

1931, ch. 324, sec. 277.

335. Every person, firm or corporation hereafter desiring to erect or maintain billboards or other structures, signs, posters or display advertising of any kind whatsoever, outside of the corporate limits of any city, town or village, and within five hundred (500) feet of a public highway of the State of Maryland, shall file with the State Roads Commission the following information, data and plats concerning and explaining the proposed location of any such billboards, or other structures, signs, posters or other display advertising:

(a) A statement signed by the applicant naming the county, election district, and the approximate distance from the nearest town, village or city where the billboards or other structures, signs, posters or other advertising displays are proposed to be placed and stating whether or not the proposed location is within a district over which the Legislature has granted to any board or body the power to create zoning areas and if said proposed location be within any such district, the name of such district.

(b) The dimensions and the area in square feet of advertising surface on each of said billboards or other structures, signs, posters or other display advertising, the height of such advertisement from the ground, the material used in its construction and the distance from the nearest public highway. The area of any such advertisement shall comprise the number of square feet contained within a line drawn around the outer edge of the advertising matter and pictorial design displayed.

(c) A plat which shall satisfy the State Roads Commission that it shows accurately:

(1) The proposed location of said billboard or other structure, sign, poster or display advertising with reference to the location of any State highway within a radius of five hundred (500) feet of such proposed advertisement.

(2) The location of the boundaries of any such State highway or highways.

(3) The relative location of any intersection or intersections at grade of any such highway or highways with any railroad or street railway.

(d) Any additional plats, information or data deemed necessary by the State Roads Commission to determine whether the construction or erection of said structure or advertisement would injuriously affect the safety of public travel on State highways by dangerously obstructing the clear view of the highway by one operating a motor vehicle thereon.

Upon receiving from the applicant the information, plats and data hereinbefore in this section designated the State Roads Commission shall issue for the next calendar year the permit applied for upon payment by the applicant to the State Roads Commission of a fee for the use of the State equal to the sum of one-half of one cent ($\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 ct.) for each square foot of the surface used or to be used for such purpose, provided that no such permit shall be issued by the State Roads Commission, if the maintenance, construction or erection of such advertisement would injuriously affect the safety of public travel on State highways by dangerously obstructing the clear view of the highway by one operating a motor vehicle thereon, and provided further that nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer upon the State Roads Commission the power to issue any such permits for the maintenance, construction or erection of any such advertisement within any area over which the General Assembly of Maryland