

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL

**1.0 Policy Subject: SIGNS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY**

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The Lapeer County Road Commission (CRC) has the responsibility to develop, maintain, and operate a countywide road system designed to move traffic from one destination to another in a safe, efficient, and expeditious manner. Erecting and maintaining traffic signs on the road system are a part of this responsibility and a requirement in Section 257.610 of the Michigan Vehicle Code.

Traffic Signing within the Lapeer CRC Right of Way shall adhere to the latest editions of the following:

- Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD)
- Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC)
- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Traffic Sign Design, Placement and Application Guidelines

The 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 non-essential signs should be removed” Sec 1A.08. This is supported by state law also. The MVC Section 615.c. states: “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 CRC creates a liability for the Road Commission and for the organization or individual placing the sign.

**1.0 STATEMENT OF POLICY**

**For the reasons cited above, Signs are NOT permitted in the Road Right of Way under the jurisdiction of the Lapeer County Road Commission without the required Approval.**

## **2.0 SIGNS REMOVED FROM RIGHT OF WAY**

All prohibited or unapproved signs placed within the Road Right of Way under the jurisdiction of the Lapeer CRC 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 Lapeer CRC 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 Lapeer CRC will then notify the owner within 3 business days, 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, see attached *Sign Return* form.

## **3.0 REQUEST TO PLACE SIGN**

If an individual, Township, or organization proposes to place a sign within the Road Right of Way, then the following procedure shall prevail:

1. Complete the attached *Request to Place Sign* form and Submit to the Lapeer CRC, County Highway Engineer for review.
  - a. Attach location map, sketch, sign details, dimensions, etc. Provide enough information for a complete review. Any incomplete submittal will be returned for further data and will not be processed.
2. If Sign is proposed within a Primary Road Right of Way, the County Highway Engineer will review, and either approve or reject the request. The acceptance of the proposal will be dependent on the compliance with the MMUTCD/MVC.
3. If sign is located within a Local Road Right of Way, the County Highway Engineer will review. If sign is within compliance with the MMUTCD, then request will be sent to the Township for Funding approval.
  - a. On a Local Road, the Lapeer CRC will require that the funding agreement be received from the Township. However, an individual / organization may enter into a secondary funding agreement with the Township, depending on the scope of the sign request.

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 \*\*current hourly labor rates \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date signs returned: \_\_\_\_\_ LCRC \_\_\_\_\_

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Lapeer County Road Commission

**Request to Place Sign Form**

Date:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Description of Proposed Sign:

Location of the Proposed Sign

Township:

Road Name:

Cross Roads:

Additional Details:

- Attach a sketch of the Location (road map, aerial, etc)*
- Sign Details if not a MMUTCD Standard Sign (i.e. dimensions, legend, etc)*
- Yes*       *No*      *Has Township issued Support for proposed Sign(s)*

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Do Not Write Below This Line

SUBMIT TO:

Lapeer County Road Commission

Attn: County Highway Engineer

820 Davis Lake Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

Phone: 810-664-6272 | Website: [www.lcrconline.com](http://www.lcrconline.com)

Response:

Request:                       Approved                       Rejected