377.735 Exemptions from sign permit requirements; historic signs; rules. (1) The permit requirements of ORS 377.700 to 377.840 do not apply to:

(a) Signs of a governmental unit, including but not limited to traffic control signs or devices, legal notices or warnings.

- (b) A temporary sign on private property if:
- (A) The sign does not exceed 12 square feet;
- (B) The sign is not on a permanent base;

(C) The sign does not remain in place for a period of more than 60 days in a calendar year, except that a sign erected by a resident on the resident's residential property may remain in place for longer than 60 days in a calendar year;

(D) No person receives compensation or anything of value as defined by the Department of Transportation by rule for displaying the sign; and

(E) The sign complies with ORS 377.720.

(2) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules that, for good cause shown, allow a person displaying a temporary sign to obtain a variance from the restrictions in subsection (1)(b) of this section. The department shall not consider the content of the sign in deciding whether to allow a variance.

(3) The department shall adopt rules for the approval and preservation of historic signs. Rules adopted under this subsection may not be based on or allow consideration of the content of the signs.

(4) The department shall adopt rules for the erection and maintenance of permanent signs that do not exceed six square feet and that provide messages for the safety or convenience of the public.

(5) ORS 377.700 to 377.840 do not apply to a sign erected or maintained within a city more than 660 feet from the nearest edge of the right of way of a state highway, unless the sign is designed to be viewed primarily from the state highway. [1971 c.770 §14; 1973 c.790 §6; 1975 c.336 §5; 1977 c.265 §3; 1987 c.336 §5; 1993 c.741 §58; 1999 c.877 §7; 2007 c.199 §10]

377.800 Tourist and motorist informational signs; logo signs; sign and travel plazas. (1) For the convenience and information of the traveling public, a person may upon obtaining a permit therefor display messages as may be allowed by rule adopted by the Travel Information Council for the particular type of sign on a motorist informational sign, tourist oriented directional sign or logo sign or at a sign plaza or travel plaza.

(2) The Travel Information Council may not erect a travel plaza on public lands without first obtaining consent from the agency that owns the land. [1971 c.770 §9; 1973 c.790 §18; 1975 c.336 §13; 1983 c.111 §4; 2007 c.199 §25]

377.805 Form of tourist and motorist informational signs; use of logo signs. (1) The Travel Information Council shall by regulation prescribe the size, shape, color, lighting, and lettering of and manner of displaying messages on tourist oriented directional signs, logo signs and motorist informational signs.

(2) When appropriate, logo signs, tourist oriented directional signs and motorist informational signs shall be displayed in tiers or on panels. With the approval of the Director of Transportation, the council shall specify the types of locations where such a sign or panel may be erected or maintained, and the size, shape, lighting and other characteristics of the panels, including the location of signs thereon. Tiers or panels may be established at reasonably spaced intervals or at sign plazas.

(3) Distinctive signs shall be allowed to the extent considered practicable by the council. Logo signs shall be the primary means used to indicate the availability of one or more brands of motor fuel. Logos shall be of the shape, color and wording customarily used by the company. Logo signs and tourist oriented directional signs shall be placed adjacent to the traveled portion of the highway so as to be easily read by motorists without slowing or stopping. [1971 c.770 §10; 1973 c.790 §19; 1983 c.111 §5; 1993 c.741 §62]