

# **BECKER COUNTY HIGHWAY RESORT INFORMATION SIGNS SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS POLICY**

Becker County Highway Department recognizes that the development and promotion of the tourist industry is important to the economic welfare of the County. Minnesota Statutes § 160.285 authorizes Counties to adopt an information and directional sign program for resorts and other tourist-oriented businesses. It is the intent of this policy to define guidelines and parameters for Becker County to fabricate, erect and maintain resort and specific service signs as authorized by Minnesota Statutes § 160.283 to 160.285 and § 160.292 to 160.296.

The policy shall be as follows:

1. The County Highway Department will fabricate and install signs only for resorts and specific service as defined by Minn. Stat. § 160.283 to 160.285 and Minn. Stat. § 160.292 to 160.296. No other commercial enterprise or organization will be provided this service at this time.
2. The resort sign shall be a rectangular sign panel not greater than 48" x 8" displaying the name of the resort/facility. The sign face shall be blue in color with white lettering.
3. The specific service sign shall be a rectangular sign panel 18" x 60" in size displaying the name of specific service, the distance to and the direction to the specific service location. The sign face shall be blue in color with white lettering.
4. Sign assemblies will normally be located near junctions of major county highways, both county state-aid highways and county roads. Assemblies will be located a minimum of 200 feet from the intersection, but shall be "fitted" in as the Department deems reasonable and appropriate. Becker county will also install such signs on Town Roads, as requested, provided the affected Town Board has given approval to the requesting resort/facility owner. The sign assemblies may not be placed closer than 300 feet from a trunk highway (Minn. Stat. § 173.16, Subd. 4).

RESORT SIGN POLICY

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5. Replacement of Signs:

- a) The county will replace signs ONLY UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE RESORT OR SPECIFIC SERVICE OWNER upon completion of the application form.
- b) When a sign becomes unsightly or damaged, the County will contact the resort/facility owner, who will then make the decision as to whether to replace the sign. If the owner chooses not to replace it, the County will then remove the unsightly sign permanently.

ALL replacement signs will be at the expense of the resort/facility owner.

6. Costs of replacement and initial installation shall be paid by the resort/facility prior to installation.

7. Signs and installations shall be in accordance with the standards established in the County resort/facility sign guidelines, and the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD).

8. Sign Costs:

a) Resort Signs

Single Resort/Facility Name Sign	\$100.00 per each
Two (2) Resort/Facility Name Sign Assembly	\$100.00 per each requester
Three (3) Resort/Facility Name Sign Assembly	\$ 80.00 per each requester
Four (4) or more Resort/Facility Name Sign Assembly	\$ 60.00 per each requester

b) Specific Service Signs \$200.00 for each sign

9. Typical Signing Sequence and Spacing (No Right Turn or By-Pass Lanes):

- Side Road or Cross-Road 800 ft. from intersection
- Highway Junction Signs 600 ft. from intersection
- Destination Signs 400 ft. from intersection
- Resort or Specific Service Signs 200 ft. from intersection

10. This policy will be in effect by resolution and adoption by the Becker County Board of Commissioners and shall be amended from time to time to adjust the fee schedule.

**BECKER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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**APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF  
GUIDE AND INFORMATIONAL SIGNS**

**RESORT / SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS**

Complete the following form and submit by printing and mailing to the address above or e-mail to [kmkilda@co.becker.mn.us](mailto:kmkilda@co.becker.mn.us)

Complete the following information in the shaded areas. Double click on shaded areas with text to choose the appropriate choice.

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESORT / FACILITY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EXACT LOCATION OF RESORT / FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF SIGN REQUESTED:  Resort Information Sign (48" X 8")  Road Name Sign (48" x 24")

Specific Service Sign (18" x 60")  Road Name Sign (\_\_\_" x \_\_\_")

**LOCATION OF FIRST SIGN:**

INTERSECTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SIGNS REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

EXACT DISTANCE FROM ABOVE SIGNED INTERSECTION TO FACILITY/RESORT (in miles) \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF SECOND SIGN:**

INTERSECTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SIGNS REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

EXACT DISTANCE FROM ABOVE SIGNED INTERSECTION TO FACILITY/RESORT (in miles) \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF THIRD SIGN:**

INTERSECTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SIGNS REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

EXACT DISTANCE FROM ABOVE SIGNED INTERSECTION TO FACILITY/RESORT (in miles) \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION

I (We) the undersigned do hereby certify that this facility/resort conforms with all applicable laws and regulations concerning the provisions for public accommodations without regard to race, religion, color, sex, or national origin.

I (We) agree to accept the sign format and design determined by the Becker County Highway Department in compliance with all pertinent county signing standards, and agree to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **PER SIGN** for the signs supplied and installed by the Becker County Highway Department.

I (We) do also understand that any guide and informational sign that I request replaced (due to damage, vandalism, and other occurrences beyond the control of the Becker County Highway Department) will be billed to me at the current replacement cost.

I (We) also understand that the Becker County Highway Departments sign crews priority is the installation and maintenance of safety signing on county roads and that the facility/resort signs(s) I requested will be installed whenever it can be arranged in their work schedule.

I (We) the undersigned herewith accept the terms and conditions of the regulations of the Becker County Engineer and agree to fully comply herewith to the satisfaction of the Becker County Highway Department.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Facility / Resort Name: \_\_\_\_\_