the name and address of the Claimant; and

27 (iii) the claims and/or reliefs sought by the Claimant.

Interpretation

28 30. In this Bill:

29 "A-Frame sign" means a double standing two-faced board usually placed on a
30 medium that can be seen by traffic to and fro;

1 "Abandoned structure" means a sign which is not supported properly or
2 which no longer correctly stands but advertises:

3 (i) a bona fide business, lessor, product, an owner or activity;

4 (ii) a product available on the premises where the sign is displayed;

5 "Advertiser" means a person, people, organization, unincorporated body or
6 corporate body whose name, Service, goods, product, business, trade,
7 campaign, event, programme, cause idea or place is being advertised;

8 "Area of copy" means an area of the largest single face, continuous
9 perimeter composed of square, area rectangle or circles, which encloses a n
10 extreme limit of an advertising message announcement or decoration of a
11 wall sign;

12 "Area of sign" includes:

13 (i) Largest face of a sign within a perimeter which forms the
14 outside shape but excluding necessary supports or uprights which the sign
15 may be;

16 (ii) A total of all areas of a sign if more than one section or module;

17 (iii) Computation of total sign areas using actual sign surface in a
18 case of irregular shape; and

19 (iv) An area of copy in case of wall sign;

20 "Directional sign" means a sign which serves to designate a location or
21 direction of a place or area, street, highway and includes a sign identifying a
22 restroom, telephone, parking area, an entrance or exit;

23 "Flashing sign" includes a sign which contains an intermittent or flash ing
24 light by means of animation or an externally mounted intermittent light
25 source, but excludes a changeable message sign;

26 "Frontage" means a length of a properly line of a premises parallel to and
27 along a public right-of-way it borders;

28 "Grade" means an elevation of a street closest to a sign to which reference is
29 made -----at the street centerline;

30 "Height of sign" means a vertical distance measured from a grade at a street's

1 right-of-way line where the sign is located to a highest point of the sign or
2 structure;

3 "Illuminated sign" means a sign which is lighted by an artificial light source,
4 either directed upon it or illuminated from an interior source;

5 "L.E.D." means Light Emitting Diode;

6 "Multi-faced sign" means a sign with copy on two or more faces that are legible
7 from more than one direction;

8 "non-conforming sign" means a sign that does not meet Code Regulations;

9 "off-premises sign" includes a sign or an advertisement of anything which is
10 not produced, procured, sold, delivered, performed or provided from a
11 premises on which the advertisement is displayed;

12 "On-premises sign" means a sign which identifies or advertises a business,
13 person, activity, goods, products or service located on a premises where the
14 sign is installed and maintained;

15 "Outdoor structure" means a sign which is free-standing or mounted in such a
16 way that it offers a display of a sign or advertisement;

17 "Owner or operator" means the actual person or corporation that owns and
18 operates its own structure or on behalf of another party;

19 "Projecting sign" means a sign, normally double faced, which is attached to and
20 projects from a structure or building fascia;

21 "Roof sign" means a sign erected on, against or above a roof;

22 "Sign" includes a structure, emblem, painting, banner, pennant, placard,
23 design, identification, description, illustration whether illuminated or non-
24 illuminated to advertise or identify, communicate, convey information or
25 direct attention to a produce, service, place, activity, person, institution or
26 business including a permanently installed or situated, merchandise and sign
27 structure;

28 "Spectacular billboard" means a billboard with over 20 square meters of area;

29 "Swinging sign" means a sign installed on an arm or mast or spar that is not
30 permanently fastened to an adjacent wall or upright pole;

1 "Wall sign" means a sign attached to a wall or a building with a face parallel
2 to a plane of the building, including a sign painted directly on a wall.

3 31. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Citation
4 Outdoor Signage and Advertisement Agency Bill, 2017.

5 SCHEDULES

6 SCHEDULE 1

7 Permitted structures that require no special permission

8 *Identification sign*

9 1.-(1) An identification sign not exceeding 0.50 square meters
10 which indicates:

- 11 (a) Name;
12 (b) Type of business; or
13 (c) Hours of operation.

14 Affixed to or painted on a window, door, or main entrance to a building.

15 (2) A residential real estate sign not exceeding one and a half square
16 meters in area or two meters in height. The sign or bill board is allowed only
17 on the property offered for sale or lease with no more than one sign per street
18 frontage. The sign shall be removed from the site not later than 5 days after
19 the sale or lease of the property.

20 *Political sign*

21 2.-(1) A political sign:

- 22 (a) not exceeding 1)1, square meters on a residential property and 3
23 square meters on a non-residential property;
24 (b) whose height does not exceed two meters;
25 (c) not placed in a right-of-way or in a manner which will block
26 visibility to a road or property, requires no special permission.

27 (2) A political sign shall be removed not later than 10 days after the
28 event.

29 *Other sign*

30 3.-(1) A grand opening, quarterly or seasonal sale, convention,

1 meeting sign or banner. This sign shall only indicate the new business, service,
2 or gathering.

3 (2) A holiday sign for 30 days before a festival and shall be removed
4 not later than 5 days after the festival.

5 (3) A holiday decoration for a commercial establishment but the
6 decoration shall not be displayed for more than 45 days.

7 (4) A boutique sign provided that not more than 3 off-site temporary
8 signs are used. The sign may only be used during the hours that the boutique is
9 open. Placement criteria and other applicable sign or billboard regulations
10 apply.

11 (5) An interior sign inside a building displayed not closer than 1 meter
12 from the window area.

13 (6) A permanent off-site directional sign which shows the location of
14 or direction to a government facility.

15 (7) A contractor, sub-contractor, or construction sign limited to sign
16 not greater than 3 square meters.

17 (8) (a) A poster or handbill which shows a future event such as a fair,
18 show, film, comedy, an advance notice of a feature in a newspaper, magazine,
19 which is posted on a designated flat surface or object approved by the Agency;
20 and

21 (b) A poster or handbill which shows a product, service, public
22 service, notice, social notice and other related events not exceeding a
23 maximum face area of 0.5 square meters and posted or displayed on a
24 designated public information board approved by the Agency. The poster shall
25 not be posted or displayed on a surface, building, fence, perimeter wall or a
26 public structure like a bridge or bus shelter.

27 (9) A person who contravenes this schedule commits an offence and
28 shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term of 1 month or to a fine
29 of N50,000.00 for an individual and N500,000.00 for a corporate body.

1 SCHEDULE 2

2 GENERAL CONSIDERATION FOR OUTDOOR STRUCTURES

3 *Rights*

4 1.-(1) Except as otherwise provided by this Law, no on-premises
5 sign shall be displayed within a public right-of-way except by a government
6 agency which has jurisdiction in that right-of-way. A sign displayed on a
7 right-of-way prior to the commencement of this Law shall be removed by
8 the owner or operator within 90 days from commencement of this Law.

9 (2) An on-premises sign shall be erected and maintained only as:

10 (a) an accessory used; or

11 (b) a structure, to the principal or approved use of a building or
12 land.

13 (3) Where a principal or approved use of a building or land
14 changes, any on-premises sign which is an accessory to the principal or
15 approved use shall be removed within 90 days, unless a new principal use of
16 the building or land is established and the on-premise sign can be adapted to
17 the new principal or approved use in a manner permitted by this Law.

18 *Illumination*

19 2.-(1) Where a sign or billboard is illuminated electricity, a
20 separate electrical permit shall be obtained from a relevant body.

21 (2) An illuminated lighting device used in conjunction with an on-
22 premises or off-premises sign shall not be placed in a manner likely to cause
23 the illumination to be beamed directly on:

24 (a) A public thoroughfare;

25 (b) A Highway;

26 (c) A Sidewalk, or

27 (d) Adjacent premises,

28 So as to cause direct glare or reflection that may constitute a hazard to public
29 safety or create a nuisance.

30 (3) Where applicable, any writing, fitting and material used in the

1 construction, connection and operation of electronically illuminated on-
2 premises or off-premises sign must be in accordance with the provisions of any
3 relevant code in force.

4 (4) Except as otherwise provided in Section 3, a flashing light, banner,
5 poster, pennant, string of lights, ribbon Streamer or similar moving device shall
6 not be displayed for advertising, either independently or as part of an on-
7 premises or off-premises sign.

8 3.-(1) An on-premises or off-premises sign shall not obstruct a
9 pedestrian or vehicular visibility or interfere with the safe operation of a
10 vehicle or safety of a pedestrian.

11 (2) An on-premises or off-premises sign shall not be installed,
12 erected, or attached in any manner to a roof, fire escape or a door or window
13 which gives access to a fire escape.

14 (3) An on or off premises sign or other object shall not be erected, used
15 or maintained in a way which obstructs an official, a directional or warning
16 sign erected or maintained by:

17 (a) The Federal Government;

18 (b) The FCT;

19 (c) An Area Council; or

20 (d) An agency of the Federal, State or an Area Council Concerned
21 with the protection of public health or safety.

22 (4) Except where permitted, an on or off premises shall not be painted
23 or attached to a rock, tree or any form of vegetation.

24 (5) Except where otherwise provided in this Law, a portable sign such
25 as a trailer sign, rollaway sign, an A-Frame sign, a balloon, an inflatable and
26 any air activated attraction or device are not permitted.

27 *Maintenance*

28 4.-(1) An on-premises and off-premises sign shall be kept in a safe
29 condition.

30 (2) Where an on-premises or off-premises sign becomes unsafe, the

1 owner or operator of the sign shall on receipt of a written notice from the
2 Agency, remove or put the sign in a safe condition.

3 *Conflicts and standards*

4 5.-(1) Where a conflict arises between the placement of an on-
5 premises or off-premises sign adjacent to highway under this Law
6 and another Law, and the more restrictive regulations shall be applied and

7 (2) An on-premises and off-premises sign shall be erected to
8 conform to a construction standard set by the Agency.

9 SCHEDULE 3

10 SPECIAL LIMITATIONS FOR OUTDOOR STRUCTURES USED FOR SIGNS

11 *Table of sizes for free standing signs*

12 1.-(1) Where the size of a permitted sign is to be ascertained, it
13 shall be done by scaling sign age to the mass size of the associated building
14 pursuant to Subsections (2) and (3)

15 (2) The size of a face of a sign is ascertained by multiplying a
16 predetermined mass factor times the square root of the area of the face of the
17 building, specified in Section 14 of this Schedule. The table of elements for
18 free standing signs specified in section 15 of this Schedule specify the
19 application mass factors.

20 The square root of the area of the facing of the building may be ascertained
21 by:

22 (a) The method specified in Section 14 of this schedule for rounded
23 off factors for most average Building sizes; or

24 (b) Multiplying the height by the width and extract the square root
25 (HX W - square root of the face of the building).

26 (3) The height and width of a building face are ascertained by:

27 (a) Measuring the vertical distance from the establishment grade of
28 the lot to the roofing line in The case of flat roofs, and to the mean between
29 the point of the gable and the caves in the case of pitched roofs to get the
30 height of the building;

1 (b) Measuring the horizontal distance between the outermost vertical
2 dimensions of a wall that is parallel to the facing of the building with which the
3 sign, if associated and visible from the public right-of-way, to get the width of
4 the building.

5 (4) A property that contains no building on which the relate mass
6 factors in the table of elements shall determine sign size by using the following
7 formulae:

8 (a) 1 square metre of a sign area per linear metre of street frontage for
9 the first 15 metres of frontage;

10 (b) 450 square centimetres of sign area per linear metre of street
11 frontage for the second 15 metres Frontage;

12 (c) 230 square centimetres of sign area per linear metre of street
13 frontage for the remainder of frontage up to 40 in the tables of elements for free
14 standing signs.

15 (5) A property that contains a building which occupies less than 10%
16 of the lot may use the formula in subsection (4) in lieu of the mass factors set
17 forth in the tables of elements for free standing signs.

18 *General conditions relevant to free standing signs*

19 2.-(1) Except as otherwise provided, an owner of a building housing
20 an activity may display one freestanding Sign of the area and height limitations
21 pursuant to Section 5 of this schedule where:

22 (a) The sign to the front leading edge of the sign and its supporting
23 structure are set back at 4 1/2 metres from the existing adjacent highway right-
24 to-way;

25 (b) The building does not display a projecting sign;

26 (c) The height of the free standing sign is measured from the
27 established grade of the property or grade elevation of the edge of pavement,
28 street or highway of a public right-of-way directly Perpendicular in front of the
29 proposed location of the sign;

30 (d) No additional sign is attached to a part of a free standing sign other

1 than on a display surface originally constructed as part of the sign;

2 (e) An attach-on sign, like a credit card detail or a symbol of a
3 product known nationally, is included with the original display surface;

4 (f) A free standing sign not exceeding 75 centimetres in height is
5 located within 5 metres of the curb line or edge of right-of-way where the
6 existing building location or a permanent obstruction prevents a free-
7 standing sign or projecting sign from being seen by a passing motorist;
8 however, the free standing sign shall be located within an existing right-of-
9 way;

10 (g) A free-standing sign is located within the first 30 metres of
11 setback from an existing public street right-of-way or according to the area
12 and space available;

13 (h) A free-standing sign does not exceed:

14 (i) 30 square metres in size; or

15 (ii) a size specified in Section 15 of this Schedule.

16 Whichever is smaller;

17 (i) The maximum size of a free-standing signs erected beyond the
18 30 metres setback is that allowed by the tables of elements;

19 (j) A free-standing sign consists of more than one section or module
20 per facing the area of each individual sign component is added together and
21 does not exceed the permitted sign area for that particular location; and

22 (k) As permitted, when more than one free-standing sign is to be
23 placed on a lot, the facing of each free-standing sign is oriented to the street
24 or highway right-of-way opposite the face of the building for which the free-
25 standing sign is permitted.

26 *Conditions of signs in Commercial Centres*

27 3. A sign in a commercial centre which has a minimum frontage of
28 300 metres along a public street is permitted where:

29 (a) For the purpose of identification, a single premises with
30 multiple tenants, a commercial centre or a shopping centre;

- 1 (i) groups the signs of its tenants in one structure; and
- 2 (ii) displays 2 free-standing signs for each street frontage but the signs
- 3 must be setback from the side property lines by at least 75 metres and from a
- 4 public right-of-way line by at least 8 metres;
- 5 (b) The first free-standing sign may be up to 6 metres in height and up
- 6 to 20 square metres in size;
- 7 (c) The second free-standing sign does not exceed 10 metres in height
- 8 or 28 square metres in size;
- 9 (d) In lieu of the second free-standing sign, a changeable copy sign
- 10 not exceeding 28 square metres which may be added to the first free-standing
- 11 sign;
- 12 (e) In addition, a regional shopping centre may identify an exit or
- 13 entrance with a graphic not more than 2 square metres wide and 3 metres in
- 14 height; and
- 15 (f) An individual activity within the regional shopping centre may
- 16 display 1 wall sign per frontage in line with the table of elements for wall signs.
- 17 4. Where a structure which constitutes a visual obstruction, other
- 18 than an on-premise sign precedes subject site in a direction of traffic flow
- 19 within fifty metres of a centre-point of a street frontage of the subject site and is
- 20 less than four metres behind the right-of-way, a free-standing sign may be
- 21 erected at the setback of the structure where:
- 22 (a) The free-standing sign will not project over the public right-of-
- 23 way;
- 24 (b) The size for the appropriate zoning district for one metre setback is
- 25 as specified in section 15 of the schedule;
- 26 (c) Except otherwise provided in this Law, no free-standing sign
- 27 permitted shall be established less than 3 metres above street grade;
- 28 (d) A setback reduction permitted is temporal and the site conditions
- 29 that led to----- Section shall be moved to a confronting location by
- 30 the sign's owner; and

1 (e) A certificate of zoning compliance is obtained for a free-standing sign in
2 accordance with this Law.

3 *Social considerations for wall*

4 5. Except otherwise provided by this Section, an operator may not
5 display wall signs for each wall of a building which faces a public street as
6 specified in Section 16 of this Schedule where:

7 (a) The permitted area of wall signs specified in Section 15 of this
8 Schedule is that of the advertising area of the individual letters and symbols
9 when they are attached directly to the building, thereby utilizing the building
10 wall as the background (area of individual letters only);

11 (b) The sign incorporates its own background, the permitted area of
12 the sign specified in section 15 of this Schedule is the sign area as defined in
13 this section;

14 (c) A wall sign may be attached flat to or pinned away from a wall
15 of a building but the sign shall not Project from the wall by more than 50
16 centimetres;

17 (d) A wall sign may be located in a plane of but below a top roofline
18 of a building which signs has a clearance height of not less than two and a
19 half metre at its lowest point;

20 (e) A wall sign may be located at a front edge of a canopy or
21 marquee, but the sign shall not project beyond a horizontal or vertical
22 dimension s of the wall with which it is associated;

23 (f) A wall sign shall not extend beyond a perimeter of the wall or
24 facial to which it is attached;

25 (g) One wall sign may be displayed on a side or rear of a building
26 adjacent to an off-street parking area provided for that building for the
27 purpose of instructing customers of parking procedures but the sign must not
28 exceed one and a half square metres in size. This sign may be illuminated du
29 ring hours of operation; or

30 (h) A sign attached to a sidewall of a building, other than those

1 permitted by this section, but slanted towards a street on which the building
2 faces may be displayed on the sidewall, but it shall be counted as part of the
3 total wall sign area allotment associated with the building front; and a required
4 clearance for two to three floors building is a minimum of one metre while a
5 multi-floor building is a minimum of 2 1/2 metres.

6 *Special consideration for roof signs*

7 6.-(1) A roof sign is displayed as specified in Section 15 of this
8 Schedule for free-standing signs where:

9 (a) A building in excess of 12 metres in height may display a roof sign
10 in addition to signs permitted, but the total area of the roof sign and a wall used
11 shall not exceed the maximum sign area permitted by this Law;

12 (b) A building up to twelve metres in height displays a roof sign in lieu
13 of any of the area permitted, the sign shall be oriented only to a public street on
14 which the building fronts;

15 (c) A roof sign permitted in paragraphs (a) and (b) whether as part of
16 the building's initial design or an addition after the building was constructed, it
17 must be constructed to appear as an integral part of the supporting building;

18 (2) A roof sign must meet the following minimum specifications:

19 (i) Structural support for a sign must be enclosed to form a
20 background to a message;

21 (ii) A plane of a sign's advertising area must appear as a vertical
22 continuation of the plane of a building's wall with which it is associated, unless
23 otherwise originally designed as an integral part of the building;

24 (iii) A roof sign shall not project beyond vertical boundaries of a wall
25 with which it is associated;

26 (iv) A combined height of a building and roof sign shall not exceed a
27 height restriction of an underlying zoning district;

28 (v) A message on a roof sign shall be limited to an identification of the
29 building or a principal occupant;

30 (vi) A roof sign must be enclosed so that no support structure is visible

1 from a public right-of-way or a residential use or residential zoned district
2 within 150 metres;

3 (vii) A roof sign must be designed by an engineer registered by the
4 Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) and
5 submitted to the Agency for approval; and

6 (viii) A certificate of zoning compliance must be obtained for each
7 roof sign in accordance with this Law.

8 *Special consideration for projecting signs*

9 7. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, an owner of a
10 building used for one or more activity may display one projecting sign on
11 each street frontage as specified in Section 17 of this Schedule and must
12 ensure that:

13 (a) The building or property does not display a free-standing sign;

14 (b) The projecting sign must clear an established grade of the
15 property by at least 21/2 metres;

16 (c) The projecting sign shall not extend above the wall or facial to
17 which it is attached, except that a free-standing sign treated as a projecting
18 sign does not exceed 6 metres in height;

19 (d) The sign shall not project from the wall by more than 45
20 centimetres;

21 (e) A wall sign is not used in the proximity or on the same structure;
22 and

23 (f) No projecting sign shall extend over a public right-of-way.

24 *Special consideration for Development Area Identification Signs*

25 8. Permission for a development area identification sign for a
26 residential sub-division multi-family Residential Complex or an institution
27 will be given where:

28 (a) A development area identification sign is permitted adjacent to
29 an arterial street at a major access point to the sub-division, complex, or
30 institution;

1 (b) A development area identification is not located within 4 1/2
2 metres of the public right-of-way of the arterial street abutting the development
3 area;

4 (c) A development area identification is not located within 2 1/2
5 metres from a pavement or curb of Internal street or private drive within the
6 Development Area; and it is not located with in a public right-of-way;

7 (d) A message is limited to the name, logo and street address of the
8 complex;

9 (e) Size of a development identification sign does not exceed 9 square
10 metres and the height or width of the sign does not exceed 3 1/2 metres.

11 (f) Certificate of zoning compliance is obtained from the Agency for
12 each development Area; and

13 (g) The sight triangle required is maintained.

14 *Special consideration for directional or informational signs*

15 9.-(1) A directional sign which shows a direction or instruction
16 regarding a premises on which it is located may be constructed on the premises.

17 (2) A directional sign may also be located within a perimeter of 450
18 metres from the premises.

19 An off-premises location may be located only at a road junction as where it
20 does not contravene traffic or another regulation.

21 (3) A directional sign is limited to three-quarter of a square metre in
22 area.

23 (4) Where more than one directional sign is to be located in an off-
24 premise single point, they may be grouped in a frame not exceeding ten metres
25 in height at 30 square metres in size

26 (5) A certificate of zoning compliance shall be obtained from the
27 Agency for each directional and Informational sign.

28 *Special consideration for Bulletin boards*

29 10. A sign or bulletin board incidental to a place of worship, library,
30 museum, social club or society may be erected on the premises of such an

1 institution in a zoning district where:

2 (a) Its maximum area does not exceed 1 1/2 square metres; and

3 (b) A certificate of zoning compliance has been obtained from the
4 Agency for each bulletin Board.

5 *Special consideration for home occupation*

6 (1) Where an occupant of a residential building intends to put up a
7 sign, he:

8 (a) Shall put up only one sign;

9 (b) May flatly affix it on the wall of the building and illuminate it
10 directly by reflecting light or backlight;

11 (c) Shall ensure that the intensity of illumination is limited or
12 shielded to prevent a demonstrable adverse effect on an adjacent property;
13 and

14 (d) Must illuminate it if it is a detached sign.

15 (2) A maximum permitted area for a residential sign is 0.30 square
16 metres on one side.

17 *Special consideration for temporary signs*

18 12. A Sign in a planned development Zoning District must be
19 constructed and maintained in accordance with this Law and with a plan and
20 guideline established for signs and approved as a part of the
21 development plan.

22 (1) The maximum permitted area of a temporary sign is:

23 (a) 6 Square metres for a street frontage up to 75 metres;

24 (b) 9 Square Metres for 75 metres of road frontage,

25 (2) A temporary sign:

26 (a) May be created for 2 years, inclusive of the construction;

27 (b) shall not be located closer than 6 metres to a pavement of a
28 public street;

29 (c) Shall not be located within a public right of way;

30 (d) of above 3 square metres must have a certificate of zoning

1 compliance prior to its construction.

2 (3) A sign which announces a sale or lease of a property, construction
3 or remodeling of a building may not be erected in the residential zoning
4 districts, except:

5 (a) the sign is non-illuminated;

6 (b) The maximum area of a sign advertising a sale or lease of a
7 property meets these conditions:

8 (i) Up to 45 metres abutment on a public right-of-way permits up to 3
9 square metres maximum sign area;

10 (ii) From 45 to 75 metres abutments on a public right-of-way permits
11 up to 3 square metres maximum sign area;

12 (iii) 75 metres of abutment on a public right-of-way permit up on
13 more than 9 square metres in sizes;

14 (iv) No certificate of zoning compliance is required for signs
15 advertising the sale, lease or rent of a building provided that the said sign does
16 not exceed 3/4 of a square metres in area and is not illuminated:

17 *Special consideration for other signs*

18 (v) That the sign announcing the construction or demodelling of a
19 building in residential zoning districts shall not exceed 2 1/2 square metres in
20 area and it shall be removed from the premises as free-standing signs upon
21 reaching an occupancy rate of 90% of the newly-constructed or remodeling
22 building;

23 (vi) A sign which announces a special, public or an institutional event
24 may be erected on permitted conditional, or legally non-conforming
25 institutions or businesses in residential zoning district;

26 (vii) The sign must not exceed 2 1/2 Square metres in area; and

27 (viii) The sign shall not be displayed for more than 30 days;

28 (i) A farm market may display a sign which identifies a sale of an
29 agricultural products produced on the premises on which the agricultural
30 product sign is located where the agricultural product sign is:

- 1 (a) A maximum size of 3 square metre;
- 2 (b). be separated from another agricultural product sign on the
- 3 same premises by at least 75 metres;
- 4 (c) located outside a public street or highway right-of-way; and
- 5 (d) removed from the lot at the end of the sale of the agricultural
- 6 products.

7 11. An on-premises sign displayed only to identify an activity by

8 name, logo, address, and principal product or service is permitted within a

9 property with a setback of 2 meters where no mechanical movement or

10 flashing lights used.

11 12. The graphics on the sign in subsection (2) must comply with

12 this section and the specifications of size and height in the tables of elements

13 of signs.

14 13. an on-premises temporary, construction or real estate signs is

15 permitted on condition that:

16 (a) temporary construction or real estate sign on open land or land

17 been developed may:

18 (i) Use 9 square meters at a right-of-way line, and

19 (ii) Increase 1 square meters in size for every meter of setback up to

20 a maximum of 55.

21 (b) the sign is subject to the time of the limitation and requirements

22 square meters, and

Table of Allowance measure structures used for signs

14. the table below provides rounded off factors for average building sizes it height x width(rounded to the nearest number) in meter.

H/w	>0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
>0.5	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	2	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	2	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	3	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	3	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	4	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	4	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	
9	5	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72		
10	5	10	20	30	40	50	60	70			
12	6	12	24	36	48	60	72				
14	7	14	28	42	56	70					
15	8	15	30	45	60						

The table below is the allowable height in meters of a free-standing sign for each setback from the right-of-way and depends according to the type of road.

Allowable Height for Structures Used for free Standing sign

Setbacks m metres		5	8	15	25	50
# lanes	Speed limit	Allowable height				
# Lane	<55km/h	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
	<55km/h	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0
	<55km/h	4.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
	<55km/h	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0
			5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0

16 The table below is the allowable mass in metres of a sign for a set-back from a right-of-way and depends on according to the type of road

Allowable height for structures used for wall signs.

Setbacks m metres		5	8	15	25	50

# lanes	Speed limit	Allowable height					
# Lane	<55km/h	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	
	<55km/h	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	
	<55km/h	4.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	
	<55km/h	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	
Freeway or controlled access			5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0

17 The table is the allowable mass in meters of a projecting sign for a setback from a height of way and depends on according to the type of road

Allowable height for structure used for projecting signs

Setbacks in metres		5	8	15	25	50
# lanes	Speed limit	Allowable height				
# Lane	<55km/h	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
	<55km/h	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0
	<55km/h	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.0
	<55km/h	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0
Freeway or controlled access 7.0			5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0

SCHEDULE 4

Special Limitations for Outdoor structures used for Signs

Standards for sizes of Billboards

The maximum advertising area for a billboard facing a public facility including street, highway and buildings is 35 square metres including embellishments.

1. The maximum advertising area for a billboard facing a street with a width of 30 to 80 metres is 72 square metres and 34% maximum allowance for embellishments.

2. An embellishment:

(a) May extend outward from, but in the same plane as, the permitted advertising area of the billboard; and

(b) Shall not extend beyond the top of the rectangular plane of the billboard by more than 1.8

1 metres nor extend beyond the side or bottom of the rectangular plane by more
2 than 60cm;

3 (c) Two billboards may be permitted on the same site location facing
4 the same direction provided that they are immediately adjacent to each other
5 and their total combined advertising area does not 80 square metres;

6 (d) A billboard with a surface in excess of 80 square area will be
7 considered only under special arrangement in which the advertising surface of
8 the larger format will be considered as two or more billboards.

9 3. A billboard or a part of it shall be setback:

10 (a) A minimum of 60 metres from a side lot line of a residentially
11 zoned district located along same street as the billboard site location; and

12 (b) 18 metres from a lot line of a residentially zoned district on a street
13 other than the billboard location site

14 *Standard for spacing requirements of Billboards*

15 4. A billboard:

16 (a) Which is free standing or a part of it shall not be erected,
17 constructed or extended closer to a street line beyond 7.5 metres, or the
18 required building setback, whichever is greater;

19 (b) attached to a wall of a building may be located at the building line
20 notwithstanding the required setback; and

21 (c) Shall not be located within 150 metres of a historic site or public
22 park;

23 A billboard site location shall be separated from every other billboard
24 site that:

25 (a) A spacing requirement shall be measured along the curb line of a
26 street that the billboard is oriented to and the measurement shall apply to both
27 sides of the street;

28 (b) a spacing requirement shall be measured from an existing
29 billboard notwithstanding a political jurisdiction in which another billboard
30 may be located.

1 (c) measurement of a spacing between billboard locations shall
2 begin at a point nearest to the proposed billboard site location from an
3 existing billboard site location and existing to a point nearest to the existing
4 billboard site location from the proposed billboard site location;

5 (d) a billboard of an advertising area shall be located less than:

6 (i) 400 meters from a billboard containing at least 60 square
7 meters of advertising area;

8 (ii) 300 meters from billboard containing less than 37 to 60 square
9 meters of advertising area; or

10 (iii) 150 meters from all billboards containing less than 37 square
11 meters of advertising area; and

12 (e) a billboard may be placed on a wall of a building and only one
13 billboard is permitted on each wall surface except the agency permits
14 otherwise.

15 4.-(a) the height of a billboard is the distance measured from the
16 elevation of an edge of a pavement, street or highway adjacent and
17 perpendicular to the billboard location and the top of the billboard facing;

18 (b) except as otherwise provided, a maximum height of a billboard
19 is 10 meters;

20 (c) the maximum height of a billboard located within 120 meters of
21 a side or rear lot of an institution zone or use, residentially zoned district or a
22 residential use is 10 meters;

23 (d) a height limitation is determined by reference to one street only;

24 (e) a registered civil engineer shall put his stamp of approval for
25 structural integrity on a permitted billboard which exceeds 5 meters in
26 height;

27 (f) a billboard which is less than seven square meters in area shall
28 not exceed 26 meters;

29 (g) a billboard oriented to an elevated highway shall extend at most
30 7 meters above a elevated highway;

1 (h) where there is a conflict in the provisions of regulations regarding
2 a standard for height requirements of a billboard, the most restrictive one
3 applies.

4 5.-(a) a free standing billboard erected on its supporting structure is
5 deemed to be a permanent structure and must meet construction standards, the
6 provisions of this section and requirements of any other applicable law;

7 (b) a billboard must be insured against third party injury.

8 6.-(a) no roof billboard shall exceed the height of the building to
9 which it is attached by more than 5 meters;

10 (b) a roof billboard must be scale with the supporting building, and the
11 supporting building height shall be at least twice the height of the proposed
12 billboard.

13 (c) A roof billboard must be enclosed so that no support structure is
14 visible from a public right of way or a residential use or residentially zoned
15 district within one hundred and fifty metres;

16 (d) A combined height of the supporting building and the roof
17 billboard shall not exceed the hight restriction of the underlying zoning district;

18 (e) A registered civil engineer shall put his stamp of approval for
19 structural integrity on a roof billboard.

20 5.-(a) A civil or institutional billboard is deemed to be a permanent
21 billboard and must meet the provisions of this law; however the billboards may
22 be grouped into one larger billboard which shall not exceed 28 square metres;

23 (b) A trailer or mobile billboard with an accompanying advertising
24 area may be used on a site as permanent or stationery billboard;

25 (c) Flashing lights or bare bulb illumination shall not be permitted on
26 a billboard except for a time and temperature device or a message centre;

27 (d) A billboard shall be built in a neutral colour, dark green colour or a
28 colour that matches the surrounding environment;

29 (e) An owner of the billboard must maintain the location of the site
30 around the billboard in a way to prevent littering and pollution;

additional site shall apply.

4. Agreement fee is an annual fee applicable to a commercial or private owner of a structure but does not apply to the state, federal government, diplomatic or humanitarian mission (humanitarian mission refers to a group that is involved in a direct lifesaving activity):

(a) applies to the owner of the sign and billboard; and

(b) is in relation to the size and location category.

(a)	Fee standing signs		
	Maximum Area in Square metres	Normal zone	Restrictive zone
	Up to 1.0	2,500.00	N5,000
	Up to 5.0	N6,000.00	N8,000
	Up to 10.0	N11,000.00	N17,000
	Up to 15.0	N17,000.00	N28,000
	Up to 20.0	N28,000.00	N45,000
	Up to 25.0	N44,000.00	N75,000
	Up to 30.0	N68,000.00	N85,000
	Above 30.00	N103,000.00	N150,000
(b)	Project signs		

	Maximum area in square meters	Normal Zone	Restrictive zone
	Up to 1.0	N8,000	N13,000
	Up to 5.0	N24,000	N40,000
	Up to 10.0	N37,000	N62,000
	Up to 15.0	N57,000	N96,000
	Up to 20.0	N88,000	N149,000
	Up to 25.0	N134,000	N227,000
	Up to 30.0	N202,000	N343,000
	Above 30.000	N234,000	399,00
(c)	Wall signs		
	Maximum area in square metres	Normal zone	Restrictive Zone
	Up to 1.0	N11,000	N18,000
	Up to 5.0	N17,000	N28,000
	Up to 10.0	N28,000	N47,000
	Up to 15.0	N44,000	N74,000
	Up to 20.0	N68,000	N115,000
	Up to 25.0	N103,000	N175,000
	Up to 30.0	N156,000	N265,000
	Above 30.0	N235,000	N399,000

Billboard					
Designated	Max area in square	Normal		Restrictive	height
Width		Zone	Zone		

4 sheet	Metres or up to 1.5	N2,500	N5,000	1	1.5	
	Or up to 3.0	N5,000	N8,000	1	3	
16 sheet	Or up to 6.0	N10,000	N16,000	2	3	
32 sheet	Or up to 12.0	N15,000	N24,000	2	6	
40 sheet	Or up to 14.0	N18,000	N28,000	2	7	
48 sheet	Or up to 18.0	N20,000	N32,000	3	6	
96 sheet	Or up to 36.0	N30,000	N48,000	3	12	
Roof top	Or up to 60.0	N50,000	N80,000	4	10	
Backlit	Or up to 30.0	N50,000	N80,000	3	7.5	
Ultra wave	Or up to 36.0, 73.5 or	N30,000	N48,000	3	6	
Unipole	Above	N120,000	N192,000	5	14.7	

Rental fee charge

(1) The lease of an advertiser of a commercial space of a leased billboard or sign is subjected to a fee that is equal to 12.5% of the lease amount charged by the leasing company.

(2) This amount must be paid not later than 5 working days from the date of the payment by the advertiser.

Fines

(3) A person who contravene this schedule or a regulation made under it commits an offence and liable on conviction to a:

(a) term of one month imprisonment or a fine of N60,000 for an individual and N250,000 for a corporate body; and

(b) fine of N10,000 for each week in which he contravention continues for four weeks.

PROVED THAT 14 days have elapsed from the date of the issuance of the order to conform to the standard infringed was issued.

(4) Where the contravention persists beyond 4 weeks or the offender fails to pay the fine, the Agency shall order the removal of the structure at the cost of the owner or operator of the outdoor advertisement structure or signage.

A printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the rivers state outdoor signage and advertisement (No.1) Bill of 2015 which has been passed by the national assembly and found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Bill.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory Signage and Advertisement Agency as the Regulatory Body for Outdoor Structures used for Signage and Advertisement and to provide for the protection of the environment from potential adverse impact that may arise from activities connected with Signage and Outdoor Advertisement including visual blights.

