

Executive Order 89-8

Placement of Signs on County Road Rights of Way

WHEREAS, Executive Order 87-8 made provision for removal of private signs on public rights of way, and

WHEREAS, the placement of these signs near intersections, driveways, shoulders, etc., can and does cause safety and maintenance problems, and

WHEREAS, it is not in the public interest to allow space on public property for the display of commercial signs, and

WHEREAS, the placement of such signs may also be in violation of other county regulations,

NOW THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AS FOLLOWS:

It is and shall be the policy of Whatcom County to control the placement of private signs by the following means;

Temporary signs, such as political, community events, real estate sales, etc., that are intended to serve a short term purpose (three months or less) that are not in conflict with the restrictions of Exhibit A may allowed to remain, but

Private signs of a more permanent type, such as signs directing persons to private businesses or advertising any product, shall not be permitted on county right of way.

All signs not in compliance shall be removed or caused to be removed by Whatcom County, and shall be delivered to the Central Maintenance Shop at 901 West Smith Road, Bellingham, Washington. Attempts will be made by office personnel to contact owner of removed signs. However, 30 days after removal and first attempted notification of owner, Whatcom County may dispose of said signs, as necessary, without compensation to owner or owners. The reasons for sign removal may include, but are not limited to, the attached list as Exhibit A.

This policy is intended to abate existing signs not in compliance as well as control the placement of new signs.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF November, 1989

ATTEST:



Shirley Van Zanten
County Executive



Ramona Reeves
Clerk of the County Council

EXHIBIT A

**AREAS WHERE SIGNS ON ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY WILL BE REMOVED
PARTIAL LISTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1987**

1. On county-owned traffic control or information signs
2. Along or within roadway shoulders that might be used by vehicles
3. Within 75 feet of any "Stop", "Yield" or "Railroad Crossing" signs
4. Any intersections where signs might obstruct a person's ability to observe other vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, etc. at intersections