



Maricopa County

Planning & Development Department

Department Directive

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PURPOSE: To ensure consistent and appropriate calculations for billboard separation distances

REFERENCE: Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO), Art. 1403.3 Off-Site Advertising Signs (Billboards)

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

MCZO, Art. 1403.3 contains numerous sub-articles that lists minimum setbacks / separations from a billboard to a lot line, street line, boundary line, etc. Art. 1403.3.1.A.1.a & -b speaking to minimum distances between billboards state, *"Measurement shall be from the vertical edge of the sign face closest to the sign face of the structure which is measured."*

This shall be applied to other billboard setback/separation requirements in MCZO, Art. 1403.3.1 as follows:

Setback to Residential Zoning

1403.3.1.B.1 - measurement shall be from the vertical edge of the sign face closest to the zoning district boundary line of a residential zoning district;

Setback to Residential Use in Rural Zoning

1403.3.1.B.2 - measurement shall be from the vertical edge of the sign face closest to the parcel/lot line of a residential use in a rural zoning district;

Setback to Park or School Use

1403.3.1.B.3 – from the vertical edge of the sign face closest to the parcel/lot line of a park, school or roadside rest area use;

Setback to / Separation from Scenic Corridor

1403.3.1.D - from the vertical edge of the sign face closest to the scaled boundary of a Scenic Corridor Overlay Zoning District;

Setback to / Separation from Freeway

1403.3.1.F.1 / 1403.3.1.F.2 / 1403.3.1.H.1.ii - from the vertical edge of the sign face closest to edge of pavement for a freeway travel lane (not the edge of right-of-way) – see also DD-2021-03 regarding billboard orientation to a freeway; and

Setback to / Separation from City Limits

1403.3.1.J.1.i - from the vertical edge of the sign face closest to the scaled corporate limit of a city or town.