

APPANOOSE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TOURIST ORIENTED DIRECTIONAL SIGNS (TODS)

Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (official signs located on the County roadways right-of-way) are intended to provide the motorist with specific information about activities or sites of significant interest to the traveling public. The signs shall conform to the current “Manual on Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways”. The Secondary Roads Department will review and approve the message content.

General Requirements:

1. The activity or site shall comply with all applicable laws concerning public accommodations without regard to race, religion, color, age, sex, or national origin.
2. The site is open to the general public during regular and reasonable hours – not by appointment, reservation, or membership only.
3. The activity is not conducted in a building principally used as a residence unless a separate, convenient, well-marked entrance is provided.
4. The site is located in a rural area. No TODS shall be lighted. The sign size shall be limited to two lines containing 15-18 letters per line.
5. Any on-premise sign advertising the activity or site cannot be located on County right-of-way. An activity or site may be eligible for TODS if the on-premise sign is not readily recognizable to a motorist who is within 300 feet of the County road access.
6. Directional signs placed on any County route shall be limited to one sign at each end of the route. An additional sign will be allowed from each direction if needed to direct traffic from the County roadway onto a lower surfaced road.
7. The activity is not identified by an off-right-of-way directional sign on the same route.

Authorized representatives of qualifying activities, sites, and areas may submit a TODS application to the Appanoose County Engineer’s Office. The cost of each sign is \$250, which covers the administration fees, design, fabrication, installation, and normal maintenance of the signs. The annual renewal fee, due on or before June 30 each year, is \$25 for each sign. The signs remain the property of the County. The County shall determine when a TODS is no longer serviceable and needs to be replaced. A sign that is no longer serviceable will be replaced upon receipt and payment for the sign from and installation of the sign by the owner of the activity.

A seasonal activity or site shall be required to use panels or masking on the TODS when they are closed for a period of time. Should the activity at any time fail to qualify or comply with the County policy for signs, the County will remove the signs free of all claims by the applicant.

Applicant (Print): _____ Phone _____

Mailing address: _____ E-mail _____

Location of activity: _____

Proposed wording on sign (including miles to destination): _____

Applicants signature: _____

This application is hereby: Approved _____ Disapproved _____

County Road Foreman or Engineer

Date

Drawing or map of proposed location of sign