

Teton County Road Signage Information

(Please note: This pertains to the Readdressing Initiative. Typically, new developments under construction are responsible for their own signs and poles and the installation, in accordance with all applicable standards.)

FAQ's

1. Q: Who is responsible for purchasing the street sign/pole?

A: If the road is on the Teton County Roads and Rights-of-way map, the county Road and Bridge Department will purchase the sign and pole; all other road signs and poles need to be purchased by the appropriate private owners (HOA).

2. Q: Who should actually post or install the sign and or pole?

A: If the road intersects a road on the Teton County Roads and Rights-of-way map the County Road and Bridge Department will post or install the signs and pole. All other roads need to be posted by the appropriate private owners.

- a. All signs purchased by a private entity that will be posted by the county (as stated above) can be turned in to the GIS dept for recording and future posting. (The posting should happen in the summer of 2009)

3. Q: Who should I buy my sign from?

A: The signs can be purchased from any sign producer and must follow the ordinance when creating the signs. The names of some companies in the area are on the following list (in alphabetical order)

- b. Idaho Traffic Safety, Rich Hardy, (208)522-4470
- c. Jackson Signs, Rick Hollingsworth, (800)322-5111
- d. Landmark Signs, Mel & Teresa Stone, (208)522-5548
- e. Safety Supply & Sign, Mike Steneck, (800)999-9875
- f. Sign-A-Rama, Dave Stratton, (208)524-4124
- g. Sign it Now, Jessica Kearsley, (208)787-7446

4. Q: Who should I buy my pole from?

A: The pole can be purchased from any pole producer and must follow the ordinance for placement of pole's. The names of some companies in the area are on the following list (in alphabetical order)

- a. Idaho Traffic Safety
- b. Landmark Signs
- c. Sign-A-Rama
- d. Sign it Now

5. Q: Are there standards that should be used when creating and posting the sign?

A: Yes. To view these standards, look at SECTION 7, STREET NAME SIGNS, of TETON COUNTY TITLE 13, pg 16; or see the excerpt of the ordinance below.



LOW VOLUME ROADS ONLY (<400 AADT)



ALL ROADS

ROAD VOLUME:

According to Section 5A.01 of the MUTCD all roads outside of the built-up areas of Cities, towns and communities and with a traffic volume of less than 400 AADT, they are low-volume roads.

All roads in Teton County are Low Volume roads Except:

SH 32	2500 N	8000 S
SH 33	4000 N	500 W (frontage road, North of Hatches corner and South of Victor.)
SH 31	6000 N	
Ski Hill Road	2000 S	
Bates Rd.	5000 S	1000 W
Cemetery Rd.	7000 S	4500 W

Road names above are effective March 15th

TETON COUNTY TITLE 13 - SECTION 7

STREET NAME SIGNS

Guidelines for signs shall be dictated by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) prepared by the Federal Highway Administration with the Idaho Department of Transportation exceptions incorporated.

The following shall be the sign requirements for the location and description of all Street Name signs in the County, except for those sign installations that exist at the time of the adoption of this rule. As the signs are replaced the new sign shall meet the location and description requirements.

A) LOCATION OF SIGNS

All public and private roads in Teton County shall be identified by a sign and shall display the proper street name. Street name signs shall be installed at the intersections. (Section 2A, MUTCD)

B) DESCRIPTION OF SIGNS

1.) SIGN COLOR

Signs shall consist of a white legend on a green background. All messages, borders, and legends shall be retro reflective and all backgrounds shall be retro reflective or illuminated. (Section 2D, MUTCD)

2.) SIGN HEIGHT

In business districts signs should provide a minimum of seven (7) feet of clearance between the top of the curb and the bottom of the sign. In rural areas signs should provide a minimum of eight (8) feet of clearance between the bottom of the sign and the traveled roadway (Section 2A, MUTCD). It is recommended that rural street signs have a clearance of nine (9) feet from grade to prevent vandalism. Where parking or pedestrian movements occur, the clearance to the bottom of the sign shall be at least seven (7) feet.

3.) SIGN LETTERING

The principal legend on guide signs shall be in letters and numerals at least six (6) inches in height for all capital letters, or a combination of six (6) inches in height for upper-case letters with four and a half (4.5) inches in height for lower-case letters. On low-volume roads (as defined in Section 5A.01 MUTCD), and on urban streets with speeds of 25 mph or less, the principal legend shall be in letters at least four (4) inches in height. (Section 2D, MUTCD)

4.) SIGN PLACEMENT

In business districts and on principal arterials, Street Name signs may be placed at least on diagonally opposite corners so that they will be on the far right-hand side of the intersection for traffic on the major street. Signs naming both streets should be erected at each location. They should be mounted with their faces parallel to the streets they name (Section 2D, MUTCD).

In residential districts at least one Street Name sign should be mounted at each intersection (Section 2D, MUTCD). The overall dimensions of the sign shall be no longer than forty-two (42) inches and shall be a height of at least nine (9) inches.

C) STREET SIGN INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. PUBLIC ROADS

The applicable public agency will be responsible for all street signs on streets/roads designated as public.

2. PRIVATE ROADS

The applicable public agency will be responsible for the installation of all street signs in accordance with Section 7B. The developer/property owners shall be responsible for all costs determined by the applicable public agency. The developer/property owners will be responsible for all maintenance costs.

The applicable public agency may at their discretion have the developer/property owners install all street signs, in accordance with Section 6B. Final installation approval will be determined by the applicable governing public agency.