

NAHBA SURVEY

HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON BILLBOARDS

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	STATE		LAWS OR REGS	IN FED/STATE AGREEMENT	RESTRICTION
1.	WA	O'Leary, Pat [OLearyP@wsdot.wa.gov]			NO
2.	KY	Joe.Rogers@ky.gov			NO
3.	KS	Cathy Ohara [Ohara@ksdot.org]			NO
4.	LA	MarianPatton@dotd.louisiana.gov	YES	NO	<p>Does your state have laws or regulation restricting the height of billboards/signs on ODA controlled routes? Yes</p> <p>2 - If so, what is the restriction (how high and where do you measure from)? 60 feet. We have a Bill in the Senate to raise it to 100 feet Itreads- The highest point of any sign, except a roof sign, shall not extend more than 60 feet measured from either the ground level at it's supports or the nearest edge of the main traveled way of the controlled highway, whichever is higher in elevation.</p> <p>3 - Is this restriction in your State/Federal Agreement? no, it is state law.</p> <p>4 - What is the justification for that specific height restriction (i.e. why 60 feet and not 75 feet)? I wasn't here at the time, so I am not sure. Right now we have a law in Senate to raise the height to 100 feet. The reason is to try to reduce the number of trees being cut. By allowing them to build taller, it may save alot of trees. Right now, we do not allow tree cutting until after the sign is constructed 5 years.</p>
5.	VA	Barrett, James R., C.P.E.S.C. [James.Barrett@VirginiaDOT.org]	NO	NO	NO
6.	IL	Keith, Don [Don.Keith@fhwa.dot.gov]			The only restriction on height above ground level (HAGL) for IDOT is within 2 miles of an airport. The IDOT Division of Aeronautics review each application for possible height problems if within 2 miles of an airport. Now for the local public agencies (LPAs), some of the LPAs have passed ordinances restricting HAGL for commercial billboards. For example, the village I live in, Chatham, Il., has a HAGL restriction of 40 feet for commercial signs.
7.	TX	Tim Anderson [TANDER3@dot.state.tx.us]	YES	NO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 2. 42.5 feet from the highway grade. 3. No 4. Adopted in 1986, no one around who knows why.

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8.	OR	Amy.B.JOYCE@odot.state.or.us	NO	NO	Oregon has no height restrictions.
9.	NH	Walter Keuenhoff [WKeuenhoff@dot.state.nh.us]	YES	NO	Just a few years ago NH passed a height restriction. 50 feet from ground to top. This was legislation which was a result of a monopole sign structure failure. 50 feet was selected because very few signs in NH were above the 50 foot mark therefore few signs would be affected.
10.	NJ	Susan Catlett [Susan.Catlett@dot.state.nj.us]	YES	NO	New Jersey restricts the sign face height as opposed to the overall elevation of the sign. In other words, the state DOT controls the advertising area, but leaves the elevation issue to the locals to address through a building permit or whatever else they may require. It doesn't mean that the locals cannot also restrict the advertising area, but if they do, that is addressed as a local issue and not a state outdoor advertising issue.
11.	FL	juanice.hagan@dot.state.fl.us	YES	NO	<p>1 - Does your state have laws or regulation restricting the height of billboards/signs on ODA controlled routes? Sign height requirements are in State statute.</p> <p>2 - If so, what is the restriction (how high and where do you measure from)? Maximum height of 50 feet outside an incorporated area; Maximum height of 65 feet inside an incorporated area; The height of a sign structure is measured from a point on the sign structure which is at the same elevation as the crown of the main-traveled way to the top of the highest sign face, excluding embellishments.</p> <p>3 - Is this restriction in your State/Federal Agreement? No as to height of sign; however, restrictions on height and size of sign facing are in Florida's Federal-State Agreement.</p> <p>4 - What is the justification for that specific height restriction (i.e. why 60 feet and not 75 feet)? Current height restrictions have been in state statute since at least 1984, but I can find nothing in the file that details why the Legislature established these particular heights.</p>
12.	WY	Rick Keslar [Rick.Keslar@dot.state.wy.us]	YES	NO	1 - Does your state have laws or regulation restricting the height of billboards/signs on ODA controlled routes?

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		s]			<p>Yes</p> <p>2 - If so, what is the restriction (how high and where do you measure from)? No higher than 40 feet, measured from the highest point of the sign to the grade level of the highway from which the sign is to be viewed.</p> <p>3 - Is this restriction in your State/Federal Agreement? No</p> <p>4 - What is the justification for that specific height restriction (i.e. why 60 feet and not 75 feet)? Engineering judgment.</p>
13.	OH	Kerry Yoakum [Kerry.Yoakum@dot.state.oh.us]	YES	NO	<p>1 - Does your state have laws or regulation restricting the height of billboards/signs on ODA controlled routes? Yes. Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5501:2-2-02(A(2)(b)(i).</p> <p>2 - If so, what is the restriction (how high and where do you measure from)? Ohio requires any advertising device exceeding one hundred fifty feet in height to comply with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standards. This is measured from ground level to the top of the pole.</p> <p>3 - Is this restriction in your State/Federal Agreement? No.</p> <p>4 - What is the justification for that specific height restriction (i.e. why 60 feet and not 75 feet)? At 150 feet, AASHTO has standards that ensure the physical integrity of the structure.</p>
14.	MO	Robert.Taylor@modot.mo.gov	NO	NO	<p>1 - Does your state have laws or regulation restricting the height of billboards/signs on ODA controlled routes? Our laws and regulations restrict the sign face to a maximum height of 32 feet. Missouri does not restrict the overall height of the structure.</p> <p>2 - If so, what is the restriction (how high and where do you measure from)? See above</p> <p>3 - Is this restriction in your State/Federal Agreement? The agreement limits the height of the sign face only. (By the way it needs updated!!)</p>

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					3 - What is the justification for that specific height restriction (i.e. why 60 feet and not 75 feet)? To limit the overall size of the face.
15.	AZ	Wendy LeStarge [wlestarge@dot.state.az.us]	NO	NO	Arizona follows the federal face dimension requirements with a 25ft maximum on the vertical face. This restriction is in our state laws and federal-state agreement. Arizona does not have any statutory restrictions on overall sign height.
16.	SC	Melvin, Keith C	NO	NO	1 - Does your state have laws or regulation restricting the height of billboards/signs on ODA controlled routes? Neither SC laws or regulations address height of billboards/sign on ODA control routes 2 - If so, what is the restriction (how high and where do you measure from)? N/A 3 - Is this restriction in your State/Federal Agreement? N/A 4 - What is the justification for that specific height restriction (i.e. why 60 feet and not 75 feet)? N/A
17.	GA	Aube, Jim [Jim.Aube@dot.state.ga.us]	NO	NO	1 - Does your state have laws or regulation restricting the height of billboards/signs on ODA controlled routes? Not at this time, but this issue to limit height's back to 70' is going before the GDOT board for consideration. 2 - If so, what is the restriction (how high and where do you measure from)? 3 - Is this restriction in your State/Federal Agreement? The S&F has no mention of height restrictions. 4 - What is the justification for that specific height restriction (i.e.why 60 feet and not 75 feet)? It used to be a limit of 70', this was changed by the board back in '95 to no limits.
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