

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY UNIFORM SIGNING POLICY

FOR COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS

Intent. The Trempealeau County Highway Committee (hereafter “Committee”) desires to establish a uniform policy whereby non-public/private individuals, organizations, clubs, etc., (hereafter “Applicant”) may apply for the installation of traffic control devices (i.e., traffic signs) on County Trunk Highways. The policy is designed to assure that the installed traffic signs promote public safety, are compliant with the law, and are not paid for with County funds.

Policy. No Applicant shall install, move, obscure, or modify any permanent or seasonal sign(s) on any County Trunk Highway, except as permitted by the Highway Commissioner pursuant to this policy. All signing on County Trunk Highways shall be in compliance with **Wis. Stat. sec. 349.065 (Uniform Traffic Control Devices)**.

All signing on County Trunk Highways shall be limited to public information such as mapped route signs, directional signs, etc., that provide for safe travel for the public. This includes recreational routes and crossings for bicycles, horse trails, etc. Signage shall be limited to route designation at both ends, on each side of a highway crossings, and directional signs which may include route numbers.

The application shall provide a route map and signing plan prepared by a Professional Engineer which complies with the pertinent provisions of the current edition of the federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (“MUTCD”), the WisDOT Traffic Guidelines Manual, and the WisDOT Facilities Development Manual. The signing plan will be a document that shows sign placement, legal height, materials used on signs, reflectivity, required sign sizes based on traffic ADT, etc.

ATV routes shall comply with **Trempealeau County Ordinance No. 2012-01-09**.

In considering whether to grant or deny the Applicant’s request, the Trempealeau County Highway Department shall consider numerous factors including traffic safety, length of proposed routes, traffic density, availability of alternate routes, public input, and any other factors the Highway Commissioner and/or Committee deems appropriate.

All signs shall be installed, replaced, repaired, and maintained by the Trempealeau County Highway Department. All new route signs, materials, installation etc., shall be paid for by the Applicant prior to installation. All costs for sign replacement, repair, and maintenance shall be the responsibility of the Applicant. The Committee may require an Applicant to submit a form of financial assurance to cover the costs of future replacement, repair, and maintenance of the signs. If financial assurance is required, it must be in place prior to installation and must be in place at all times following sign installation. Failure to have financial assurance in place shall result in all signs being removed (at the cost of the Applicant) and any future requests for sign installation shall be denied.

Alternatively, the Committee may allow the Applicant to pay for the replacement, repair, and maintenance after such work is performed. If the Applicant fails to pay the costs for sign replacement, repair, and maintenance within 60 days of the date of the invoice, then all signs installed at the request of the Applicant shall be removed (at the cost of the Applicant) and any future requests for sign installation shall be denied.

In determining whether to require financial assurance, the Committee shall consider the size of the project (including the total cost of the signs and the anticipated labor costs) and the financial stability of the Applicant.

APPROVED BY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE ON 6 /23/2015.

DAVE LYGA, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER