

Menominee County Conservation/Forestry/Zoning Department

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To: Real Estate Agencies, Small Businesses, and Homeowners

Re: County Zoning Ordinance rules related to signage

There appears to be an increasing amount of signs within the Town and County right-of-ways. This letter serves as notice to all real estate, small business and homeowners. Section 30 of the Menominee County Zoning Ordinance states:

30.030 General Sign Provisions.

B. Sign Maintenance. All signs and sign structures shall be properly maintained in a safe, orderly condition, and parts and supports shall be properly painted at all times. Signs or sign structures which are rotted, unsafe, or which have otherwise deteriorated, or have been defaced shall be painted, repaired, or replaced by the owner of the property upon which the sign is located.

C. Interference. No signs, nor any guides, stays or attachments thereto shall be erected, placed, or maintained upon any rocks, fences, or trees, or in such a manner as to interfere with fire-fighting equipment or personnel, or any electric light, power, telephone or cable, wires or supports thereof.

D. Signs Within Right-Of-Ways. **No signs other than governmental signs shall be erected or temporarily placed within any public right-of-way.**

F. Clearance. All signs located over a public or private access route (sidewalk, mall, etc.) shall be located a minimum of twelve (12) feet above grade level.

K. Front Yard Signs. One (1) business freestanding sign may be placed within the front yard.

30.040 Permitted Signs. The following signs shall be allowed without a permit; in the front yard, excluding visual triangle areas; and as regulated in the subsections as follows:

G. Real Estate Signs. A property owner or realtor advertising a property for sale, may place not more than two signs, of not more than six (6) square feet each, on the property being sold. The signs shall not be illuminated. **Signs in the road right-of-way and directional signs located off of the property being sold are prohibited.**

I. Occasional Yard/Garage Sale Sign. One (1) sign is allowed; it shall not exceed six (6) square feet; and shall not be placed more than two (2) days prior to the sale and be removed at the end of the sale.

The entire Ordinance, as well as Section 30, can be viewed on the County website at:

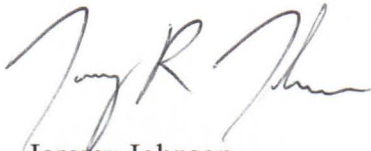
<http://www.co.menominee.wi.us/departments/?department=1101cdbdb756&subdepartment=1f30e4ea241c>

All non-government signs placed within Town or County road right-of-ways, to include State Highways 47/55, will be removed promptly upon notice and kept at the County Zoning Office for five business days. The realtor or owner may pick up the sign during this time to be placed in accordance with the Ordinance. Signs not picked up within this timeframe will be disposed of properly.

Please also note that the Menominee Tribe's Zoning code, Chapter 625-217.D. also includes the same prohibition on non-governmental signs within the right-of-way.

Any questions related to these regulations can be directed to the department.

Thank you for your cooperation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Johnson

Department Director