

(2) THE SIGN IS:

(I) IN AN URBAN AREA; AND

(II) MORE THAN 660 FEET FROM THE NEAREST EDGE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE HIGHWAY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the introductory paragraph of Art. 89B, §252. See, also, §8-727 of this subtitle as to the applicability of this section only to signs erected after specified dates.

As this section and §8-727 have been revised, the relationship of a "ccmmercial or industrial area" with an "urban area" is clarified, and this section more clearly "sets up" the regulatory provisions following, which only apply in the instances specified in items (1) and (2) of this section.

As to preexisting nonconforming signs, see §§8-734 and 8-735 of this subtitle.

8-729. PERMIT REQUIRED.

(A) GENERAL RULE.

A PERSON MAY NOT ERECT OR MAINTAIN ANY OUTDOOR SIGN ALONG OR NEAR ANY FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY HIGHWAY, UNLESS THE PERSON HAS A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THAT SIGN.

(B) APPLICABILITY OF PART III.

A PERMIT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE SAME MANNER AND IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME ANNUAL PERMIT FEE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS AS ARE PROVIDED FOR A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from those provisions of the first paragraph of Art. 89B, §255 that relate to required permits and from Art. 89B, §257.

8-730. SIGNS FOR WHICH PERMIT MAY NOT BE ISSUED.

THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT FOR ANY OUTDOOR SIGN ALONG OR NEAR ANY FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY HIGHWAY, IF THE SIGN:-

(1) IMITATES OR RESEMBLES ANY OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGN, SIGNAL, OR DEVICE;

(2) IS ERECTED OR MAINTAINED ON ANY TREE OR PAINTED