

RESOLUTION NO. 12215

A RESOLUTION establishing a policy dealing with the installation of driving victim memorial signs along County roads in Thurston County.

WHEREAS, establishment of a policy concerning the installation of driving victim memorial signs along Thurston County roads has been requested by local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Thurston County Commissioners has reviewed a five year evaluation of Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) DWI Memorial Sign Demonstration Program dated December of 1999 to install driving victim memorial signs along state routes; and

WHEREAS, this program, and other similar programs within other jurisdictions in this State, have received meritorious accolades from motorists and citizens of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, all such signs will be similar to WSDOT DWI memorial sign standards and will be installed on Thurston County roads by Thurston County crews, and are to be paid for by the sponsor(s) of the memorial signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County, State of Washington, does resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the Roads and Transportation Services Department is hereby authorized to install driving victim memorial signs and plaques along County roads in Thurston County, Washington in accordance with the County sign standards for memorial signs and plaques as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution. Memorial signs shall not exceed 24 by 36 inches and memorial plaques shall not exceed 12 by 24 inches.

Section 2. Driving victim memorial signs will be allowed where a fatality occurred in an accident where the driver causing the accident is convicted of vehicular homicide under RCW 46.61.520, or if the driver was fatally injured and shown to be driving under the influence based on blood toxicology reports. If this criteria has been met, a "Please Don't Drink and Drive" memorial sign may be installed. For other traffic safety-related fatalities, a "Please Drive Safely" memorial sign may be installed. Memorial signs may be supplemented by a memorial plaque displaying the message "In Memory of (Victim's Name)."

Section 3. Memorial signs and plaques shall only be approved for sponsors where the sponsor is from the immediate family. For the purpose of this Resolution, "immediate family" shall mean any blood relative residing in the victim's household and any other person determined by the Director of Roads and Transportation Services Department, or designee, to be a member of the immediate family based on the facts in a particular case.

Section 4. The County shall send written notice to the adjacent property owner prior to installation of memorial signs and plaques.

Section 5. One memorial sign post shall be placed per accident site. Sign posts shall not be located within one-half mile of each other. Memorial plaques may be added to an existing memorial sign post.

Section 6. Memorial signs and plaques may be located in the proximity of the accident site after taking into consideration safety to the traveling public.

Section 7. Memorial signs and plaques shall be installed by Thurston County crews. Installation of memorial signs and plaques shall be coordinated with the traffic or County engineer of the Thurston County Roads and Transportation Services Department. The traffic or County engineer shall be authorized to determine sign locations, to determine whether the addition of memorial signs and/or plaques would be a hazard to the traveling public, and to determine when such signs are in need of replacement.

Section 8. Memorial signs and plaques shall be placed within County rights-of-way on the back side of the ditch line or outer edge of the right-of-way if no ditch line exists.

Section 9. The entire cost for the memorial signs and plaques, including but not limited to sign fabrication and installation, shall be paid by the sponsor prior to sign fabrication.

Section 10. The traffic or County engineer may authorize the replacement of memorial signs and/or plaques which are stolen, vandalized, damaged, or which deteriorate through normal wear and tear provided that a request for replacement is made by a sponsor and the sponsor pay all replacement costs prior to replacement. Memorial signs and/or plaques damaged by Thurston County will be replaced by Thurston County.

Section 11. If it is determined by the traffic or County engineer that a memorial sign or plaque is to be removed and/or relocated for any reason, the sponsor shall pay for all costs, if any, associated with removal and/or relocation prior to placement in County rights-of-way. The traffic or County engineer shall have the authority to remove any memorial sign and plaque at any time without liability to Thurston County.

Section 12. The Board of Thurston County Commissioners shall review the driving victim memorial sign program in five years.

ADOPTED: May 15, 2000.

ATTEST:

L. Bonita C. Bremer  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Thurston County, Washington

Glenn Chequell  
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

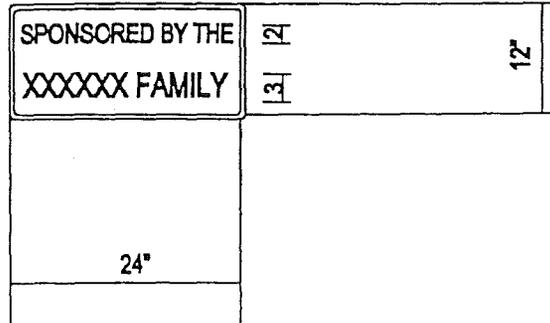
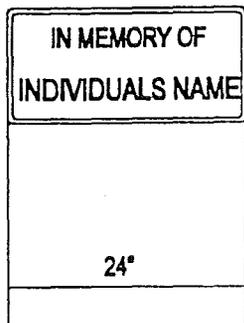
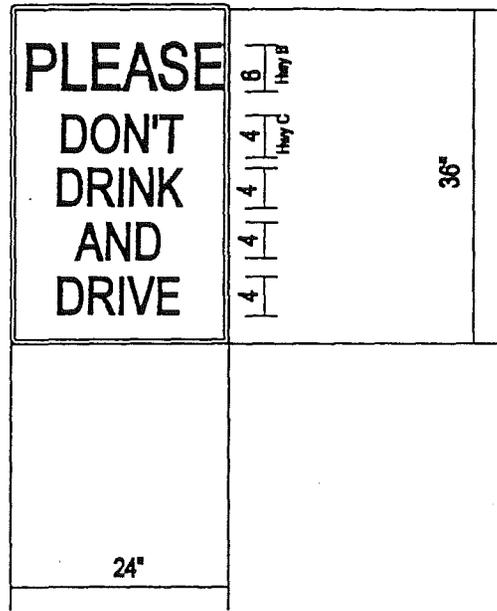
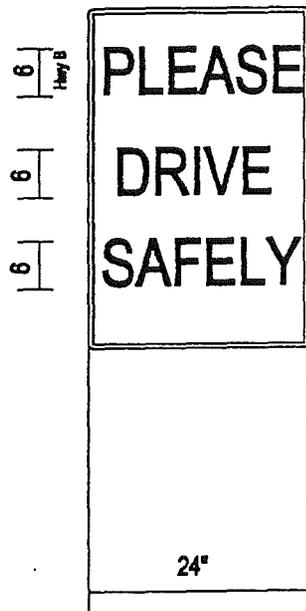
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Commissioner

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Judy Wilson  
Commissioner

# Thurston County Memorial Sign Standards



**THURSTON COUNTY  
DRIVING VICTIM MEMORIAL SIGN  
INSTALLATION SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Client \_\_\_\_\_

Thurston County  
Roads & Transportation Services Department  
2404-A Heritage Court SW  
Olympia, Washington, 98502-6031

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: Install "Please Don't Drink and Drive"/"Please Drive Safely" Signs (Select one)

Install "In Memory of (Victims Name)" \_\_\_\_\_

Location: Per location established by Traffic Engineer. \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of work: Fabricate and Install Memorial Sign and/or Plaque \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: The total cost of having the sign/plaque fabricated and installed will be  
prior to the sign/plaque fabrication \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per this site shall be: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION  
NO \_\_\_\_\_ ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE

Offered by:

Accepted by (Client)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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(Printed Name/Title)

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(Printed Name/Title)