

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 983

By: Price of the Senate

and

Langmacher, Begley,
Deutschendorf, Hutchison,
Matlock, Rhodes,
Satterfield, Smith (Bill),
Tyler, Wells, Glover,
Hilliard, Pope (Clay),
Plunk, Bonny, Ferguson,
Adair, Dunlap and Taylor of
the House

An Act relating to outdoor advertising; amending 69 O.S. 1991, Section 1275, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 1995 (69 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1275), which relates to standards for signs in a business area; authorizing certain type of rotating sign face; providing for length and frequency of rotation; providing for construction; clarifying date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 1991, Section 1275, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 1995 (69 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1275), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1275. After ~~the effective date of this act~~ April 15, 1968, signs which are to be erected in a business area shall comply with the following standards:

(a) General. Signs shall not be erected or maintained which:

(1) Imitate or resemble any official traffic sign, signal or device.

(2) Are erected or maintained upon trees or painted or drawn upon rocks or other natural features.

(b) Size.

(1) Signs shall not be erected which exceed one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet in area, per facing, including border and trim, nor shall signs be erected which exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height nor sixty (60) feet in length, excluding apron, supports and other structural members.

(2) The maximum size limitations shall apply to each sign facing. Two signs not exceeding six hundred (600) square feet each may be erected in a facing, side by side or "doubledecker". Back-to-back and/or V-type signs will be permitted, and shall be treated as one structure with one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet permitted for each, if the sign structures or facings are physically contiguous, or connected by the same structure or cross bracing, or located not more than fifteen (15) feet apart at their nearest point nor more than thirty (30) feet apart at their widest point in the

case of back-to-back or V-type signs. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to allow tri-faced signs.

(c) Spacing.

(1) Signs shall conform to all applicable building codes and ordinances of the municipality, county or state, whichever has jurisdiction as set forth in Section 1272 of this title.

(2) Signs shall not be erected or maintained in such a manner as to obscure or otherwise physically interfere with an official traffic sign, signal or device or to obstruct or physically interfere with the driver's view of approaching, merging or intersecting traffic.

(3) Signs visible from a nonfreeway primary highway shall not be erected within the limits of an incorporated municipality less than one hundred (100) feet, and outside the limits of an incorporated municipality less than three hundred (300) feet, from another such sign, other than signs described in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 1274 of this title, unless separated by a building or other obstruction in such a manner that only one display located within the minimum spacing distances set forth herein is visible from the highway at any one time; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the erection of double-faced, back-to-back, or V-type signs with a maximum of two signs per facing, as permitted by subsection (b) of this section. Signs visible from interstate and freeway primary facilities shall not be erected less than five hundred (500) feet from another such sign, other than signs described in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 1274 of this title. Outside incorporated municipalities, signs visible from interstate and freeway primary facilities shall not be erected adjacent to or within five hundred (500) feet of an interchange, intersection at grade, or rest area, such distance to be measured along the interstate highway or freeway from the sign to the nearest point of the beginning or ending of pavement widening at the exit from or entrance to the main-traveled way. Signs may not be located within five hundred (500) feet of any of the following which are adjacent to any interstate or federal-aid primary highway: public parks; public forests; playgrounds; or cemeteries.

(d) Lighting.

(1) Signs shall not be erected which contain, include, or are illuminated by any flashing, intermittent, revolving or moving light, except on-premise signs and those giving public service information such as, but not limited to, time, date, temperature, weather or news. Steadily burning lights in configuration of letters or pictures are not prohibited.

(2) Signs shall not be erected or maintained which are not effectively shielded to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of the traveled way of any interstate or primary highway and are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or to impair the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle.

(3) Signs shall not be erected or maintained which shall be so illuminated that they obscure any official traffic sign, device, or signal, or imitate or may be confused with any such official traffic sign, device or signal.

(4) Provided, however, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the erection or maintenance of signs which include the steady illumination of sign faces, panels or slats that rotate to different messages in a fixed position, commonly known as tri-vision faces or multiple message signs; provided, the rotation of one sign face to another is no more frequent than every eight (8) seconds and the actual rotation process is accomplished in four (4) seconds or less.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 30th day of April, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives