

HOWARD COUNTY

B. TAGGING

ALL SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS REQUIRING PERMITS SHALL DISPLAY, IN A PLACE CONSPICUOUS TO INSPECTORS, EVIDENCE OF THE SIGN PERMIT SUPPLIED BY THE BUREAU OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS AND CONTAINING SUCH DATA AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE BUREAU.

C. MAINTENANCE

ALL SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF SHALL BE KEPT IN GOOD REPAIR AND IN SAFE, NEAT, CLEAN, AND ATTRACTIVE CONDITION.

D. REMOVAL OF SIGNS

THE BUREAU OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS SHALL ORDER THE REMOVAL OF ANY SIGN OR BILLBOARD ERECTED OR MAINTAINED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION. TEN (10) DAYS NOTICE IN WRITING SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE OWNER OF SUCH SIGN, BILLBOARD, OR BUILDING, STRUCTURE OR PREMISES ON WHICH SUCH SIGN OR BILLBOARD IS LOCATED, TO REMOVE THE SIGN OR BILLBOARD OR TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ACT. UPON FAILURE TO REMOVE THE SIGN OR BILLBOARD OR TO COMPLY WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BUREAU SHALL REMOVE THE SIGN OR BILLBOARD. THE BUREAU SHALL REMOVE THE SIGN OR BILLBOARD IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT NOTICE, IF IT REASONABLY APPEARS THAT THE CONDITION OF THE SIGN OR BILLBOARD IS SUCH AS TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC. ANY COSTS OF REMOVAL INCURRED BY THE BUREAU SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH SUCH SIGN OR BILLBOARD IS LOCATED AND MAY BE COLLECTED IN THE MANNER OF ORDINARY DEBT OR IN THE MATTER OF TAXES AND SUCH CHARGE SHALL BE A LEIN ON THE PROPERTY.

E. ABANDONED SIGNS

A SIGN SHALL BE REMOVED BY THE OWNER OR LESSEE OF THE PREMISES UPON WHICH THE SIGN IS LOCATED WHEN THE BUSINESS WHICH IT ADVERTISES IS NO LONGER CONDUCTED ON THE PREMISES. IF THE OWNER OR LESSEE FAILS TO REMOVE THE SIGN, THE BUREAU SHALL REMOVE IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 3.611-D. THESE REMOVAL PROVISIONS SHALL NOT APPLY WHERE A SUCCEEDING OWNER OR LESSEE CONDUCTS THE SAME TYPE OF BUSINESS AND AGREES TO MAINTAIN THE SIGNS AS PROVIDED IN THIS ORDINANCE OR CHANGES COPY ON THE SIGNS TO ADVERTISE THE TYPE OF BUSINESS BEING CONDUCTED ON THE PREMISES, PROVIDED THE