

## **ARTICLE VI. MEMORIAL SIGNS**

### **Sec. 50-191. Authority.**

The Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, Colorado pursuant to §30-28-111(1) and 112 and §30-28-115(1) C.R.S. is authorized to regulate the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities, or other purposes, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the state.

The Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, Colorado pursuant to §30-11-107(1)(h) C.R.S. is authorized to lay out, alter, or discontinue any road running into or through Larimer County and to perform such other duties respecting roads as may be required by law.

The Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, Colorado pursuant to §30-11-106(1)(e) C.R.S. is authorized to manage the business and concerns of Larimer County where no other provisions are made by law.

### **Sec. 50-192. Purpose.**

To establish criteria for commemorating crash fatalities on Larimer County Roads through Roadside Memorial Signs.

### **Sec. 50-193. Sign Requests.**

The following persons may request a memorial sign by submitting a completed application form:

- (1) An immediate family member of the deceased victim. An immediate family member is a spouse, child, stepchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, mother, stepmother, father or stepfather.
- (2) Alternatively, a non-family member sponsor may request a memorial sign by submitting a completed application form together with written concurrence of at least one member of the deceased's immediate family.

### **Sec. 50-194. Applicability.**

All of the following criteria must be met:

- (1) The accident occurred within six years of application.
- (2) The accident resulted in a human death
- (3) The accident occurred on a County maintained mainline roadway

(4) There is no written opposition to the installation of a memorial sign from any immediate family member.

(5) In the case where application is made for an intoxicated driver (alcohol or any other controlled substance) who was fatally injured, the name plaque shall read "Sponsored by (family name or applicant)" and will not include the driver's name.

#### **Sec. 50-195. Procedures.**

(1) The applicant (immediate family or sponsor with an immediate family member's written concurrence per the above) submits to Larimer County a completed application form and a one-time non-refundable fee established by the Board of County Commissioners to help defray the cost of the sign, its installation, maintenance, and removal. The Board of County Commissioners may periodically review costs to determine whether an adjustment to the fee needs to be made.

(2) Larimer County review will typically be completed within 30 days and includes review of the accident report from County records. If necessary for verification purposes, the applicant may be asked to provide a copy of the accident report and death certificate.

(3) The decision to approve the sign is within the sole discretion of Larimer County

(4) Upon approval, the sign will be ordered, fabricated, delivered and installed by the county within 60 days.

#### **Sec. 50-196. Sign Details.**

(1) Signs shall be a 24" x 36" blue rectangular sign panel with legend in white.

(2) The legend may bear one of the following statements to be chosen by the applicant:

- a. Please Drive Safely
- b. Please Ride Safely
- c. Seat Belts Save Lives
- d. Please Watch for Pedestrians
- e. Please Watch for Bicyclists
- f. Don't Drink and Drive
- g. Don't Drink and Ride

(3) A white on blue rectangular plaque (typically 24" x 18") bearing the words "In Memory Of (Name of Fatality)" will be installed beneath the rectangular panel. Birth and death years may also be requested. In the case of an intoxicated driver, the plaque will read "Sponsored By (name of sponsor)" as noted above. In the event of multiple fatalities and subsequent sign requests at one location, additional names may be placed on the plaque.

**Sec. 50-197. Location and Installation of Signs.**

- (1) Signs will only be installed on County maintained mainline roadways. Signs on State Highways must be requested and processed through the CDOT memorial signing program.
- (2) Signs will be installed in accordance with National, State and County standards. This includes posts, hardware, materials, and placement location.
- (3) One sign designating the site of a fatal crash will be installed in one direction of travel on the right side of the road in close proximity to the crash location where it is deemed safe and practical to do so. The specific location of the sign is at the discretion of Larimer County.
- (4) Only one sign will be installed per accident, intersection or per 1,500 ft of roadway. Should a sign already exist, the victim's name may be added to an existing sign.

**Sec. 50-198. Maintenance and Removal.**

- (1) The sign shall be posted and maintained for three years from the date of initial placement. The applicant (or any immediate family member) may request removal in writing at any time.
- (2) Prior to the removal of the sign, the applicant may request a one-time renewal of the three year time limit at no additional cost.
- (3) The County will replace the sign one time at no cost to the applicant should it be vandalized or otherwise damaged. Actual cost of subsequent replacements after the first replacement will be borne by the applicant should they want additional replacements.
- (4) Signs removed due to County work will be replaced after work is completed.
- (5) After three years (or six years with the one-time extension), the sign will be removed by Larimer County and donated to the applicant, if the applicant so wishes.

**Sec. 50-199. Exeptions.**

- (1) Re-application on behalf of a victim previously commemorated with a sign is not allowed.