

**306C.18 Permit required.**

The owner of every advertising device regulated by this chapter, except signs and advertising devices excepted by section 306C.11, subsections 1, 2, and 5, and official signs erected by public officers or agencies, shall be required to make application to the department for a permit.

1. The application for a permit shall be on a form provided by the department and shall contain the name and address of the owner of the advertising device and the name and address of the owner of the real property on which it is located; the date of its erection; a description of its location; its dimensions; and such other information required by the department, together with a permit fee as provided in this section or rule adopted by the department.

2. After July 1, 1972, no new advertising device for which an application for a permit is required may be erected without first obtaining a permit from the department, except in the case of advertising devices lawfully in existence in areas adjacent to any highway made an interstate, freeway primary, or primary highway after July 1, 1972. The owner shall be required to make application for a permit as provided for in this section within thirty days after the date the said highway acquired said designation.

3. Upon receipt of an application containing all the required information in due form and properly executed together with the fee required, the department shall issue a permit to be affixed to the advertising device if the advertising device will not violate any provision of this division or chapter 306B, or any rule promulgated by the department, provided that in the case of advertising devices to be acquired pursuant to section 306C.15, a provisional permit shall be issued.

4. The fee for both types of permits for calendar years 1997 and 1998 shall be one hundred dollars for the initial fee and fifteen dollars for each annual renewal for signs up to three hundred seventy-five square feet in area, twenty-five dollars for each annual renewal for signs at least three hundred seventy-six, but not more than nine hundred ninety-nine, square feet in area, and fifty dollars for each annual renewal for signs one thousand square feet or more in area. Beginning January 1, 1999, fees shall be as determined by rule by the department. The fees collected for the above permits shall be credited to a special account entitled the "highway beautification fund" and all salaries and expenses incurred in administering this chapter shall be paid from this fund or from specific appropriations for this purpose, except that surveillance of, and removal of, advertising devices performed by regular maintenance personnel are not to be charged against the account.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §306C.18]

91 Acts, ch 176, §1; 96 Acts, ch 1218, §34; 97 Acts, ch 104, §3; 2006 Acts, ch 1068, §3