

FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY SIGNAGE AND ADVERTISEMENT

AGENCY BILL, 2021

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Establishment
and membership
of the Board

- 1 (b) has power to sue and be sued in its corporate name;
2 (c) is capable of acquiring and disposing of property movable and
3 immovable for the purpose of carrying out its functions under this Bill.

4 2.-(1) There is established a Governing Board of the Agency (in this
5 Bill referred to "the Board").

6 (2) The Board consists of-

7 (a) the Federal Capital Territory Chapter of the Association of Local
8 Governments of Nigeria, of the chairman who shall be the Chairman of the
9 Board;

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

11 (c) the Managing Director of the Agency; and

12 (d) seven members each representing-

13 (i) Area Councils Secretariat,

14 (ii) Legal Services Secretariat,

15 (iii) Abuja Municipal Management Council,

16 (iv) Department of Urban and Regional Planning,

17 (v) Abuja Geographic Information Systems, and

18 (vi) the Secretary of the Board who shall be the Legal Adviser of the
19 Agency.

20 (3) The Minister shall appoint the Chairman of the Board on a two
21 year rotational basis from the Chairmen of Area Councils who are members of
22 the Board.

23 (4) The members of the Board shall hold office-

24 (a) for a term of two years, and no more on a part-time basis; and

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

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

28 (6) The Minister shall approve remuneration for members of the
29 Board.

30 (7) Where the office of a member becomes vacant before the

1 expiration of his tenure for any reason, the Board shall notify the Minister.

2 3. The Chairman or a member of the Board shall cease to hold Vacation of office
3 office if-

4 (a) he resigns his appointment in writing addressed to the Minister
5 through the Chairman of the Board;

6 (b) he becomes incapacitated by reason of infirmity of the mind or
7 body which prevents him from performing the functions of his office;

8 (c) he has been convicted of an indictable offence or an offence
9 under this Bill;

10 (d) he has been found guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to
11 his duties or shown gross negligence in his duties;

12 (e) in case of a person possessing a professional qualification, he is
13 disqualified or suspended by an order of a competent authority;

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

16 (g) he has an interest in the Agency or outside the Agency which
17 may prejudice him in the discharge of his functions; or

18 (h) the Minister removes him from office where he is satisfied that
19 it is not in the interest of the Agency or of the public for him to continue in
20 office.

21 4.-(1) The Board shall meet at least once in a quarter at a place and Meetings of the
Board
22 time as the Board may determine.

23 (2) An extraordinary meeting of the Board may be summoned by-

24 (a) the Chairman;

25 (b) the Managing Director; or

26 (c) by a written request of at least four members of the Board.

27 (3) The Secretary may call for a meeting of the Board or a person
28 acting in that office.

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

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

2 (6) Where a member is excused during a meeting on grounds of an
3 emergency or unforeseen development, the member shall not count against the
4 quorum.

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

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

11 (9) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice or opinion of a
12 person on a matter, the board may invite the person to attend its meeting.

13 (10) The Board may request an officer, agent or a consultant of the
14 Agency to attend a meeting of the Board.

15 (11) A Person invited shall not vote under subsection (9) and (10) on a
16 question for decision by the Board nor count towards a quorum.

17 (12) The validity of a proceeding of the Board shall not be affected by-

18 (a) a vacancy in the Board's membership;

19 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member; or

20 (c) reason that a person who is not entitled to take part in the
21 proceedings took part in it.

Disclose of
interest

22 5. A member of the Board who is directly or indirectly interested in a
23 transaction with the Agency or a transaction which the Agency is required by
24 this Bill to approve, shall disclose the interest at a meeting of the Board.

Functions of the
Agency

25 6.-(1) The Agency shall-

26 (a) control outdoor structures used for signage and advertisement;

27 (b) issue a license or permit for the construction and placement of an
28 outdoor advertisement structure in the Federal Capital Territory;

29 (c) protect the environment from potential adverse impact that may
30 arise from an activity connected with signage and outdoor advertisement

1 including visual blights;

2 (d) control the number, size and location of an outdoor
3 advertisement structure;

4 (e) ensure that an outdoor advertisement structure is-

5 (i) designed according to prevailing standards,

6 (ii) erected, modified or maintained, or

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

9 (f) ensure that an outdoor advertisement structure is compatible
10 with surrounding land use and environment standard;

11 (g) ensure that the beautification of the immediate vicinity of the
12 advertisement;

13 (h) control the posting of posters on a fence, building, vehicle,
14 public structure, street and highways;

15 (i) organise a procedure to regulate the ownership and operation of
16 an outdoor advertisement structure for the purpose of signage and
17 advertisement under a specific regulation in this Bill, or any Law relating to
18 outdoor advertisement in the Federal Capital Territory;

19 (j) refuse an application, revoke or modify a permit if found to be in
20 violation of this Bill or condition for its grants;

21 (k) prepare and keep general records and any record relating to
22 issuance and denial of an outdoor advertisement structures permit;

23 (l) monitor and inspect through its monitoring unit on outdoor
24 advertisement structure and verify its compliance with this Bill;

25 (m) establish a data-base of outdoor advertisement structures for signage,
26 hoarding and advertisement, their owners and operators as well as their
27 location and the reason for the operation.

28 **7. The Agency shall-**

29 (a) employ staff as it may require;

30 (b) determine the remuneration for its staff, which shall not be less

1 than those of their counterparts in the civil service; and
2 (c) appoint an agent or a contractor to perform any duty which the
3 Agency may assign to him or provide professional services to the Agency

Appointment
of Consultants

4 8.-(1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a
5 Consultant to the Agency who shall be a technical partner to the Agency in the
6 exercise of its functions.

7 (2) The Agency may delegate to the Consultant-

8 (a) the collection of revenue in respect of an outdoor advertisement
9 structure, signage, hoarding and advertisements on its behalf; or

10 (b) any other function as it consider necessary.

Functions of
the Consultants

11 9. The Consultant shall advise the Agency and make recommendation
12 on matters relating to-

13 (a) the regulation of an outdoor advertisement structure and its uses
14 for the display of signage; and

15 (b) advertisement and any other connected matters.

16 PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Fund of the
Agency

17 10.-(1) The Agency shall establish and maintain a Fund to be
18 approved by the Board into which shall be paid -

19 (a) amounts appropriated by the National Assembly for the Agency;

20 (b) sums, debentures, investments or properties vested in the Agency;

21 (c) money raised by loan under the powers to borrow vested in the
22 Board under section 11;

23 (d) fees and charges for services rendered;

24 (e) fees, charges or tariffs from licenses or other permits;

25 (f) money accruing to the Agency by way of gifts, grants-in-
26 aids, testamentary dispositions, endowment and donations from any source;

27 and

28 (g) proceeds from other assets that may accrue to the Agency.

29 (2) The Agency shall administer the Fund in accordance with
30 regulations made by the Board.

1 (3)The Board may make regulations to-
2 (a) specify how the Agency shall manage its asset or Fund;
3 (b) regulate how the Agency makes payment into and out of the
4 Fund; and
5 (c) ensure that proper accounts and records are kept for the purpose
6 of the Fund in a form as the regulation may specify.

7 (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Bill-
8 (a) each Area Council is entitled to 60% of the revenue accruing
9 from signage, hoarding and outdoor advertisement from that Area Council;
10 (b) the Agency is entitled to 20% of the revenue accruing from
11 signage, hoarding and outdoor advertisement generated by the Agency
12 from each Area Council as administrative and running cost; and
13 (c) The Federal Capital Territory Administration is entitled to 20%
14 of the revenue accruing from signage, hoarding, and outdoor advertisement
15 from each Area Council.

16 (5) The Agency shall establish the Accruals and Allocation
17 Complaints Committee, to receive and resolve complaints from an
18 aggrieved Area Council regarding accruals and allocations.

19 11. The Agency may with the written consent of the Federal Power to borrow
20 Capital Territory Executive Council and the approval of the National
21 Assembly, borrow money required in the exercise of its functions on terms
22 and conditions as it may determine.

23 12. The Managing Director and the Agency's accountant are the Signatories to
24 signatories to the Agency's bank account. bank account

25 13. The Agency shall prepare not later than 31 March each year, an Annual accounts
26 account of the expenditure and income for the preceding financial year.

27 14.-(1) The Agency shall- Account and

28 (a) keep proper accounts for each year in respect of its revenue and audits
29 expenditure;

30 (b) prepare an annual statement of account not later than three

1 months after the end of each financial year; and

2 (c) cause the accounts to be audited-

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

4 (ii) by an auditor appointed by the Federal Capital Territory Auditor-
5 General for Area Councils.

6 (2) The Agency shall submit-

7 (a) a copy of the audited accounts of the Agency together with the
8 auditor's report;

9 (b) a quarterly report of its activities, and

10 (c) not later than 31st March after the end of each financial year, a
11 report that accurately reflects the Agency's activities during the preceding year;

12 to the-

13 (i) Federal Capital Territory Executive Council through the
14 Permanent Secretary Federal Capital Territory,

15 (ii) each Area Council Chairman, and

16 (iii) the Auditor-General for Area Councils.

Collection of
tariffs and charges

17 15.- (1) The Agency has power to-

18 (a) impose a commercial tariff which may vary from one Area
19 Council to another, and

20 (b) make a direct charge on a user for a structure and signage.

21 (2) The Agency may institute a civil action against a person who fails
22 to pay the tariff, fee or charge imposed by the Agency and that person shall be
23 liable for the legal fee or other cost incurred by the Agency in the process.

Prescription of
fees or charges

24 16.- (1) The Agency shall, subject to the Board's approval, prescribe
25 an amount to be paid as a fee or charge in each Area Council or zone for the
26 mounting of an outdoor advertisement structure and the charge for amendment
27 of an existing structure.

Fifth Schedule

28 (2) The Board may review, when necessary, the fees and charges in
29 the Fifth Schedule.

PART III - REGISTRATION

Registration

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

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

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

(4) The permit is renewable annually.

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

(6) The Agency shall provide a registration code for each registered outdoor advertisement.

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

(8) A structure for-

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

(b) a billboard including a signage structure designed and intended to provide a leasing advertisement copy pasted or otherwise mounted onto the copy area;

(c) a spectacular billboard;

(d) roof sign which includes a sign which is entirely on or above the roof line or parapet of a building;

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

(f) furniture or statute type of sign which includes a structure, kiosk supporting outdoor advertising or signage, and

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

3 (9) Each sign in subsection (8) shall be recorded on the form and
4 attachment in the Schedules.

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

Structure requiring
special permit

7 18. Application for special permit shall be made for:

8 (a) a structure that-

Fourth Schedule

9 (i) exceed the permissible dimension provided in the Fourth
10 Schedule,

Third Schedule

11 (ii) is illuminated by flashing lights, bare bulb or not conforming to
12 the scope of illumination provided in the Third Schedule; and

13 (b) the use of a mobile trailer or vehicle for the sole purpose of
14 advertising.

Qualification
of Advertisers

15 19. -(1) No person shall establish or operate a billboard or outdoor
16 commercial advertisement unless he is a member of the Advertising
17 Practitioners Council of Nigeria.

18 (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a person who does outdoor
19 advertisement business.

Application
for registration

20 20.-(1) An application for a-

21 (a) special permit;

22 (b) license; or

23 (c) renewal of a permit or license,

24 shall be addressed the Agency.

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

26 (3) The Agency shall fix the fee for the issuance or renewal of a permit
27 or license.

28 (4) A permit, license, or renewal of a permit or license, is valid for one
29 year.

1 21.-(1) The Agency shall issue a certificate of registration to a Certificate of
registration
2 successful applicant.

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

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

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

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

11 (6) A Certificate of registration is renewable annually at a fee less
12 than the initial payment.

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

15 22.-(1) No person shall erect, enlarge, structurally modify or Requirement to
register as owner
of a structure
16 operate an outdoor advertisement or a signage structure without a permit
17 from the Agency.

18 (2) An erected, affixed or a constructed structure shall comply with First, Second and
Third Schedules
19 First, Second and Third Schedules.

20 (3) Subsection (1) shall not apply to-

21 (a) an official, a directional or warning sign erected or maintained
22 by-

23 (i) the Federal, State or an Area Council, or

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

25 (b) a structure for a sign or billboard mandatory under the Federal
26 or Federal Capital Territory Laws or authorised by the Agency.

27 23.-(1) An owner or operator of an existing structure shall submit Duration of
application for
permit
28 the prescribed registration form with the Agency and apply for a permit
29 required by this Bill at least 30 days from the date of commencement of this
30 Bill.

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

4 (3) Subject to subsection (2), where the owner or operator fails to
5 remove the structure, the Agency shall remove it at the expense of the owner or
6 operator.

7 (4) Where an existing structure is not registered within 30 days from
8 the commencement of this Bill, the Agency shall direct its removal at the
9 expense of the owner or operator.

10 (5) A structure which existed before this Bill or erected after the
11 commencement of this Bill which does not conform to this Bill shall be
12 demolished at the expense of the owner.

Approval of
outdoor structure
for signage

13 24.-(1) A residential unit visible from the public highway shall be
14 identified by a street number not exceeding 0.30 square meters in area.

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

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

Prohibited
structures, signage
or content

20 25.-(1) A structure not permitted by this Bill shall not be used for
21 signage, except a sign that is less.

22 (2) These signs are prohibited-

23 (a) a sign with an unethical or obscene content;

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

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

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

30 (e) outdoor structures of any classification installed, erected or

1 attached in any form, shape or master to roof fire escape or any door or
2 window giving access to any fire escape;

3 (f) abandoned signs;

4 (g) fly posting;

5 (h) outdoor structures obstructing pedestrian or vehicular visibility
6 or otherwise interfering with the safe operation of vehicles or the safety of
7 pedestrians; and

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

9 PART IV - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10 26.-(1) A person who-

Offences

11 (a) contravenes a regulation or order made under this Bill, or

12 (b) displays a sign or billboard, L.E.D, screen, post a bill, poster,
13 sign, panel, banner sticker, or any advertising material or message on a tree,
14 road, sign, road divider, flyover, bridge, rock, wall or an electric pole or any
15 other place without authority,

16 commits an offence and is liable to a fine of N250,000 for a corporate body
17 and N50,000 for an individual.

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

20 (3) Where the person fails to pay the fine at the expiration of the
21 seven days' notice-

22 (a) he is liable to a fine of N20,000 for each week that the default
23 continues; and

24 (b) where the default continues beyond four weeks, the Agency,
25 where it considers necessary, may order the removal of the structure and the
26 owner or operator of the structure shall bear the cost of removal.

27 (4) A person who falsifies a plan, statement or information relating
28 to signage, hoarding or outdoor advertisement,
29 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment for

1 one year or fine of N1,500,000 for a corporate body and N500,000 for an
2 individual.

3 (5) Where an offence is committed by a corporate body or firm or
4 other association of individuals, every-

5 (a) director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body
6 corporate,

7 (b) partner or officer of the firm,

8 (c) person concerned in the management of the association, or

9 (d) person purposing to act in that capacity,

10 commits that offence and is liable as if he had himself committed that offence,
11 unless he proves that the actor omission constituting the offence took place
12 without his knowledge, consent or connivance.

Permissive
outdoor structure

13 27. The Agency shall regulate-

14 (a) on-premises and off-premises sign and billboard;

15 (b) lamp post or pole-mounted advertisement;

16 (c) illuminated lighting device used on-ppremises and off-premises
17 sign and billboard;

18 (d) decorative flashing lights, banner, poster, pennant, string of lights,
19 ribbon, streamer for advertising purpose;

20 (e) portable sign which include but not limited to an A-frame sign and
21 air activated attraction and device;

22 (f) direction sign, which include those of the public and private
23 addresses;

24 (g) inflatable sign;

25 (h) furniture advertisement;

26 (i) political signs;

27 (j) L.E.D. screens; and

28 (k) any other method of outdoor advertisement.

Resolution of
conflicts

29 28.-(1) The Agency shall collaborate with any ministry, department or

1 agency of government in relation to signage, hoarding or outdoor
2 advertisement.

3 (2) Where there is a conflict between this Bill and another Law in
4 the Federal Capital Territory regarding the setting of a guideline and standard
5 for signage, hoarding and outdoor advertisement, this Bill shall prevail.

6 29.-(1) A person who intends to sue the- Pre-action notice

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

8 (b) Managing Director, shall give a one month written notice of his
9 intention to the Agency.

10 (2) The notice shall state-

11 (a) the cause of action;

12 (b) the name and address of the claimant; and

13 (c) the claims or reliefs sought by the Claimant.

14 30. In this Bill- Interpretation

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

17 "abandoned structure" means a sign which is not supported properly or
18 which no longer correctly stands but advertises:

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

20 (b) a product available on the premises where the sign is displayed;

21 advertiser" means a person, people, organisation, unincorporated body or
22 corporate body whose name, service, goods, product, business, trade,
23 campaign, event, programme, cause, idea or place is being advertised;

24 "area of copy" means an area of the largest single face, continuous perimeter
25 composed of square, area rectangle or circles, which encloses an extreme

26 limit of an advertising message announcement or decoration of a wall sign;

27 "area of sign" includes-

28 (a) largest face of a sign within a perimeter which forms the outside

29 shape but excluding necessary supports or uprights which the sign may be;

30 (b) a total of all areas of a sign if more than one section or module;

- 1 (c) computation of total sign areas using actual sign surface in a case
2 of irregular shape; and
- 3 (d) an area of copy in case of wall sign;
- 4 "directional sign" means a sign which serves to designate a location or
5 direction of a place or area, street, highway and includes a sign identifying a
6 restroom, telephone, parking area, an entrance or exit;
- 7 "flashing sign" includes a sign which contains an intermittent or flashing light
8 by means of animation or an externally mounted intermittent light source, but
9 excludes a changeable message sign;
- 10 "frontage" means a length of a properly line of a premises parallel to and along
11 a public right-of-way it borders;
- 12 "grade" means an elevation of a street closest to a sign to which reference is
13 made at the street center line;
- 14 "height of sign" means a vertical distance measured from a grade at a street's
15 right-of-way line where the sign is located to a highest point of the sign or
16 structure;
- 17 "illuminated sign" means a sign which is lighted by an artificial light source,
18 either directed upon it or illuminated from an interior source;
- 19 "L.E.D." means light emitting diode;
- 20 "multi-faced sign" means a sign with copy on two or more faces that are legible
21 from more than one direction;
- 22 "non-conforming sign" means a sign that does not meet code regulations;
- 23 "off-premises sign" includes a sign or an advertisement of anything which is
24 not produced, procured, sold, delivered, performed or provided from a
25 premises on which the advertisement is displayed;
- 26 "on-premises sign" means a sign which identifies or advertises a business,
27 person, activity, goods, products or service located on a premises where the
28 sign is installed and maintained;
- 29 "outdoor structure" means a sign which is free-standing or mounted in such a
30 way that it offers a display of a sign or advertisement

1 "owner or operator" means the actual person or corporation that owns and
2 operates its own structure or on behalf of another party;

3 "projecting sign" means a sign, normally double faced, which is attached to
4 and projects from a structure or building fascia;

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

6 "sign" includes a structure, emblem, painting, banner, pennant, placard,
7 design, identification, description, illustration whether illuminated or non-
8 illuminated to advertise or identify, communicate, convey information or
9 direct attention to a produce, service, place, activity, person, institution or
10 business including a permanently installed or situated, merchandise and
11 sign structure;

12 "spectacular billboard" means a billboard with over 20 square meters of
13 area;

14 "swinging sign" means a sign installed on an arm or mast or spar that is not
15 permanently fastened to an adjacent wall or upright pole;

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

18 31. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory Signage Citation
19 and Advertisement Agency Bill, 2021.

1 SCHEDULES

2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 *Clause 22 (2)*

4 PERMITTED STRUCTURES THAT REQUIRE NO SPECIAL PERMISSION

5 *Identification Signs*

6 1.-(I) An identification sign not exceeding 0.50 square meters which
7 indicates-

8 (a) name,

9 (b) type of business, or

10 © hours of operation,

11 affixed to or painted on a window, door, or main entrance to a building.

12 (2) A residential real estate sign not exceeding one and a half square
13 meters in area or two meters in height, and the sign or bill board-

14 (a) is allowed only on the property offered for sale or lease with no
15 more than one sign per street frontage; and

16 (b) shall be removed from the site not later than five days after the sale
17 or lease of the property.

18 *Political Sign*

19 2.-(1) A political sign-

20 (a) not exceeding one and a half square meters on a residential
21 property and three square meters on a non-sign residential property,

22 (b) whose height does not exceed two meters, or

23 (c) not placed in a right-of-way or in a manner which will block
24 visibility to a road or property, requires no special permission.

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

27 3.-(1) A grand opening, quarterly or seasonal sale, convention,
28 meeting sign or banner, shall only indicate the new business, service, or
29 gathering.

30 (2) A holiday sign shall be displayed 30 days before a festival and shall

1 be removed not later than five days after the festival.

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

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

9 (5) These signs shall not be posted or displayed on a surface,
10 building, fence, perimeter wall or a public structure like a bridge or bus
11 shelter-

12 (a) an interior sign inside a building displayed not closer than one
13 meter from the window area;

14 (b) a permanent off-site directional sign which shows the location
15 of or direction to a government facility;

16 (c) a contractor, sub-contractor, or construction sign limited to sign
17 not greater than three square meters;

18 (d) a poster or handbill which shows a-

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

22 (ii) product, service, public service, notice, social notice and other
23 related events not exceeding a maximum face area of 0.5 square meters and
24 posted or displayed on a designated public information board approved by
25 the Agency.

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

1 SECOND SCHEDULE

2 *Clause 22 (2)*

3 GENERAL CONSIDERATION FOR OUTDOOR STRUCTURES

4 *Rights*

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

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

11 (a) an accessory used, or

12 (b) a structure,

13 to the principal or approved use of a building or land.

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

19 *Illumination*

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

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

25 (a) a public thoroughfare,

26 (b) a Highway,

27 (c) a Sidewalk, or

28 (d) adjacent premises,

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

1 (3) Where applicable, any writing, fitting and material used in the
2 construction, connection and operation of electronically illuminated on-
3 premises or off-premises sign must be in accordance with the provisions of
4 any relevant code in force.

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

9 *Location*

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

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

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

19 (a) the Federal Government;

20 (b) the Federal Capital Territory;

21 (c) an Area Council; or

22 (d) an agency of the Federal, State or an Area Council concerned
23 with the protection of public health or safety.

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

26 (5) Except where otherwise provided in this Bill, a portable sign
27 such as a trailer sign, roll away sign, an A-frame sign, a balloon, an inflatable
28 and any air activated attraction or device are not permitted.

1 *Maintenance*

2 4.-(1) An on-premises and off-premises sign shall be kept in a safe
3 condition.

4 (2) Where an on-premises or off-premises sign becomes unsafe, the
5 owner or operator of the sign shall on receipt of a written notice from the
6 Agency, remove or put the sign in a safe condition.

7 *Conflicts and Standards*

8 5. -(1) Where a conflict arises between the placement of an on-
9 premises or off-premises sign adjacent to highway under this Bill and another
10 Law, the more restrictive regulations shall be applied.

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

13 THIRD SCHEDULE

14 *Clause 22 (2)*

15 SPECIAL LIMITATIONS FOR OUTDOOR STRUCTURES USED FOR SIGNS

16 *Table of Sizes standing signs*

17 1. -(1) Where the size of a permitted sign is to be ascertained, it shall be
18 done by scaling signage to the mass size of the associated building under sub
19 paragraphs(2) and(3) for free.

20 (2) The size of a face of a sign is ascertained by multiplying a
21 predetermined mass factor times the square root of the area of the face of the
22 building, specified in paragraph 14 of this Schedule, and the-

23 (a) table of elements for free standing signs specified in section 15 of
24 this Schedule specify the application mass factors;

25 (b) the square root of the area of the facing of the building may be
26 ascertained by-

27 (i) the method specified in paragraph 14 of this Schedule for rounded
28 off factors for most average Building sizes, or

29 (ii) multiplying the height by the width and extract the square root (H
30 X W - square root of the face of the building).

1 (3) The height and width of a building face are ascertained by
2 measuring the-

3 (a) vertical distance from the establishment grade of the lot to the
4 roofing line in the case of flat roofs, and to the mean between the point of the
5 gable and the eaves in the case of pitched roofs to get the height of the
6 building;

7 (b) horizontal distance between the outermost vertical dimensions
8 of a wall that is parallel to the facing of the building with which the sign, if
9 associated and visible from the public right-of-way, to get the width of the
10 building.

11 (4) A property that contains no building on which the relate mass
12 factors in the table of elements shall determine sign size by using the
13 following formulae-

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

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

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

21 (5) A property that contains a building which occupies less than
22 10% of the lot may use the formula in paragraph (4) in lieu of the mass
23 factors set forth in the tables of elements for free standing

24 *General conditions relevant to free standing signs*

25 2.-(1) Except as otherwise provided, an owner of a building
26 housing an activity may display one freestanding sign of the area and height
27 limitations pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Schedule where-

28 (a) the sign to the front leading edge of the sign and its supporting
29 structure are set back at four and a half metres from the existing adjacent
30 highway right-to-way;

1 (b) the building does not display a projecting sign;

2 (c) the height of the free standing sign is measured from the
3 established grade of the property or grade elevation of the edge of pavement,
4 street or highway of a public right-of-way directly perpendicular in front of the
5 proposed location of the sign;

6 (d) no additional sign is attached to a part of a free standing sign other
7 than on a display surface originally constructed as part of the sign;

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

10 (f) a free standing sign not exceeding 75 centimetres in height is
11 located within five metres of the curb line or edge of right-of-way where the
12 existing building location or a permanent obstruction prevents a free-standing
13 sign or projecting sign from being seen by a passing motorist and the free
14 standing sign shall be located within an existing right-of-way;

15 (g) a free-standing sign is located within the first 30 metres of setback
16 from an existing public street right of-way or according to the area and space
17 available;

18 (h) a free-standing sign does not exceed-

19 (a) 30 square metres in size, or

20 (b) a size specified in section 15 of this Schedule;

21 whichever is smaller;

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

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

27 (k) as permitted, when more than one free-standing sign is to be
28 placed on a lot, the facing of each free-standing sign is oriented to the street or
29 highway right-to-way opposite the face of the building for which the free-
30 standing sign is permitted.

1 3. A sign in a commercial centre which has a minimum frontage of
2 300 metres along a public street is permitted where-

3 (a) for the purpose of identification, a single premises with
4 multiple tenants, a commercial centre or a shopping centre-

5 (i) groups the signs of its tenants in one structure; and

6 (ii) displays two free-standing signs for each street frontage but the
7 signs must be setback from the side property lines by at least 75 metres and
8 from a public right-of-way line by at least eight metres;

9 (b) the first free-standing sign may be up to 6 metres in height and
10 up to 20 square metres in size;

11 (c) the second free-standing sign does not exceed 10 metres in
12 height or 28 square metres in size;

13 (d) in lieu of the second free-standing sign, a changeable copy sign
14 not exceeding 28 square metres which may be added to the first free-
15 standing sign;

16 (e) in addition, a regional shopping centre may identify an exit or
17 entrance with a graphic not more than two square metres wide and three
18 metres in height; and

19 (f) an individual activity within the regional shopping centre may
20 display one wall sign per frontage in line with the table of elements for wall
21 signs.

22 *Exceptions to the Setback requirement for free-standing signs*

23 4. Where a structure which constitutes a visual obstruction, other
24 than an on-premise sign precedes subject site in a direction of traffic flow
25 within 50 metres of a centre-point of a street frontage of the subject site and is
26 less than four metres behind the right-of-way, a free-standing sign may be
27 erected at the setback of the structure where:

28 (a) the free-standing sign will not project over the public right-of-
29 way;

30 (b) the size for the appropriate zoning district for one metre setback

1 is as specified in paragraph 15 of this Schedule;

2 (c) except otherwise provided in this Bill, no free-standing sign
3 permitted shall be established less than three metres above street grade;

4 (d) a setback reduction permitted is temporal and the site conditions
5 that led to section shall be moved to a confronting location by the sign's owner;
6 and

7 (e) a certificate of zoning compliance is obtained for a free-standing
8 sign in accordance with this Bill.

9 5. Except otherwise provided by this paragraph, an operator may not
10 display wall signs for each wall of a special building which faces a public
11 street as specified in paragraph 16 of this Schedule where:

12 (a) the permitted area of wall signs specified in paragraph 15 of this
13 Schedule is that of the advertising area of the individual letters and symbols
14 when they are attached directly to the building, thereby utilising the building
15 wall as the background (area of individual letters only);

16 (b) the sign incorporates its own background, the permitted area of the
17 sign specified in paragraph 15 of this Schedule is the sign area as defined in this
18 paragraph;

19 (c) a wall sign may be attached flat to or pinned away from a wall of a
20 building but the sign shall not project from the wall by more than 50
21 centimetres;

22 (d) a wall sign may be located in a plane but below a top roof line of a
23 building, which sign has a clearance height of not less than two and a half
24 metre at its lowest point;

25 (e) a wall sign may be located at a front edge of a canopy or marquee,
26 but the sign shall not project beyond a horizontal or vertical dimensions of the
27 wall with which it is associated;

28 (f) a wall sign shall not extend beyond a perimeter of the wall or fascia
29 to which it is attached;

30 (g) one wall sign may be displayed on a side or rear of a building

1 adjacent to an off-street parking area provided for that building for the
2 purpose of instructing customers of parking procedures but the sign must
3 not exceed one and a half square metres in size and the sign may be
4 illuminated during hours of operation; or

5 (h) a sign attached to a sidewall of a building, other than those
6 permitted by this paragraph, but slanted towards a street on which the
7 building faces may be displayed on the sidewall, but it shall be counted as
8 part of the total wall sign area allotment associated with the building front;
9 and a required clearance for two to three floors building is a minimum of one
10 metre while a multi-floor building is a minimum of two and the half metres.

11 6.-(1)A roof sign is displayed as specified in paragraph 15 of this
12 Schedule for free-standing signs where-

13 (a) a building in excess of 12 metres in height may display a roof
14 sign in addition to signs permitted, but the total area of the roof sign and a
15 wall used shall not exceed the maximum sign area permitted by this Bill;

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

19 (c) a roof sign permitted in paragraphs (a) and (b) whether as part of
20 the building's initial design or an addition after the building was constructed,
21 shall be constructed to appear as an integral part of the supporting building.

22 (2)A roof sign must meet the following minimum specifications-

23 (a) structural support for a sign must be enclosed to form a
24 background to a message;

25 (b) a plane of a sign's advertising area must appear as a vertical
26 continuation of the plane of a building's wall with which it is associated,
27 unless otherwise originally designed as an integral part of the building;

28 (c) a roof sign shall not project beyond vertical boundaries of a wall
29 with which it is associated;

30 (d) a combined height of a building and roof sign shall not exceed a

1 height restriction of an underlying zoning district;

2 (e) a message on a roof sign shall be limited to an identification of the
3 building or a principal occupant;

4 (f) a roof sign must be enclosed so that no support structure is visible
5 from a public right-of-way or a residential use or residential zoned district
6 within 150 metres;

7 (g) A roof sign must be designed by an engineer registered by the
8 Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) and submitted
9 to the Agency for approval; and

10 (h) A certificate of zoning compliance must be obtained for each roof
11 sign in accordance with this Bill.

12 7. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, an owner of a
13 building used for one or more activity may display one projecting sign on each
14 street frontage as specified in paragraph 17 of this Schedule and must ensure
15 that-

16 (a) the building or property does not display a free-standing sign;

17 (b) the projecting sign shall clear an established grade of the property
18 by at least two and the half hours metres;

19 (c) the projecting sign shall not extend above the wall or fascia to
20 which it is attached, except that a free-standing sign treated as a projecting sign
21 does not exceed six metres in height;

22 (d) the sign shall not project from the wall by more than
23 45centimetres;

24 (e) a wall sign is not used in the proximity or on the same structure;
25 and

26 (f) no projecting sign shall extend over a public right-of-way.

27 8. Permission for a development area identification sign for a
28 residential sub-division multi-family residential complex or an institution will
29 be given where-

30 (a) a development area identification sign is permitted adjacent to an

1 arterial street at a major access point to the sub-division, complex, or
2 institution;

3 (b) a development area identification is not located within four and
4 a half metres of the public right-of-way of the arterial street abutting the
5 development area;

6 (c) a development area identification is not located within two and
7 a half metres from a pavement or curb of internal street or private drive
8 within the development area; and it is not located within a public right-of-
9 way;

10 (d) a message is limited to the name, logo and street address of the
11 complex;

12 (e) size of a development identification sign does not exceed nine
13 square metres and the height or width of the sign does exceed not three and a
14 half metres;

15 (f) certificate of zoning compliance is obtained from the Agency
16 for each development area; and

17 (g) the sight triangle required is maintained.

18 *Special consideration for directional or information signs*

19 9.-(1) A directional sign which shows a direction or instruction
20 regarding a premises on which it is located may be constructed on the
21 premises.

22 (2) A directional sign may also be located within a perimeter of
23 450 metres from the premises.

24 (3) An off-premises location may be located only at a road junction
25 as where it does not contravene traffic or another regulation.

26 (4) A directional sign is limited to three-quarter of a square metre
27 in area.

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

1 (6) A certificate of zoning compliance shall be obtained from the
2 Agency for each directional and Informational sign.

3 *Special considerations for bulletin boards*

4 10.-(1) A sign or bulletin board incidental to a place of worship,
5 library, museum, social club or society may be erected on the premises of such
6 an institution in a zoning district where:

7 (a) its maximum area does not exceed one and a half square metres;

8 and

9 (b) a certificate of zoning compliance has been obtained from the
10 Agency for each bulletin board.

11 (2) Where an occupant of a residential building intends to put up a
12 sign, he-

13 (a) shall put only one sign;

14 (b) may flatly affix it on the wall of the building and illuminate it
15 directly by reflecting light or back light;

16 (c) shall ensure that the intensity of illumination is limited or shielded
17 to prevent a demonstrable adverse effect on an adjacent property; and

18 (d) shall illuminate it if it is a detached sign.

19 (3) A maximum permitted area for a residential sign is 0.30 square
20 metres on one side.

21 (4) A sign in a planned development Zoning District must be
22 constructed and maintained in accordance with this Bill and with a plan and
23 guideline established for signs and approved as a part of the development plan.

24 (5) The maximum permitted area of a temporary sign is-

25 (a) six square metres for a street frontage up to 75 metres; or

26 (b) nine square metres for 75 metres of road frontage,

27 (6) A temporary sign-

28 (a) may be created for two years, inclusive of the construction;

29 (b) shall not be located closer than six metres to a pavement of a public
30 street;

1 (c) shall not be located within a public right of way; and

2 (d) of above three square metres must have a certificate of zoning
3 compliance prior to its construction.

4 (7) A sign which announces a sale or lease of a property,
5 construction or remodeling of a building may not be erected in the
6 residential zoning districts, except-

7 (a) the sign is non-illuminate;

8 (b) the maximum area of a sign advertising a sale or lease of a
9 property meets these conditions-

10 (i) up to 45 metres abutment on a public right-of-way permits up to
11 three square metres maximum sign area,

12 (ii) from 45 to 75 metres abutments on a public right-of-way
13 permits up to three square metres maximum sign area,

14 (iii) 75 metres of abutment on a public right-of-way permit up on
15 more than 9 square metres in sizes,

16 (iv) no certificate of zoning compliance is required for signs
17 advertising the sale, lease or rent of a building provided that the said sign
18 does not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ of a square metres in area and is not illuminated,

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

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

27 (vii) the sin must not exceed $2\frac{1}{2}$ Square metres in area, and

28 (viii) the sign shall not be displayed for more than 30 days;

29 (c) a farm market may display a sign which identifies a sale of an
30 agricultural products produced no the premises on which the agricultural

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

8 11. An on-premises sign displayed only to identify an activity by
9 name, logo, address, and principal product or service is permitted within a
10 property with a setback of 2 meters where no mechanical movement or
11 flashing light's used.

12 12. The graphics on the sign in subsection (2) must comply with this
13 section and the specifications of size and height in the tables of elements of
14 signs.

15 13. an on-premises temporary, construction or real estate signs is
16 permitted on condition that:

17 (a) a temporary construction or real estate sign on open land or land
18 been developed may-

19 (i) use 9 square meters at a right-of-way line, and

20 (ii) Increase 1 square meters in size for every meter of setback up to a
21 maximum of 55 square meters, and

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

Table of Allowance measurement for structures used for signs

14. The table below provides rounded off factors for average building sizes it represents the 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	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
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						

Allowable height for structures used for free standing sign

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

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

Allowable hight for structures used for wall signs.

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

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

Allowable height for structure used for projecting signs

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

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

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Clause 18 (a)

SPECIAL LIMITATIONS FOR OUTDOOR STRUCTURES USED FOR SIGNS

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

(2) 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.

(3) 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 metres nor extend beyond the side or bottom of the rectangular plane by more than 60 centimetres.

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

(5) A billboard with a surface in excess of 80 square area will be considered only under special

1 arrangement in which the advertising surface of the larger format will be
2 considered as two or more billboards.

3 *Standard for spacing Requirements of Billboards*

4 3.-(1) A billboard or a part of it shall be setback:

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

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

9 (2) A billboard-

10 (a) which is free standing or a part of it shall not be erected,
11 constructed or extended closer to a street line beyond 7.5 metres, or the
12 required building setback, whichever is greater;

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

15 (c) shall not be located within 150 metres of a historic site or public
16 park.

17 (2) A billboard site location shall be separated from every other
18 billboard site location provided that-

19 (a) a spacing requirement shall be measured along the curb line of a
20 street that the billboard is oriented to and the measurement shall apply to both
21 sides of the street;

22 (b) a spacing requirement shall be measured from an existing
23 billboard notwithstanding a political jurisdiction in which another billboard
24 may be located.

25 (c) measurement of a spacing between billboard locations shall begin
26 at a point nearest to the proposed billboard site location from an existing
27 billboard site location and existing to a point nearest to the existing billboard
28 site location from the proposed billboard site location;

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

30 (i) 400 meters from a billboard containing at least 60 square meters of

1 advertising area,

2 (ii) 300 meters from billboard containing less than 37 to 60 square
3 meters of advertising area, or

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

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

9 4.-(1) The height of a billboard is the distance measured from the
10 elevation of an edge of a pavement, street or highway adjacent and
11 perpendicular to the billboard location and the top of the billboard facing.

12 (2) Except as otherwise provided, a maximum height of a billboard
13 is 10 meters.

14 (3) The maximum height of a billboard located within 120 meters
15 of a side or rear lot of an institution zone or use, residentially zoned district
16 or a residential use is 10 meters.

17 (4) A height limitation is determined by reference to one street
18 only.

19 (5) A registered civil engineer shall put his stamp of approval for
20 structural integrity on a permitted billboard which exceeds 5 meters in
21 height.

22 (6) A billboard which is less than seven square meters in area shall
23 not exceed 26 meters.

24 (7) A billboard oriented to an elevated highway shall extend at most
25 7 meters above a paving of the elevated highway.

26 (8) Where there is a conflict in the provisions of regulations
27 regarding a standard for height requirements of a billboard, the most
28 restrictive one applies.

29 (7) A free standing billboard erected on its supporting structure is
30 deemed to be a permanent structure and must meet construction standards,

1 the provisions of this paragraph and requirements of any other applicable law.

2 (8) A billboard must be insured against third party injury.

3 (9) No roof billboard shall exceed the height of the building to which
4 it is attached by more than five meters.

5 (10) A roof billboard shall be scaled with the supporting building, and
6 the supporting building height shall be at least twice the height of the proposed
7 billboard.

8 (11) A roof billboard must be enclosed so that no support structure is
9 visible from a public right of way or a residential use or residentially zoned
10 district within one hundred and fifty metres

11 (12) A combined height of the supporting building and the roof
12 billboard shall not exceed the height restriction of the underlying zoning district.

13 (13) A registered civil engineer shall put his stamp of approval for
14 structural integrity on a roof billboard;

15 5.-(1) A civil or institutional billboard is deemed to be a permanent
16 billboard and must meet the provisions of this Bill, and the billboards may be
17 grouped into one larger billboard which shall not exceed 28 square metres.

18 (2) A trailer or mobile billboard with an accompanying advertising
19 area may be used on a site as permanent or stationary billboard

20 (3) Flashing lights or bare bulb illumination shall not be permitted on
21 a billboard except for a time and temperature device or a message centre.

22 (4) A billboard shall be built in a neutral colour, dark green colour or a
23 colour that matches the surrounding environment.

24 (5) An owner of the billboard must maintain the location of the site
25 around the billboard in a way to prevent littering and pollution.

26 6.-(1) A mechanical movement shall not create an undue distraction to
27 a passing motorist.

28 (2) A billboard that moves or gives an appearance of movement;

29 (a) shall be limited to a maximum of 8 revolutions per minute for each
30 evolving element; and

1 (b) If utilising a copy change procedure, shall display each
2 individual copy for a minimum of seven seconds.

3 7.-(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no sign or
4 billboard shall be-

5 (a) erected or permitted within or which overhangs a portion of the
6 right-of-way of an interstate highway; or

7 (b) located or illuminated so as to obstruct or impair the vision of a
8 driver of a motor vehicle who is proceeding in a lawful direction within the
9 interstate system right-of-way.

10 (2) The billboard must be within the limits set by a Federal Law in
11 respect of an interstate highway right-of-way line and can be seen by a driver
12 of motor vehicle proceeding in a lawful direction within the interstate
13 highway right-of-way.

14 FIFTH SCHEDULE

15 *Clause 16 (2)*

16 FEES TO BE CHARGED ANNUALLY

17 *Application form*

18 1. A person who intends to put up an outdoor structure for signage
19 and advertisement

20 *Registration certificate*

21 2. An owner of a billboard shall pay N100,000.00 as registration
22 fee and the agency shall issue him a registration certificate

23 *Cost of inspection*

24 3. Fee of N10,000.00 per inspection is applicable for an inspection
25 per site. If there are inspection schedules for different sites within one
26 geographical area for an applicant in a place, then fee of N5,000.00 per
27 additional site shall apply

28 4. Agreement fee:

29 Is an annual fee applicable to a commercial or private owner of a structure
30 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	N262,000	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

5.-(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 five 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 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 four 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.

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, to protect the environment from potential adverse impact that may arise from signage, outdoor advertisement activities and visual blights.

