

**Office of Right of Way Outdoor Advertising Clarification on Implementation of Section 479.07 (1),F.S. - (Thornton Williams Provision)**

February 11, 1999

Scenic America  
Florida Outdoor Advertising Association  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

RE: Clarification on Implementation of Section 479.07(1), F.S.  
(Thornton Williams Provision)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that I need to clarify a portion of my letter to you dated February 4, 1999.

In that letter I stated, "Signs erected after July 1, 1992, which are visible but within 660' from the outside edge of the right of way may be permitted only if they meet all of today's permitting requirements. Otherwise, these signs are illegal and must be issued violation notices. Signs erected after July 1, 1992, which are visible from the main-traveled way but beyond 660' from the outside edge of the right of way are illegal and must be removed. "

This provision of statute does not require the permitting or removal of signs located within a municipality which are beyond 660' of the right of way, regardless of visibility from a controlled road.

I apologize for not making this clear in my initial letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ John L. Garner

John L. Garner  
Manager, Right of Way Production and Program Operations

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