

Art. 89B, §95.

Except for deletion of obsolete language in the first sentence of present §95, no other changes are made.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 122D, to be under the new subtitle "Outdoor Advertising", be and it is hereby added to Article 25 - County Commissioners, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement), to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

122D.

(A) IN HARFORD COUNTY, NO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION MAY LEASE, RENT, USE, OR PERMIT THE USE OF PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING THEREON ANY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS OF ANY KIND ADJACENT TO ANY STATE OR COUNTY HIGHWAY WHICH ARE VISIBLE FROM THE TRAVELED WAY OF THE HIGHWAY, EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED. AS USED IN THIS SECTION "VISIBLE FROM THE TRAVELED WAY" MEANS CAPABLE OF BEING SEEN, WHETHER OR NOT LEGIBLE, WITHOUT VISUAL AID BY A PERSON OF NORMAL VISUAL ACUITY. THIS PROHIBITION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS PROMOTING A BUSINESS OR OTHER ACTIVITY BEING CONDUCTED ON THE SAME PROPERTY AS THE SIGN, KNOWN AS "ON-PREMISE SIGNS".

(2) OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS LOCATED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ZONING PERMITS IN COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL ZONES.

(3) OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS AUTHORIZED IN DISTRICTS ZONED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES.

(4) TEMPORARY REAL ESTATE SIGNS.

(5) OFFICIAL DIRECTIONAL SIGNS INSTALLED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OF HARFORD COUNTY.

(6) SIGNS DENOTING PLACES OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP OR A HISTORIC MONUMENT ON LOCATION. HOWEVER, THESE SIGNS SHALL BE LOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

(7) OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS ERECTED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1972.

(B) EITHER THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR HARFORD COUNTY MAY ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE, GIFT OR