

**LAMONT COUNTY**

**POLICY**

TITLE : SIGNS/MARKERS (PRIVATE) ON MUNICIPAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

AUTHORITY : PUBLIC WORKS

POLICY STATEMENT: PRIVATE SIGNS/MARKERS MAY BE PLACED ON COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS

PURPOSE : TO PROVIDE DIRECTION ON TYPES OF SIGNS/MARKERS PERMITTED AND THEIR PLACEMENT

POLICY RESOLUTION : 05-268

DEFINITIONS :

1. *An Identification Sign - a sign indicating the name of the business, the type of development at the site of the development or the name of the subdivision.*
2. *Directional Sign - a sign indicating the name of the development and the direction/distance to the development.*
3. *Road Naming Signs - a sign that is being used to name public roadways.*
4. *Markers - commemorative monuments, cairns, etc.*

PROCEDURES:

1. No private signs/markers shall be located within the County road right-of-way without prior approval of the Director of Public Works, or designate. All approved signs shall be erected in accordance with the specifications and conditions of this policy.
2. Private sign limitations: the following types of signs shall not be allowed:
  - a) any sign that displays an intermittent flashing or rotating light(s);
  - b) any sign that is floodlit in such a manner as to cause interference to the motoring public;

- c) any yard lights, area lighting or other lights that, in the opinion of the County, are excessively distracting to the public or create a traffic hazard ;
  - d) any sign that has any moving or rotating post;
  - e) any sign that bears a legend giving a command such as "stop, stop ahead, turn, caution", etc. or any legend that in any way imitates a standard or commonly used traffic control device.
3. All signs/markers shall be placed at the greater of the following distances to the road centreline:
    - a) property line
    - b) 10 metres (minimum)
  4. Signs/markers shall not be erected in road right-of-ways so that they in any way interfere with visibility at road intersections
  5. All signs/markers that are fabricated privately are to be professional in appearance. The standard practices in use by sign manufacturers, including letter shapes and styles, are to be used in all sign designs and construction.
  6. The letter size on each sign shall be a minimum of six inches in height; generally any colour scheme shall be permitted, however the use of yellow or red as a background colour is not permitted.
  7. All private signs are to be at a minimum high intensity.
  8. The signs may be fabricated using either wood or aluminum, depending on the intended purpose of the sign. Markers may be fabricated using also concrete or stone. The Director of Public Works, or his designate, shall decide which material is to be used considering the circumstances, and the material must remain in good condition for the intended life of the sign.
  9. All private signs/markers shall be maintained in proper repair by the owner. If, in the opinion of the County, any sign is not kept in an acceptable condition, it shall either be repaired immediately or removed by the owner within seven days of receiving written notice of the deficiency. If the sign condition is not rectified within seven days, the sign may be removed by the County without further notice or compensation to the owner.

10. The location of all signs, dimensions, colours, lettering and all other factors shall be considered and approved by the Director of Public Works or his designate.
11. Road naming signs shall be approved under this policy, but with additional conditions as determined in the Naming of Roads Policy.
12. Notwithstanding the regulations set out in this policy, the County shall not be responsible for any damages caused to private signs/markers located in the County road right-of-way for any reason whatsoever.