

BOARD POLICY	EFFECTIVE DATE <b>October 29, 1998</b>	POLICY NUMBER #BP-251
BOARD OF INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS	PREPARING DEPARTMENT <b>Traffic Department</b>	SUPERSEDES # BP-224
<i>RESOLUTION #222-98</i>		
SUBJECT: RE-ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT TO THE "SIGNS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY" POLICY		
<p>WHEREAS, by Resolution dated June 24, 1996, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ingham adopted Board Policy #BP-224 dealing with signs in the road right of way; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there was subsequently enacted in 1996, P.A. 299, permitting the Michigan Department of Transportation to, in certain circumstances, authorize tourist oriented activity directional signs for tourist-oriented activities on state highways under the direction and authority of MDOT; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, MDOT has requested local road commissions to assist in the implementation of the placement of tourist oriented directional signs in certain circumstances where the placement of same on county roads would be appropriate; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners believes it is appropriate to permit the placement of such signs in certain circumstances.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners (Ingham County Road Commission) does hereby adopt the following "Signs in the Right of Way" policy, superseding policy number #BP-219 and all prior policies dealing with signs in the right of way for Ingham County roads.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Board prohibits the placement of any sign(s) in the traveled portion of the roadway, any sign(s) in and upon the shoulders of the roadway, any sign(s) attached to Road Commission sign posts or any location within the road right of way where the sign could restrict the clear vision or be a hazard, EXCEPT that the Board, in its discretion, may consider and grant approval for "tourist oriented directional signs" for "tourist oriented activity" as those terms are used in 1996 P.A. 299, but only upon BOTH of the following conditions:</p>		
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 29, 1998		

- A. The State Department of Transportation has previously granted approval for “tourist oriented directional sign(s) for the “tourist oriented activity” on roads under its jurisdiction.
- B. The placement of additional “tourist oriented directional sign(s)” upon County roads directing motorists to the “tourist oriented activity” would reasonably assist motorists consistent with the intent of 1996 P.A. 299.

The Board authorizes removal (without notice) of any sign from the road right of way which restricts clear vision or which creates a hazard, upon being made aware of the vision restriction or hazard.

Written demand may be made upon the owner of the property where the sign is placed to remove same and if not removed within thirty (30) days, may be then removed and the expense for which shall be a charge to the owner of the property, as authorized pursuant to MCL 247.187.

This policy shall become effective immediately and rescinds and supersedes Board Policy #224 dated June 24, 1996, and any and all other prior policies and/or resolutions regarding this subject.