

Rice County

DIRECTIONAL SIGN PERMIT

Permit # _____

Permit Fee: \$75.00
Paid: _____

Name of Applicant _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Telephone _____

Rice County Road _____
sign to be placed on

Location of proposed sign (Highway, Township, Landmark, Road Intersection, Section #)

Sign to read: _____

Note: (18 characters maximum per line)

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Title: Directional Sign Policy
Policy No. 07-H-01
Resolution # 07-056
Effective Date: September 1, 2007
Responsible Department: Highway

Policy Statement: Rice County is vested with general supervisory authority over the County Highway systems. Public safety traffic control signs and directional signs vie for attention from the motoring public resulting in decreased effectiveness of the signs. A reasonable balance between effective traffic control signing and directional signing along and within the County highway right-of-way is necessary. Rice County's Directional Sign Policy establishes the process for the placement of roadside directional signs along the highways under the County's jurisdiction. This policy is consistent with the Rice County Zoning Ordinance limitations and supersedes all previously written and unwritten policies and practices of the Rice County Highway Department regarding the installation and maintenance of signs within their jurisdiction.

I, We the undersigned, herewith make application for permission to have a sign placed at the above location. We agree to abide by the Policy Statement, General Standards, Replacement / Removal / Re-location and Maintenance Policy as approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners.

Date Applicant's Signature

APPLICANT DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SIGN PERMIT

Application for sign permit is (granted)(denied) for the following reasons:

If application is approved said sign is subject to the requirements of the Directional Sign Policy on reverse side. It is expressly understood that this permit is issued subject to the approval of the Rice County Engineer.

COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Date County Engineer

1. GENERAL STANDARDS

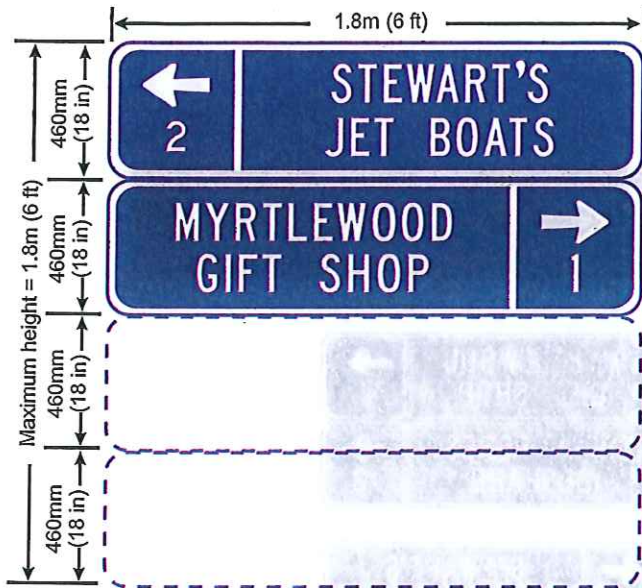
- 1.1 The primary purpose of the roadside signing is traffic control. Directional signing may be allowed provided it does not interfere with the existing or foreseen traffic control signing necessary to safeguard the traveling public. Traffic control signing has priority over all other types of roadside signing. Directional signage shall be installed within the County highway right-of-way only by the written approval of the County Engineer or designee.
 - a. All signs shall conform to the current version of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, specifically Chapter 2G, as determined by the County Engineer or designee.
 - b. A limit of 4 signs per business shall be permitted on the County right-of-way.
 - c. All costs associated with the review process, fabrication and installation of signs shall be paid by the applicant.
- 1.2 Applications shall be submitted on a form developed by the Highway Department. An application fee of \$75 shall be charged.
- 1.3 Installation of the approved sign(s) will be performed by the County and will be subject to the scheduling of the Department.

2. REPLACEMENT / REMOVAL / RELOCATION

- 2.1 The County will not replace damaged, stolen or otherwise deficient signs erected under this process unless requested by the applicant. All costs associated with replacement shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Only those signs located and installed in compliance with this policy, and damaged by direct contact with county equipment, will be repaired at the County's expense.
- 2.2 The County will remove damaged, deficient, or obsolete signs when deemed appropriate. Notwithstanding a public safety risk, the County will not remove any sign without giving 30 days written notice to the applicant of record.
- 2.3 The County will relocate any sign when it is determined to be in the best interest of the traveling public. The County makes no guarantee on the permanency of the placement of the sign.

3. MAINTENANCE

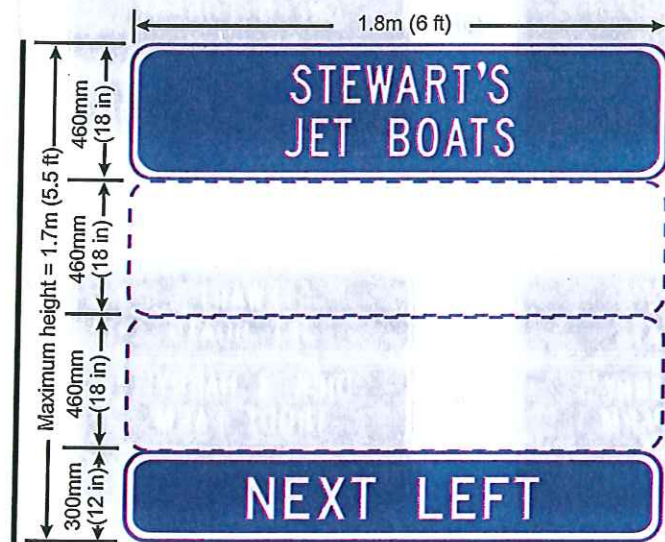
- 3.1 Maintenance shall consist of mowing around the sign.
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INTERSECTION APPROACH SIGN



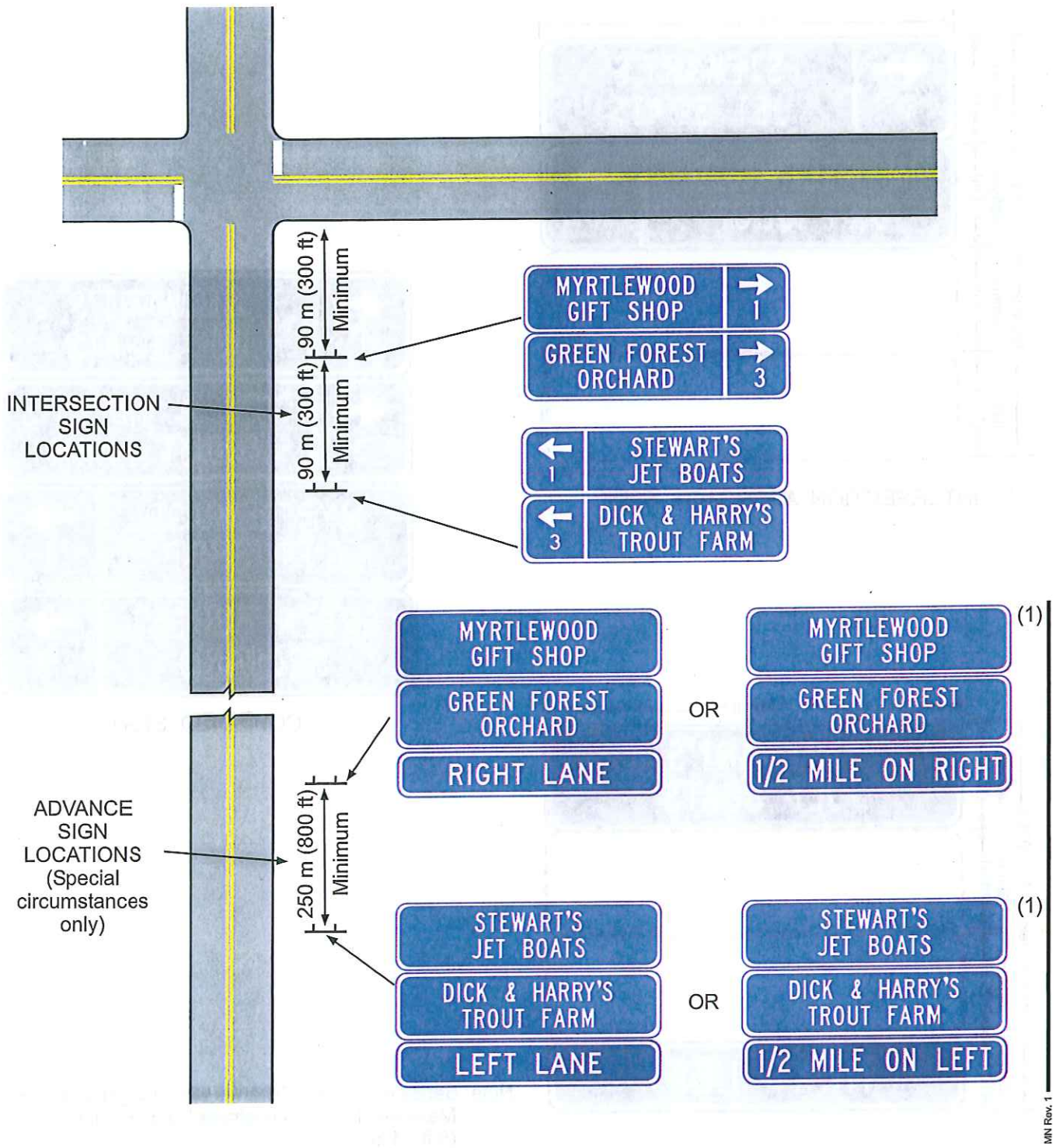
COMBINED SIGN



ADVANCE SIGN

Note: Series of lettering depends upon length of legend.
 Maximum length of business name per line is 1.6m
 (5 ft - 4 in).

Figure 2G-1 Examples of Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs



(1) Use if there is an intervening road

Figure 2G-2 Examples of Intersection Approach Signs and Advance Signs for Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs