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Greetings:

We acknowledge receipt of your inquiry regarding Official Business Directional Signs (OBDS). Enclosed please find a copy of MaineDOT regulations pertaining to OBDS along with applications for same and a list of sign fabricators.

The following highlights are an overview of the rules governing participation in the OBDS program.

Location of OBDS are allowed only on approaches to intersections where the traveler must change direction from one public way to another public way in order to reach one's place of business or facility. OBDS are allowed on all public ways except for display to any part of the Interstate Highway System or Fully Controlled Access Highways and where prohibited by local ordinance. Many municipalities have local ordinance restrictions which apply to the OBDS program. The law limits to (6) six the number of OBDS you may apply for and within a 10 mile radius.

Owners may apply for either or a combination of reflectorized or non-reflectorized signs. Non-reflectorized signs are allowed in a 12" x 48" size only, while reflectorized signs are allowed in three different sizes as follows: 12" x 48", 16" x 72" and 20" x 84". The specific size reflectorized sign to be authorized at any given approach to an intersection is determined by the Division Traffic Engineer who will review your application in the field. The nature of the approach to the intersection, i.e., whether it is a built-up area or rural area, availability of Right-of-Way, high speed etc., are all sign considerations in making the determination as to the size to be authorized. **Under no circumstances should any applicant have their signs made until they have been issued a permit.**

The initial permit fees must accompany the municipal approved application. The annual renewal permit fees are \$15.00 for each non-reflectorized sign and \$30.00 for each reflectorized sign and are assessed in December of each year for the following year.

After approval by MaineDOT, a permit will be issued for each sign location and then it's the owners' responsibility to have the sign fabricated to specifications contained within the MainDOT regulations. Signs are then delivered to MaineDOT for installation.

Anyone interested in additional information should write to the above address or call (207) 624-3611.

Sincerely,

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