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About lack of freedom of panorama in the light of copyright

The Museum of Estonian Architecture supports the wish of the non-profit association Wikimedia Estonia to provide the freedom of panorama in the Republic of Estonia Copyright Act. We hold the opinion that the restriction of the freedom of panorama is not reasonable, abiding by the Act cannot be implemented in actual practice and the Act poses a needless legal risk both to private people and institutions.

It is difficult to draw a line between educational and business objectives in the case of using photos that belong among the collection of a museum in printed publications and on souvenirs of the museum as well as in social media and advertising, and the restraint arising from restricting the freedom of panorama inhibits the principal activity of the museum and is an unreasonable requirement.

The Museum of Estonian Architecture supports the position that third parties may copy (photograph, film, paint, etc.) buildings and works of art located in public space without the consent of the author and use the photos, videos, etc., for a business purpose, as well. It is necessary to refer to the author(s) of the depicted work if the author(s) is/are known.

Yours sincerely,

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