

28 (2) (a) An outdoor sign structure located inside the unincorporated area of a nonurbanized
29 county may have the maximum height allowed by the county for outdoor advertising structures in
30 the commercial or industrial zone in which the sign is located. If no maximum height is provided
31 for the location, the maximum sign height may be 65 feet above the ground or 25 feet above the
32 grade of the main traveled way, whichever is greater.

33 (b) An outdoor sign structure located inside an incorporated municipality or urbanized
34 county may have the maximum height allowed by the municipality or urbanized county for outdoor
35 advertising structures in the commercial or industrial zone in which the sign is located. If no
36 maximum height is provided for the location, the maximum sign height may be 65 feet above the
37 ground or 25 feet above the grade of the main traveled way, whichever is greater.

38 (3) Except as provided in Section 72-7-509:

39 (a) Any sign allowed to be erected by reason of the exceptions set forth in Subsection
40 72-7-504(1) or in H-1 zones may not be closer than 500 feet to an existing off-premise sign
41 adjacent to an interstate highway or limited access primary highway, except that signs may be
42 erected closer than 500 feet if the signs on the same side of the interstate highway or limited access
43 primary highway are not simultaneously visible.

44 (b) Signs may not be located within 500 feet of any of the following which are adjacent
45 to the highway, unless the signs are in an incorporated area:

46 (i) public parks;

47 (ii) public forests;

48 (iii) public playgrounds;

49 (iv) areas designated as scenic areas by the department or other state agency having and
50 exercising this authority; or

51 (v) cemeteries.

52 (c) (i) (A) Except under Subsection (3)(c)(ii), signs may not be located on an interstate
53 highway or limited access highway on the primary system within 500 feet of an interchange, or
54 intersection at grade, or rest area measured along the interstate highway or freeway from the sign
55 to the nearest point of the beginning or ending of pavement widening at the exit from or entrance
56 to the main-traveled way.

57 (B) Interchange and intersection distance limitations shall be measured separately for each
58 direction of travel. A measurement for each direction of travel may not control or affect any other

59 direction of travel.

60 (ii) A sign may be placed closer than 500 feet from the nearest point of the beginning or
61 ending of pavement widening at the exit from or entrance to the main-traveled way, if:

62 [~~(A) the sign is at least 500 feet but not more than 2,640 feet from the nearest point of the~~
63 ~~intersecting highway of the interchange; or]~~

64 [(~~B~~) (A) the sign is replacing an existing outdoor advertising use or structure which is
65 being removed or displaced to accommodate the widening, construction, or reconstruction of an
66 interstate, federal aid primary highway existing as of June 1, 1991, or national highway system
67 highway[;]; and

68 (B) it is located in a commercial or industrial zoned area inside an urbanized county or an
69 incorporated municipality.

70 (d) The location of signs situated on nonlimited access primary highways in commercial,
71 industrial, or H-1 zoned areas between streets, roads, or highways entering the primary highway
72 shall not exceed the following minimum spacing criteria:

73 (i) Where the distance between centerlines of intersecting streets, roads, or highways is less
74 than 1,000 feet, a minimum spacing between structures of 150 feet may be permitted between the
75 intersecting streets or highways.

76 (ii) Where the distance between centerlines of intersecting streets, roads, or highways is
77 1,000 feet or more, minimum spacing between sign structures shall be 300 feet.

78 (e) All outdoor advertising shall be erected and maintained within the outdoor advertising
79 corridor.

80 (4) Subsection (3)(c)(ii) may not be implemented until:

81 (a) the Utah-Federal Agreement for carrying out national policy relative to control of
82 outdoor advertising in areas adjacent to the national system of interstate and defense highways and
83 the federal-aid primary system is modified to allow the sign placement specified in Subsection
84 (3)(c)(ii); and

85 (b) the modified agreement under Subsection (4)(a) is signed on behalf of both the state
86 and the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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