**Section 522.140 Issuance of the "30 Day Letter"**

When the Department has found a sign to be unlawful as provided in Section 10 of the Act or Subpart C of this Part, the Department shall notify the permittee or sign owner by certified mail of the following:

a) The sign must be removed or brought into compliance within thirty days from receipt of notice.

b) After the thirty day period, the sign shall become the property of the Department if not removed or brought into compliance.

c) The Department shall sell, by public sale, auction, or sealed bids; remove or paint over all unlawful signs which have not been removed or brought into compliance within the thirty day period or shall seek a court order to force abatement by the sign owner.

d) The sign owner shall reimburse the Department for all costs incurred by the Department in selling, removing or painting over the sign.