

CHAPTER 2010  
ADVERTISING

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**481—2010.1(543B) Advertising.** A broker cannot advertise to sell, buy, exchange, rent, or lease property in a manner indicating that the offer is being made by a private party not engaged in the real estate business, and no real estate advertisement can show only a post office box number, telephone number or street address. Every licensee, when advertising real estate, will use the licensed business name or the name under which the broker is licensed and affirmatively and unmistakably indicate that the party is a real estate licensee and not a private party. Each broker when operating under a franchise or trade name other than the broker's own name may license the franchise or trade name with the commission or clearly reveal in all advertising that the broker is the licensed individual who owns the entity using the franchise or trade name. An individual licensee or real estate team that is not a principal broker or firm is not required to register a trade name. An individual licensee or real estate team shall conspicuously display the name of the brokerage immediately preceding or immediately following the individual licensee's name or real estate team name in any advertising or information made available to the public. For purposes of this rule, "conspicuously display" shall mean advertisement that, when presented, a reasonable person would be able to identify or observe.

**2010.1(1)** Advertising includes all forms of identification, representation, promotion and solicitation disseminated in any manner and by any means of communication to the public for any purpose related to licensed real estate activity. Forms of advertising include, but are not limited to, real estate brokerage checks, letterhead, email, signs, websites, social media and business cards.

**2010.1(2)** Real estate advertising cannot be misleading or deceptive or intentionally misrepresent any property, terms, values, or policies and services of the brokerage.

**2010.1(3)** All advertising is conducted under the supervision of the broker. The broker ensures the accuracy of the information and, upon becoming aware of a material error or an advertisement that is in violation of this chapter or Iowa Code chapter 543B, the broker promptly corrects the error or problem within ten calendar days.

**2010.1(4)** A licensed firm advertising or marketing on a website or social media account that is either owned by or controlled by the licensed firm includes the following data on each page of the site on which the firm's advertisement or information appears:

*a.* Conspicuously display, in a font size that is readable to a reasonably prudent person, the firm or tradename as registered with the commission (abbreviations are not permitted) immediately preceding or immediately following the individual licensee's name or real estate team name;

*b.* The city and state in which the firm's main office is located; and

*c.* The states in which the firm holds a real estate brokerage license.

**2010.1(5)** A licensee advertising or marketing on a website or social media account that is either owned by or controlled by the licensee includes the following data on each page of the site on which the licensee's advertisement or information appears:

*a.* The licensee's legal name;

*b.* Conspicuously display the name of the firm or trade name with which the licensee is affiliated as that firm name is registered with the commission (abbreviations are not permitted) immediately preceding or immediately following the individual licensee's name or real estate team name;

*c.* The city and state in which the licensee's office is located; and

*d.* The states in which the licensee holds a real estate broker or salesperson license.

**2010.1(6)** A firm using any Internet electronic communication for advertising or marketing, including but not limited to email, websites, and social media accounts, includes the information in 481—subrule 2010.1(4).

**2010.1(7)** A licensee using any Internet electronic communication for advertising or marketing, including but not limited to email, websites, and social media accounts, includes on the first or last page of all communications the information in subrule 2010.1(5).

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**481—2010.2(543B) Advertising under own name.** Salespersons and broker associates are barred from advertising under their own names unless they are the owners of the property they are advertising for sale, rent, lease or exchange, and on which no brokerage fees are to be paid. The sale is completely a “for sale by owner” transaction. The property cannot be listed or advertised in any way that would make it appear to be listed with a brokerage. The affiliated licensee cannot function in any capacity that needs a real estate license, and the licensee is responsible for all advertising conducted on the licensee’s own behalf.

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**481—2010.3(543B) Signs on property.** Placing a sign on any property offering it for sale, rent, lease, or exchange without the written consent of the owner is not considered in the best interest of the general public.

**2010.3(1)** When a listing expires, unless a new written listing or extension is obtained, the licensee immediately ceases advertising and active marketing of the property. The licensee makes every reasonable effort to remove signs as quickly as possible.

**2010.3(2)** The licensee makes every reasonable effort to remove signs from the property after the transaction is closed. Sold signs and other signs are not left on properties without the written consent of the new owner of record.

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