

POLICY FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS

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The Forsyth County Department of Engineering will allow the erection and maintenance of custom traffic sign post with standard signs within a designated subdivision under the following situations.

The Maintaining Authority for custom sign post & signs will be the Developer until final plat approval is awarded, then the Maintaining Authority will be a legally formed homeowners association.

The Maintaining Authority will assume all cost associated with the installation, maintenance, and any liability that may arise from the use of custom traffic sign post. The Maintaining Authority agrees to indemnify the Forsyth County Department of Engineering and authorized representatives from any liability that may be incurred from the use of these signs.

The Maintaining Authority is granting this permit with the following stipulations:

- 1) The restrictive covenants shall express the Homeowners Association is responsible to erect and maintain custom sign post and standard signing within the subdivision in accordance with approved signing plans. Additional signing cannot be installed without the written consent of Department of Engineering.
 - a) Custom Sign Post and Standard Signs: Any non "U" channel standard post with standard signing, shall be installed and maintained by the Maintaining Authority.
 - b) Standard Post and Signs: Shall be installed by the Developer in accordance with the approved signing plan prior to the release of the eighteen month maintenance bond or before any certificate of Occupancy will be issued. Once approved, Forsyth County Department of Engineering will assume maintenance of these signs.
- 2) The final plat will contain a notice signed by the Developer which notifies all property owners of their responsibility for custom post and sign erection and maintenance within their subdivision.
- 3) Street Name Signs will use standard vane height of six and three quarter inches (6 3/4") and be variable or fixed length, with a maximum being forty-eight (48"). They shall be installed on top of traffic control sign. (Std. 171, Dia. "A")

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- 4) Sign poles shall be of "breakaway" or other design which meets the requirements of Section 7 of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), "Standard Specifications for Highway Signs, Luminaries and Traffic Signals". A list of supports which meet these standards can be obtained by contacting the Atlanta office of the Federal Highway Administration at (404) 347-4775.
- 5) A detailed drawing showing typical installation, pole type, sign size and FHA approval must be provided and approved for each sign type being installed and maintained.
- 6) All signs must meet the minimum requirements outlined for construction and installation in the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- 7) Before any sign posts are installed, locations shall be marked and then reviewed by the Forsyth County Department of Engineering. Failure to have locations reviewed will result in sign relocation by the appointed authority if defects are found.
- 8) The maintaining authority understands that periodically signs are damaged, vandalized, stolen, or faded to the point they must be replaced, repaired or otherwise made to comply with current Forsyth County Department of Engineering standards and regulations. We recommend that the maintaining authority keep some pre-fabricated stop signs on hand for replacement. The maintaining authority can remove and install any sign for the purpose of maintenance as follows;
 - a) Stop Signs: Shall be replaced immediately.
 - b) Other Regulatory Signs: Shall be replaced within one week.
 - c) All Other Signs: Shall be replaced within three weeks.
- 9) Forsyth County will make periodic inspections for substandard signs. If found, the maintaining authority will be notified which signs need to be replaced. If the maintaining authority does not replace the defective signs within the time restraints of section eight (8), then Forsyth County will install standard county post/sign and bill the maintaining authority current installation cost.

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- 10) If the maintaining authority fails to maintain its custom signs, Forsyth County may assume maintenance for all signs in the subdivision. We will notify the maintaining authority by registered letter, that the permit to erect and maintain custom signs has been revoked. Once maintenance has been assumed by Forsyth County, all custom signs will be removed and replaced with standard post/sign assemblies. The current cost for each sign assembly will be accessed to the maintaining authority.
- 11) If the maintaining authority wishes to stop maintenance of custom signs, they must request in writing that Forsyth County assume responsibility for sign maintenance. Once assumed, Forsyth County will remove all custom signs and replace them with standard post/sign assemblies and access current cost for each installation to the maintaining authority.
- 12) Any custom sign that has been replaced by Forsyth County may not be removed and replaced by the maintaining authority without first contacting Forsyth County Department of Engineering at:

Forsyth County Department of Engineering
Attn: County Engineer
110 East Main Street
Suite 120
Cumming, Georgia 30130
Ph # (770) 781-2165 & -2166
- 13) Signs will be installed in accordance with the current Forsyth County Standards No. 171 or 172.