

EXAMPLE NOTIFICATION LETTER

for use by landscape architects
to meet the requirements of Section 479.106(6) and (8), Florida Statutes,
and
Rule 14-40.003(3)(b)1., 2., and 3., Florida Administrative Code.

Section 479.106, Florida Statutes

(6) Beautification projects shall not be located in an area which will screen from view legally erected and permitted outdoor advertising signs which have been permitted prior to the date of the beautification project.

(8) The intent of this section is to create partnering relationships which will have the effect of improving the appearance of Florida's highways and creating a net increase in the vegetative habitat along the roads...

Rule Chapter 14-40.003(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code

1. Screening is prohibited within a permitted vegetation management zone, as defined in Rule 14-40.030(1)(d).
2. Where there is no permitted vegetation management zone for an outdoor advertising sign, the landscape architect will notify the sign permittee that a highway landscape project is proposed within the view zone. The sign permittee will have 30 days to submit an Application for Vegetation Management that proposes a vegetation management zone (See Part III). The screening prohibition in 1. above will apply upon approval of the Permit for Vegetation Management at Outdoor Advertising Sign. If an Application for Vegetation Management has not been submitted by the sign permittee within 30 days of notification, screening will be prohibited wherever the sign face is not screened within the view zone, beginning at Terminus A and extending along the outside travel lane edge in advance of the sign until the sign face is not screened for a total of 500 feet. Contact information for any permitted sign may be obtained by contacting the State Outdoor Advertising Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 22, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450.
3. The limits of the screening prohibition may be adjusted pursuant to a written agreement between the sign permittee and a local government entity.

Dear Sign Permittee:

Pursuant to the requirements, of **Rule Chapter 14-40.003(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code** (copy enclosed), this letter is to notify you that a highway landscape project along State Road XXX in YYY County is proposed within the view zone of your outdoor advertising sign, permit tag number ZZ000/ZZ001. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) records indicate that a permitted 500 foot vegetation management zone has **not** been established for the referenced permit(s). Please note that the rule chapter provides you 30 days, from receipt of this notice, to submit an Application for Vegetation Management with the FDOT. Through that process, a vegetation management zone may be established. This is an important step to assure that the sign facing will not be screened by any part of this landscape project.

At your earliest convenience, I would like to meet with you to explain the community's plan for highway beautification. This information may be helpful to you when determining the best location for the vegetation management zone. With your input, I am confident that the plan can provide maximum visibility of your sign facing, while meeting the objectives of the community.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
E.Z. Doesit, Landscape Architect.

Cc: FDOT District Landscape Manager

enclosure