

5.2.8

CLASS



OTHER SIGNS

This sign class makes provision for signs which cannot be classified under any of the other main sign classes.

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A. DESCRIPTION

This class consists of outdoor signs for security schemes such as neighbourhood watches, armed responses, security villages, residential estates, farm watches and similar initiatives indicating that such a scheme or initiative is operational in the area.



B. APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY

(i) Application

A very large number of communities in South Africa depend on such schemes for their daily safety. This sign class is therefore of the utmost importance.

(ii) Areas of Control

All areas of control in urban, rural and natural environments.

(iii) Consent Requirements

SIGN LOCATION	CONSENT TYPE
Signs located inside road reserves excluding site boundary signage.	Specific consent*
All other security signs	Deemed consent

*Location must be approved by the relevant roads authority

(iv) Environmental Management Requirements

No specific requirements.

C. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

(i) Shape

No specific conditions

(ii) Size and Height

SIGN DESCRIPTION	MAX SIZE m ²	MAX HEIGHT m
Signs indicating security villages, residential estates & farm watches.	1,5	2,5
All other security signs	0,35	2,0

(iii) Position

No sign in this class shall be allowed within a road reserve with the following exceptions:

- Where entrances to security schemes are controlled or defined by structures such as gates, guardhouses or booms within a road reserve, scheme signs shall be displayed on such entrance structures.
- Where a security scheme is entered in the absence of any entrance or control structure such a scheme may be indicated by means of a free-standing sign positioned within the road reserve, with the exception of any freeway road reserve where no such free-standing signs shall be allowed.

No sign allowed in a road reserve in the above-mentioned cases shall be positioned on a road island, or road median or inside a restricted area at street corners as indicated in Fig.5.

Signs shall be allowed only on those parts of restricted areas at street corners (Fig. 5) which does not form part of the road reserve, when there is no other option for displaying such a sign in order to be visible from a public road.

Farm watch signs may be displayed at the junction or intersection of a public road and a private access road or at the entrance of an individual farm.

All other signs shall be displayed flat against the building, boundary wall or fence or on the entrance gate of the property concerned or shall be displayed as a freestanding sign within the boundaries

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of the property.

No *Security Sign* shall be bolted onto any wall of a historical building or attached to such walls in any manner that will cause damage thereto.

(iv) Number

SIGN DESCRIPTION	MAX NO. OF SIGNS
Security schemes where the entrance to such schemes is controlled or defined by means of structures such as gates or booms	2
All other security schemes or services.	1 per road or street front of a property

(v) Duration

For the period while the scheme is in operation

(vi) Colour

No specific conditions.

(vii) Illumination and Animation

No illumination or animation shall be allowed. Retro-reflective material may be used for farm watch schemes.

D. SAFETY

General safety conditions listed under 5.1.2 apply.

E. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

(i) Contents

Security signs may contain the following information:

- The name of the security scheme
- The nature of the security services provided such as 'Armed Response', 'Protection by CCTV', 'Electric Fencing,' etc.
- The name, logo and contact number of the security company, reaction unit or the provider of equipment involved in the scheme.
- General words of caution such as 'Warning', 'Danger', 'Trespassers will be prosecuted,' etc.
- Radio call signs.

All messages should be short, precise and clear. Long slogans for the main purpose of advertising service providers involved shall not be allowed.

(ii) Aesthetics

The following conditions are relevant with regard to security signs at the entrance of a security village or residential estate

- No sign panel or lettering shall extend above or beyond any of the extremities of the structure to which it is affixed.
- When two signs are used these signs should be erected in symmetry on both sides of the gate structure so as to form a visual balance.

Only the name or logo of one enterprise sponsoring a security project shall be allowed on any security sign together with the words 'Supported By'. Such information shall not exceed more than 10% of any sign.

(iii) General

General design and construction conditions under 5.1.3 apply.

F. MAINTENANCE

General maintenance conditions under 5.1.4 apply.

G. RELATED SIGN TYPES

Adequate farm name signs (Class 3(c)) and street numbers (Class 3(b)) play an important role in assist-
ing the police service, reaction units and emergency services in locating specific sites.

