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BUSINESSES CAUTIONED ABOUT OBSTRUCTING PEDESTRIANS WITH SIDEWALK SIGNS

Castries, Saint Lucia, May 16, 2019 - Businesses within the City of Castries are being advised against placing signs on sidewalks, creating a hazard for pedestrians, especially those with disabilities.

While these signs are placed daily by business houses to attract customers, our office has received numerous complaints regarding the placement of business signs on the sidewalks in the public right of way.

The Criminal Code, Chapter 3.01 of the revised Laws of St. Lucia 2013 states;

Section 493 – Things for sale projecting into or over the footway in city or town

A person who places, hangs up, or exposes for sale in any city or town any goods, wares, merchandise, matter or thing whatsoever, so that the same project or projects into or over any footway, or beyond the line of any house, shop, or building at which the same is or are so exposed so as to obstruct or inconvenience the passage of any person over or along any footway is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1,000.

Castries Mayor Peterson Francis says that the signs are not simply an aesthetic concern, but also create problems for people with disabilities who must navigate around them.

The Mayor says businesses should desist from the practice of placing signs on the sidewalks.

“We continue to see signs placed to the center of the sidewalks hindering pedestrians. I have had complaints from persons with disabilities and concerned citizens. I have also seen persons with disabilities and wheelchairs having difficulty trying to maneuver on the sidewalk. It is of the utmost importance that all pedestrians have full and unobstructed use of the sidewalk available to them,” said Mayor Francis.

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