






VEGETATION MAINTENANCE

<p>QUESTION: Provide us with their vegetation removal policies (even if they are much more simple) so that we can use these in formulating a good policy that we can work with? If any would like to offer advice, or pitfalls to watch out for, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>WHO: Brooks Glasnapp, Advertising Management, Iowa DOT- Ames, 515-239-1755</p> <p>DATE: 10/04/2006</p>		
RESPONSES	WHO	OTHER DOCUMENTS
<p>Here is the Georgia vegetation management policy. It is very complicated, but it's what we ended up with after a 15 year court battle.</p>	<p>Joanna M. Campbell Outdoor Advertising Manager, Georgia DOT 25 Kennedy Drive Forest Park, GA 30297 Phone: 404-675-1450 Fax: 404-675-1451</p>	 veg-mog.pdf
<p>Virginia does have a vegetation control program for outdoor advertising. It is in statutory and regulatory form. I'm attaching a copy. The Outdoor Advertising Association of Virginia placed a mandatory requirement in the law to have a certified arborist supervise the work. That requirement made the vegetation control more palatable to the Scenic Virginia folks. There is also a disparity between signs and businesses. Businesses are allowed to cut 2" diameter material and sign owners can cut 6" diameter material. However, no cutting is allowed to daylight an on-premises sign.</p> <p>This program has had very little controversy since it was passed. However, several localities in Virginia have planted trees in front of signs in an attempt to avoid the just compensation provisions of the HBA and our state law. The sign industry, as a way of trumping these local governments, introduced and had enacted a bill last January giving our commissioner authority on vegetation control issues on all streets and roads throughout the Commonwealth.</p>	<p>James R. Barrett, C.P.E.S.C. Regulatory & Compliance Manager Asset Management Division, Virginia DOT 6600 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230 804-662-9389 804-662-9426 FAX James.Barrett@VDOT.Virginia.gov</p>	 33.1-371.1.doc  VCP Regs.doc
<p>Nebraska does not allow any vegetation removal from or within the highway right of way. Here is a link to a complete set of our Sign Rules and Regulations:</p> <p>Vegetation is addressed specifically at: 002.12B4(i) Mowing and/or damage to any vegetation, trees or shrubs within the highway right of way will be cause for revocation of the permit.</p>	<p>Jean Todd Highway Beautification Supervisor Right-of-Way Division Nebraska Dept. of Roads 402.479.4463</p>	<p>www.nebraskatransportation.org/roway/permits-adv.htm</p>
<p>This is Florida's administrative rule on vegetation management at outdoor advertising signs (Part III of this chapter). Reading the document is a pretty good cure for insomnia, so the "highlights" are enumerated below.</p> <p>For a new sign permit to be issued where removal of vegetation is required to make a view zone for the sign, the sign permit applicant has to surrender two nonconforming signs of comparable size before the sign permit can be issued.</p> <p>Vegetation can be "managed" by the sign owner for 500 feet within a 1000 foot area immediately approaching the sign. The 500' can be continuous or cumulative. (Where the speed limit is 35 mph or less, a 350' view zone is allowed - this legislation passed in 2006, and is not reflected in the</p>	<p>Lynn Holschuh Outdoor Advertising Control Administrator (850) 414-4600 SC 994-4600 lynn.holschuh@dot.state.fl.us</p>	<p>http://fac.dos.state.fl.us/faconline/chapter14.pdf</p> <p>LINK DOES NOT WORK</p>

<p>attached.)</p> <p>FDOT (and local governments as well) are prohibited from planting vegetation which may ultimately screen a sign facing. We are required to leave a 500' view zone, which can be cumulative or continuous. We try to notify sign owners up front and work out a "plan." This has actually been pretty successful after a few bumpy starts.</p> <p>For the last word on this, I would refer you to Jeff Caster in our Environmental Management Office. He's the Department's #1 man in vegetation management. jeff.caster@dot.state.fl.us</p> <p>Let me know if you need any additional information from me. (See attached file: ch14-040.url)</p>		
<p>Here is a copy of our vegeation control policy for Arkansas. Please let me know if you have any questions or can be of any further help.</p>	<p>Brandy Campbell Beautification Coordinator Arkansas Highway and Transportation Dept. Environmental Division * Beautification Office: 501-569-2088 * Fax: 501-569-2089 Cell: 501-412-1588 Brandy.Campbell@ArkansasHighways.com</p>	<p> RSVP Revi 3-05.doc</p>
<p>Please find an attached copy of Wisconsin's new [June 2006] statute directing the Department to cut vegetation in highway rights of way to open a view to advertising signs, under certain conditions. The Outdoor Advertising Association of Wisconsin was instrumental in the writing and passing of this legislation, having been closely involved at each meeting held by the sponsoring legislator.</p> <p>Wisconsin's sign control law is on pages 34-37.</p> <p>The above-mentioned new vegetation statute is on pages 37-38.</p>	<p>Deborah A. Brucaya WisDOT - Bureau of Highway Operations Outdoor Advertising Program 4802 Sheboygan Avenue - Room 501 Madison WI 53702 608-266-3813 Phone 608-267-7856 FAX deborah.brucaya@dot.state.wi.us</p>	<p> Copyable 84.30, 84.305.pdf</p>