

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL

Policy Subject:	SIGNS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY	
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STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Michigan Manual for the Uniform Code of Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) states, Any unauthorized sign placed on the highway right of way by a private organization or individual constitutes a public nuisance. All unofficial and nonessential signs should be removed. This is supported by state law also. The Michigan Vehicle Code, Section 615c and d says, 'Prohibited signs; public nuisance, removal. (c). Every such prohibited sign, signal, marking, device, decoration or banner is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause to be removed without notice. ...' "

An entity may allow exceptions to the law but they cannot diminish their responsibility. Therefore, permitting any sign not used for traffic control within the right of way under the jurisdiction of the Lapeer County Road Commission creates a liability for the Road Commission and for the organization or individual placing the sign.

For the reasons cited above, no signs are permitted in the right of way under the jurisdiction of the Lapeer County Road Commission.

All signs within the right of way under the jurisdiction of the Lapeer County Road Commission shall be removed without notice. The signs shall be held for thirty (30) days at the Road Commission office and then shall be destroyed.

In order to retrieve a sign, the owner shall perform the following:

1. Call the LCRC office and request that the Road Commission check to see if the sign is in the yard. The request shall state the owners name and phone number. The LCRC will then notify the owner by 8 A.M. the following business day if the sign was found.
2. The owner may then come to the Road Commission office, pay for the cost of the removal and retrieval of the sign, and reclaim the sign.

Lapeer County Road Commission
Sign Return Form

Date: _____ Called In Office

Location of Sign: _____

Description of Sign: _____

Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Charge for return of each sign is \$13.75. \$ _____

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