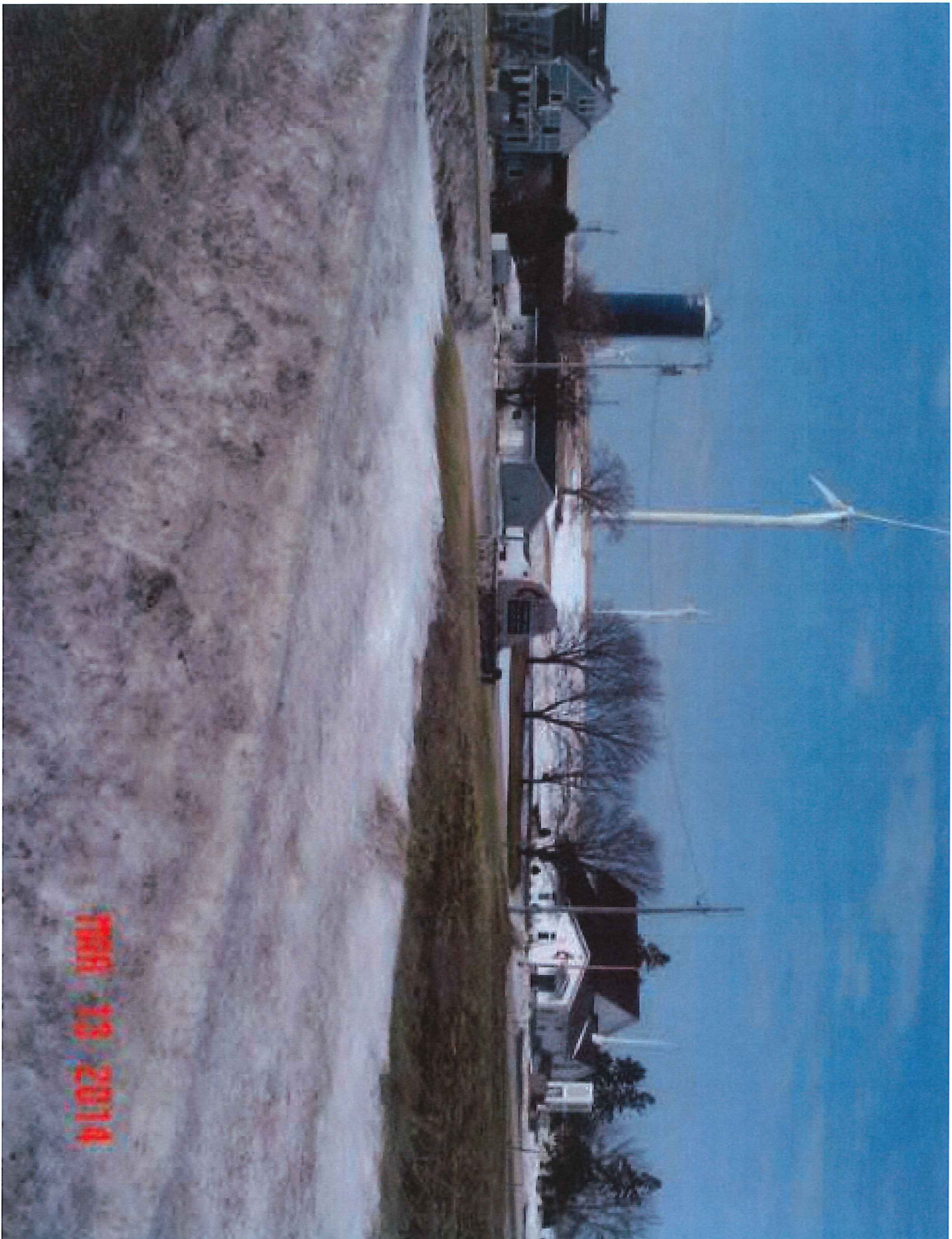




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920-477-6303

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Mailing Address 2	
Mailing City	EDEN
Mailing State	WI
Mailing Zip	53019
Site Address	
All Addresses	All Addresses
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View Assessor	Assessment & Tax Data
Municipality Code	20012
Municipality	TOWN OF EDEN
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Acres	34.7800
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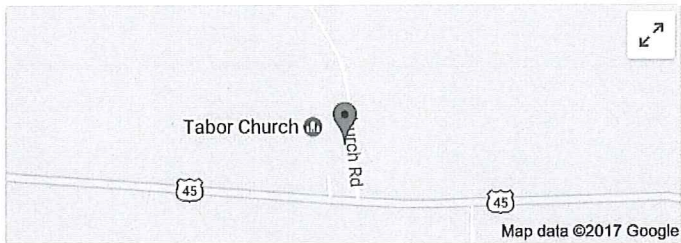
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Methodist church in Wisconsin

Address: N4424 Church Rd, Eden, WI 53019
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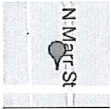



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Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: McReavy, Brian H - DOT
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: FW: Yesterday's WisDOT Exec Bulletin

Hi RJ,

I know you are out until Monday, but please discuss with me prior to any response being sent.

Thanks,

Brian McReavy
Outdoor Advertising Program - Statewide Coordinator
WisDOT Bureau of Highway Maintenance
4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 501
Madison, WI 53707-7986
Phone: 608-261-6066

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:10 AM
To: McReavy, Brian H - DOT <Brian.McReavy@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Tilleman, Roy - DOT <Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov>; Forlenza, Mary (FHWA) <mary.forlenza@dot.gov>; Batha, Joel <joel.batha@dot.gov>
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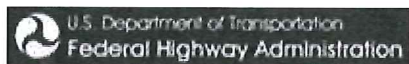
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525 Junction Road, Ste. 8000
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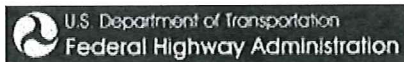
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Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Dorsey, Will - DOT
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:57 PM
To: 'berickson330@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Referral

Dear Mr. Erickson,

Thank you for your email regarding the Tabor United Methodist Church and Armstrong Apples signage. Governor Walker asked I respond on his behalf. Due to the movement of pending federal legislation and its potential impact on relevant state laws, the Department is rescinding the removal order for the Armstrong Apples and Tabor Church signs.

We have contacted all parties in the matter, and the Fond du Lac Reporter published a follow-up article last week.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-492-5684.

Sincerely,
Will Dorsey,
WisDOT NE Region Director

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Erickson [mailto:berickson330@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 7:48 AM
To: Governor Scott Walker <GOVGeneral@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WI DOT

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<FIRST>Brian</FIRST>
<LAST>Erickson</LAST>
<ADDR1>N8089 Doyle Rd</ADDR1>
<CITY>Theresa</CITY>
<STATE>WI</STATE>
<ZIP>53091</ZIP>
<PHONE>262-443-8900</PHONE>
<EMAIL>berickson330@gmail.com</EMAIL>
<MSG>Subject: WI DOT

Good morning Governor Walker,

I am a long supporter of you. I have never attempted to contact you before however, I have run across a situation in a local neighbouring community that I think needs to be looked into. I know you have a busy schedule and but I see these kinds of things happen often and I don't understand why.

There is a church and local family business that is being forced to remove some signage by Mr. Roy Tilleman, director of outdoor sign advertising for the DOT's Northeast Region out of Green Bay. It appears that this is happening because the proper permits were applied for. Is there no other option? Can permit fees not be paid instead of destroying/removing the signs? Who are they hurting? There seems to be a lot of "do this or else" that comes down the line to these small town people from Madison and Washington.

The church sign is a memorial to a teenager who lost his life in 1990. The other business is a family Apple orchard. Both are located in a rural/agricultural area.

I do not understand the reason for the strong arm tactics being used by the state. We have people starving, crime on the rise in the city of Milwaukee, drug problems in our school and yet, the state is forcing a church and a family busing to remove a couple of signs off of a 2 lane highway in the middle of farm fields.

I sincerely hope this email finds it's way to you through all the screening and security today. These are the everyday issues that go on unseen by government officials.

We too are the people who support you and your causes, but yet we seem to get overlooked and buried under big corporate companies and the money trail.

I've included a link to the newspaper article from the Fond Du Lac Reporter for you.

Sincerely,
Brian Erickson

<http://www.fdlreporter.com/story/news/2017/06/08/dot-orders-long-standing-signs-church-orchard-removed/380361001/></MSG>
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Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Patrick Twohig <patd2hig@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 7:15 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: Highway signs Fond du Lac County

I am a former elected official from Campbellsport and I feel our area is being treated unfairly by the DOT's requirement to have signs for Tabor Methodist Church and Armstrong Apples removed. The church went through extra steps to try to meet all codes when this sign was installed. They spent donated funds to build this attractive sign. They are a small congregation and reasonably proud of their accomplishment and they should be. To destroy this sign, will create a negative feeling throughout our area toward the DOT and the State of Wisconsin in general. We do have way to many signs along our highways, Highway 41 in particular in our area. To remove an attractive sign for a church on a stretch of country and have to drive by multiple sign along roads near urban areas doesn't make sense.

The signs for Armstrong Apples are needed for an out of the way business to grow their customer base. I visit this business a couple of times a year, but they need to expand their customer base to continue to grow their business. For a state that is supposedly pro-business, limiting their ability to advertise their location to casual travelers through our area would have a major effect on their business. Armstrong Apples has been a good contributor to employment and service organizations in our area and limiting their ability to advertise will have a negative impact on our area. It will also discourage any other people who are considering opening additional retail operations in our area.

Patrick Twohig, Campbellsport WI

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: roehlsheila7 <roehlsheila7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 6:28 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: Removal of Tabor UM Church sign. Eden, WI.

I have been a life time member of this church. I remember the first time I saw this sign after it was placed and was surprised on how beautiful it was. For our country church this sign was a very informational necessary and an update to our church. It has helped out many strangers passing through struggling with problems. It is also our way of helping visitors find the church and the time of our services.

As you have read, the sign was also given In memory of a young boy killed in an auto/sled accident. Mr. Tillman, how would you feel if you lost a child at a young age. Donated a large amount of dollars for a memorial statue/monument, and was told to tear it down? Please reconsider on removal of our beautiful church sign. Prayers, S.R. A church trustee member.

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: mark Holzmann <biscuit_the_dog3@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT

Tabor Church (Eden, Wi), Informational sign.

Dear D.O.T. , Roy Tilleman

Just as the WISE MEN followed the star to see the birth of our savior I think that Tabor Church uses the sign on the corner of Highway 45 and Church Road as an informational signal for those who need some very important information and help. The church is hard to find without the sign. The sign is not obstructing a view nor is it in need of repair, it is helping people who are lost and in need of some help. The sign cost a lot of money. Be a WISE MAN AND SAVE OUR SIGN.

Karen Holzmann
Member of Tabor Church

Sent from Windows Mail

Tabor United Methodist Church Timeline

3/16/17 – Removal order sent for an illegal sign.

4/2/17 7:44pm – Received email from Bill Soyk, Trustee Chairperson, Tabor United Methodist Church. They have questions regarding the removal order.

4/6/17 7:52am – Replied to Bill's email.

4/9/17 – NE Region received email from Secretary's office in regards to 2 removal orders (Tabor United Methodist Church and Armstrong Apples).

4/12/17 – NE Region responded to the Secretary's office via email.

4/14/18 – Received appeal in the mail.

6/5/17 10:23am – Secretary's Office received email from Legislature's office in regards to 2 removal orders (Tabor United Methodist Church and Armstrong Apples). I was cc'd on the email.

6/5/17 12:34pm – Lisa (Armstrong Apples) called and left a voicemail. Could you give me a call at 920-970-7282? I understand that the Church is also having to remove their sign doesn't have a deadline date because they're contesting it and they are going to a lawyer. So I guess what I was wondering is if I can contest my sign and there might be a chance that I don't have to remove it, I'm wondering if I need to take that action. We are scheduled to take the sign down, I see that you've given us until June 12th, I appreciate that, but again if there's a chance that I don't have to take my sign down because you will allow it, if I take the appropriate legal action to contest it. Also, Glenn Grothman has said that he would like to support Tabor and us having our signs. If I don't have to take it down, I'd really rather not have to pay the price of taking it down and then putting it all back up again. So that's it, that's my question to you. Thanks. Bye.

6/6/17 8:27am – NE Region (Will Dorsey) responded to the Secretary's office (Kaleb Vander Wiele) via email with some background on these two sign issues.

6/6/17 9:38am – Returned Lisa's call. Lisa thanked me for calling her back. Lisa asked about keeping her sign. I explained that a crew is scheduled to remove the sign during the week of the 12th and the appeal process has passed, I explained the appeal process to her. Lisa stated that she received a call last night from Glenn Grothman and someone by the name of Sykes (spelling / name not quite sure, Lisa was driving when she took the call, but will call Glenn back and find out) would be getting a hold of her by Friday. Lisa asked if I knew who that was and I said, it's not ringing a bell, maybe the attorney for the Church? Lisa then said Glenn told her he was 2nd in command for the department and that he will be informing her that the department is focusing on other areas and she can have her sign up. I told her I haven't heard this. I stated as we discussed in the past, the most likely sign options for her would be the TODS or White Arrow Boards. Lisa stated she is thinking about pursuing these signs, her business is only seasonal but they might open yearly to have these signs. Lisa said that she contacted Marshall Signs and they explained the sign regulations to her. Lisa said that Linda gave a letter to her that was addressed to her and doesn't know how Linda would have gotten a

letter address for her. I explained that a letter was sent on May 30th to Douglas and Linda Hodorff, the landowners for the location of her sign at USH 45 and Mitchell Rd. Lisa said that is not who I pay for my sign. I stated that our records show the Hodorff's as the landowner and when we sent the removal order to the sign owner and a copy to the landowner, we tell the landowner if they are not the landowner let us know, to date they haven't told us different. I told Lisa the Secretary is Dave Ross and off-hand I cannot think of anyone else along the chain of command with a last name that starts with the letter S down to our Regional Director. Lisa said that she will find out who Sykes is and when she talks with him, she will let me know, the department is going to focus on more important things, last thing I heard. Lisa was pleasant to deal with. After the phone call, I checked the Secretary's office organizational chart and the deputy secretary is Bob Seitz, maybe this is the person she is referring too.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6/7/17 PM – Governor's office and Secretary's office requested someone call Linda. OGC called and discussed Armstrong Apples and Tabor United Methodist Church issues with her. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6/8/17 9:08am – Voicemail from Sharon (920-907-7936), she is with USA Today Network Wisconsin. Hi, Roy, my name is Sharon, I am calling from USA Today Network Wisconsin. It is a little after 9:00 on Thursday. The reason I am calling you is we have some angry business owners and a church out in the Fond du Lac County area, Tabor United Methodist and the Armstrong Apples about signs they've had up for several years, in the case of Armstrong more than a decade, 15 years, and they are being told they have to remove them by the DOT. So, I wanted to talk to you about why they have to be removed and why that they've been up for years and now they are first being told about some kind of violation about signs along roadways. I can be reached at 920-907-7936. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6/8/17 3:50pm – FDL Reporter ran a one sided article in the paper and included my contact information. I received numerous "nice" voicemails and emails in regards to the removal orders.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6/12/17 4:10pm – I left a voicemail for the Church that we are rescinding the removal order for their sign, the sign can remain and I will be following up with a letter.

6/13/17 – Letter sent rescinding the removal order.



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System Development
Northeast Regional Office
944 Vanderperren Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

Scott Walker, Governor
Dave Ross, Secretary
Internet web site: www.wisconsin.gov

Telephone: (920)492-5643
Facsimile (FAX): (920)492-5640
E-mail: ner.dtsd@dot.wi.gov

Tabor United Methodist Church
Attn: Rev Dr Young Tae Lee
N4424 Church Rd
Eden, WI 53019

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

June 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Rescinding the Removal Order for Tabor United Methodist Church - Outdoor Advertising Sign

Dear Rev Dr Young Tae Lee:

Due to the movement of pending federal legislation and its potential impact on relevant state laws, the Department is rescinding the removal order for the Tabor United Methodist Church sign that was issued on March 16, 2017.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 920-492-5650 or Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.J. Tilleman".

RJ Tilleman
Regional Sign Coordinator
Outdoor Advertising Program

Enclosure: Rescinded Sign Removal Order

cc: BHM
Fond du Lac County
Bill & Jan Soyk
Linda Hodorff
Judy Straub
John & Tami Grahl (landowner)

SIGN REMOVAL ORDER

OASIS Number: N/A	Old Oasis Number: N/A
Old Permit Number: N/A	Old Permit Date: N/A
Owner's Identification Number: N/A	County: Fond du Lac
Location: Along Highway 45, 80' south from Church Rd centerline	

TO: Tabor United Methodist Church
N4424 Church Rd
Eden, WI 53019
(Sign Owner Name and Address)

John and Tami Grahl
W3317 US Highway 45
Eden, WI 53019
(Landowner Name and Address)

NOTICE Under the authority provided in Wisconsin Statutes 84.30 or Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 201.09, you are hereby ordered to remove the above-described outdoor advertising sign within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice. One or more photographs of the sign are included with this order.

PERMIT REVOCATION

- ☐ Permit No. _____ is hereby revoked.
☒ Permit revocation does not apply to this Sign Removal Order.

REASON FOR THIS ACTION The sign does not comply with applicable federal and/or state laws and agreements, as detailed below.

The sign is illegal because it was erected in violation of s. 84.30 Wis. Stats. and ch. Trans 201 Wis. Adm. Code. The sign was erected after March 18, 1972 without a state-issued permit in a non-permittable location.

Therefore, this sign must be removed. Sign removal means complete removal of all above ground sign features including, but not limited to, the sign face and the sign structure.

Please refer to Section 84.30(3) Wisconsin Statutes and Sections Trans 201.02(5, 10), 201.07, and 201.09 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

RIGHT TO A HEARING¹ You may appeal this removal order by filing a written request for a hearing within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, in accordance with Ch. HA 1, WI Administrative Code to:

Division of Hearings and Appeals
5005 University Avenue - Room 201
Madison, WI 53705

A copy of your appeal must also be sent to:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Northeast Regional Office – Sign Coordinator
944 Vanderperren Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

In accordance with s. HA 1.04(2) Wis. Admin. Code, all appeals must include:

- Name and address of the appellant [person appealing]
- The effective date of the action
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- A description of the action that is being contested
- A concise statement of the reasons for objecting to the action
- The name and address of any person who may be expected to appear on behalf of the appellant
- The type of relief the appellant is seeking



Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Outdoor Advertising Program

By: 
Regional Sign Coordinator
920-492-5650

Dated: March 16, 2017

¹ This right to a hearing is provided under s. 84.30(18) Wis. Stats



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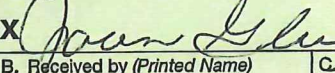
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Mr. Tillman

This letter is in regard to the Tabor Church sign on Hwy 45 and Church Rd. The sign does not block ones line of vision in any direction.

The corner is all mowed and the sign makes it look beautiful.

We are long time members of Tabor Church. We strongly oppose the removal of the Tabor Church sign.

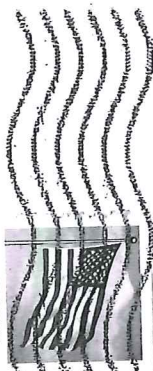
The sign is a benefit to the community. Please stop the removal of it.

Daryl & Shisley Kuengi

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Miss D.C.T. Northeast Regional Office
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Attn: Mr. Tillman

June 13, 2017

Dear Mr. Tilleman,

In March of this year you sent a certified letter to Tabor United Methodist Church regarding the removal of our church sign.

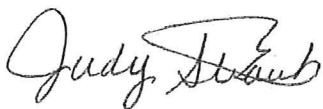
I was in charge of checking into what we needed to erect the sign. I went to the Town of Eden Chairman, Richard Guell, and he suggested I go to Fond du Lac County. I contacted the Fond du Lac County Highway Commission. They told me to be sure that the sign was at least 60 feet off the center line on both Church Road and Highway 45. They did not direct me anywhere else and did not mention any permits. So I figured we were good to go.

Several of us worked together on the design of the sign. The large stone was purchased and engraved by Eden Stone Company. I was the one that dealt with Eden Stone and brought back pictures and ideas to our committee. Eden Stone showed me many pictures of beautiful stone signs all over the state. Many on crossroads, so having ours on a crossroad never crossed my mind as not a good idea.

Ever since the sign was completed we have had many compliments on it. Not once did we hear that it was hard to see around. It actually is a landmark people have used to turn on Church Road. Not just to get to Tabor Church, but to get to one of the windmills off Church Road and to get to a couple houses on Church Road.

This sign, to me, is the definition of Highway Beautification!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Straub". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

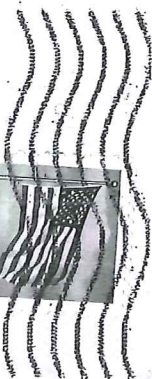
Judy Straub

Financial Secretary

Judy Straub
N3578 Eagle Rd
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% Roy Tillman
944 Vander Perten Way
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June 13, 2017

Dear Mr. Tilleman,

My wife, Judy Straub, worked hard on being part of the committee for the sign. She is dedicated to what she does. Please consider keeping the sign on Highway 45 in the Town of Eden. It is a beautiful sign and in no way has it ever been a safety hazard. It's up and set back that you can see people coming off of Church Road, or when you are on Church Road you can see just as well as before the sign was put up.

I've lived here for 36 years and there has been no difference in crossroad traffic safety at that intersection, before or now. It's a beautiful sign.

Allen Straub

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen B. Straub". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "Allen Straub".

Allen Straub
N3578 Eagle Rd
Eden WI 53019

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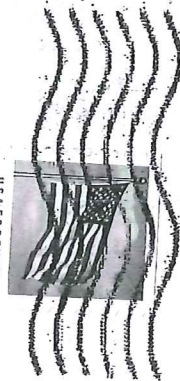
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Colleen Dreher
N456 Speel School Rd
Appleton, WI 54915

6/12/17

Dear WI Dept. of Transportation,

This letter is in regards to the removal order for the Tabor Methodist stone church sign located on the corner of Church road and US 45 located in Eden Wisconsin. My mother has gone to that church for many years and as she was telling me about the situation she had tears in her eyes.

I realize laws are laws, but the sign should be grandfathered in as it has been there for many years. It does not pose a safety issue for anyone and the support for keeping the sign is widespread in all of the surrounding area of Eden. It has benefited the community for many years and the owner of that property is quite understanding and feels the same way as everyone else.

I remember seeing it as a child and I know it holds a lot of sentimental value for the whole community. Please reconsider your position in removing this landmark.

With Regards,
Colleen Dreher

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WI DOT Northeast Regional Office

944 Vanderperren Way

Green Bay, WI 54304

June 12, 2017

Dear Mr. Tilleman:

I have recently been made aware of the removal order for the stone church sign located on the corner of Church Road and US45 in Fond du Lac County, Town of Eden. This sign welcomes parishoners, as well as, strangers in need to Tabor United Methodist Church.

Linda and Doug Hodorff, parishoners of Tabor UM Church, had this sign erected in 2010 to honor their son who was killed on Christmas Eve in 1990. This accident shocked the whole church community.

This sign was a beautiful way for them to honor their son. Every time they pass this sign since it was erected, they know his memory will never be forgotten.

I have been a life- long member of Tabor UM church. I have known Doug and Linda my whole life.

This sign isn't just a sign to them, it is much more!! It is a symbol of their son's life here on earth.

I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to have this sign removed. I would like to share a story with you about how significant this memorial is to people. One Sunday when our minister was in the middle of our Sunday service, a stranger walked into church. He looked very scared and alone!! He said that he was driving by and noticed the beautiful sign welcoming him to Tabor UM Church. Because of the church sign, we were able to give this man the comfort and help he so desperately needed!!

I feel strongly that the DOT has more pressing concerns and challenging issues that need more immediate attention than removing our Christian based sign. This sign is a beautiful monument that

represents Christian faith, a memoriam for a lost loved one, and a welcome sign for all.

LASTLY, I AM VERY CURIOUS HOW THIS ISSUE COMES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DOT!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Carol Salter

John H Salter

John and Carol Salter

June 15, 2017

Dear Mr. Tilleman:

I am writing you about the removal order for the stone church sign located on the corner of Church Road and US 45 in Fond du Lac County, Town of Eden. I strongly oppose the removal of this sign. I see this sign several times a week and admire it every time.

This sign is a beacon of hope for all who drive by this sign every day. It is a beautiful sign that is causing harm to no one!! This sign was erected by Linda and Doug Hodoroff, members of Tabor UM Church, to honor their deceased son. He had, also, been a member of Tabor UM Church.

I urge you to reconsider your decision. There seems to be no common sense when decisions like this are made!! PLEASE SPEND THE TAXPAYERS HARD EARNED MONEY FIXING OUR ROADS INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING ON ISSUES LIKE THIS!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Patricia Salter

Patricia Salter

John R. & Carol Salter
N3892 Cty. Rd. V
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The DOT Northwest Reg Office
944 Vandergreene Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

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June 12, 2017

Dear Mr. Silleman,

This letter is in regards to the removal of the Taber Church sign on the corner of Hwy. 45 and Church Rd. in Fond du Lac county. This sign was paid for by church members and one family in particular as a memorial to the son, who as a teen-ager was killed in a freak accident. It's a beautiful sign, simply made, and thoughtfully placed.

I am on the Church Administrative Council that approved this memorial. We went to, and received approval from the land owner, and various government organizations to get the placement and structure right. We are very surprised and disappointed to learn several years later that the sign is supposed to be removed. Why? We've been told that we are missing a permit. Why didn't the area officials know about this permit? Don't their say that we can be grandfathered in? How can other organizations around the state be allowed to have signs similar, some even more obtrusive than ours, to be left up? Seems like someone is trying to stop Christians from spreading the word of God. As signs go it is a small sign four by six feet. It is placed well off of Hwy 45, and is in no way obstructing anyone's view, but has helped our church to receive many new members and visitors. Because it was professionally comented in place with electricity flowing to it for night viewing it has become quite valuable to Taber U.M.C., as well as the Eden community and friends.

Please help us to keep our memorial.

Jeanne R. Miller



Jeanne R. Miller
217 Illinois Ave.
North Fond Du Lac, WI 54937

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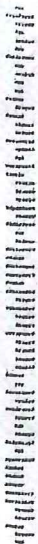


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*At 803 Northhead Regional Office
944 Winderpecken Bay
Green Bay, WI*

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June 12, 2017 6PM

Dear Mr Tillman,

I'm writing today about the sign on Hwy 45 East of Eden that belongs to Tabor United Methodist church. This is a small rural church that has always been a good neighbor. We clean a stretch of Hwy 45 from Eden, put our church to the East. We also donate to many local places and people who need help.

I was the Treasurer of Tabor when the sign was installed. We got permission from the landowner, from the Town of Eden, and from Ford du Sac County.

I believe we followed all the rules when we installed our sign. I think that if the rules have changed, then we should be grandfathered in with out any penalty. I would hope you would see this our way and let this beautiful sign remain where it is.

Thank you

Don Mella (member of Tabor church)



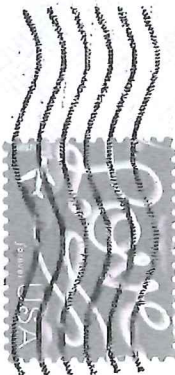
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6-11-17

Dear Mr. Tilleman,

I am writing this letter in regard to the removal of the Tabor Church sign in Fond du Lac County.

I have been a lifelong member of Tabor U.M. Church and grew up next to the Church.

I feel strongly about removing it and oppose it vehemently. I appreciate the beauty of it and am very proud of it. It is beautiful, attractive, well-constructed, well maintained and is not a safety issue.

It has more meaning than just a church sign. It is a memorial for my Cousin's son who was killed in a car/sledding accident.

We have gotten many, many nice compliments from the community on our church sign. It is a beautiful reminder that a church is there for anyone who has a need.

For these reasons, I oppose the removal of the sign.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Burmeister



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Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: mary muehlius <muehlium2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2017 11:17 AM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: signs

Dear Roy,

How devastating to read and to HEAR all of the complaints about the latest DOT mistake...ordering very important signs to be removed? Seriously? This is Wisconsin...The apple orchard is trying to make a living...people will not find it without that sign...The Methodist Church? That is a beautiful church that does wonderful things for people...and to order a sign to be removed? I kindly ask that the DOT take another look and be human...what really matters in life when all is said and done..."How many lives did I negatively affect? How many rules was I influential in making that wrecked people's lives but I needed to be busy ordering others around?" OR...I ask you...to please do the humane thing...does it really matter? Aren't we sick of gov. laws with no purpose? If the DOT has nothing else to do, then get another job and don't wreck others' lives...Start construction on hwy. 23 so more lives can be saved. Please leave those signs alone...Please be kind to others and allow these signs to stay up...yet you allow the filthy adult toy store billboards to take over hwy. 41....I will also be contacting legislators...Grothman, Walker, Feyen, and others who I support. This is definitely a stupid liberal law...Once again....get a life...reflect...when your DOT goes home at night...did I help someone? or hurt someone? I don't think these signs are taking lives...is it just providing jobs for people that don't have jobs to take a shovel and mow it down? Please reassess this decision. As a teacher, this is the most uneducated decision I have heard of in ages.

Mary Muehlius, Lomira

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Erica Soyk <ejsoyk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: Church sign letter

Mr. Tilleman,

I am a member of Tabor United Methodist Church, located in Eden, WI. I am writing in regards to a letter the church received requiring the church to remove the stone sign located on the corner of Hwy 45 and Church Rd. The letter indicated that the sign is too large, in an unpermittable location, and poses safety issues. The sign has been in that location for approximately 7 years, so I am confused about why it needs to be removed now.

In addition to being a beautiful, appealing addition to the area near our church, it is a way for our church to let the community know about Sunday worship service times, the pastor's name and phone number, as well as special events (Christmas Eve, Easter, Vacation Bible School). As one of the coordinators of Vacation Bible School (VBS), I know that the sign has brought several children/families to VBS. Other visitors to the church have indicated that they saw the sign and got the information they needed.

In addition to the usefulness to the community, the sign has a great sentimental value to many church members. The sign was built in memory of my cousin, Kirk Hodorff. Kirk passed away as a result of a car accident. The sign was built as a remembrance of him.

I ask you to consider working with our church to find a resolution to this issue.

Sincerely,
Erica Soyk

Sent from my iPad

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Alan Glass <alchrisglass@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Cc: Bill Jan Soyk
Subject: Stone church sign Church Rd and Hwy 45

Dear Mr. Tilleman,

I have been a lifelong member of Tabor UM Church, Eden. I was raised in the home right next to the church and my parents continue to live there. The sign was erected in memory of my cousin and close friend Kirk Hodorff. So, it not only is a beautiful sign but it has even more sentimental value.

I feel strongly about removing it and oppose it vehemently. It serves as a beautiful reminder that a church is there for anyone who has a need and is a beacon of light on a dark evening. It is not a hazard to drivers and is not in anyone's line of vision. In fact, having the sign there improves drivers line of vision as our church maintains the corner and keeps the grass cut which would create more of a hazard for drivers if it wasn't maintained.

For these reasons, I oppose the removal of the sign. I appeal to your sense of reason and common sense to stop the proceedings for removal of the sign. Thank you for the consideration.

Yours in Christ,
Alan Glass
Sent from my iPhone

June 11, 2017

Mr. Tilleman,

I am writing this letter in support of keeping the Tabor United Methodist Church sign in spite of the order to remove it from its current spot.

I am sharing my thoughts not solely as a member of the Tabor Congregation but as a concerned family member. The Tabor sign was erected as a memorial for my nephew who was killed in a car accident in 1990.

I understand that sometimes 'rules are rules' but there are times when we need to use a bit of best judgment and look at the human side of the story. The reason and story behind the Tabor Church sign should have some bearing on leaving the memorial where it is located at the intersection of Highway 45 and Church Road.

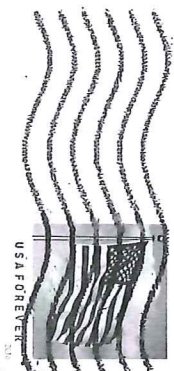
Based on the above reason, I feel the Tabor sign should remain in its present location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dwight Hordorff". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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Ray Tillman
WI DOT Northwest Regional Office
944 Vandeventer Way
Green Bay, WI
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June 11, 2017

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Attn.: Roy Tilleman, Sign Coordinator
WI DOT Northeast Regional Office
944 Vanderperren Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

Mr. Tilleman:

I have been a lifelong member of Tabor United Methodist Church, Eden. I have always marveled at the beauty of our church. Our church is one of the older churches in existence, but the maintenance and care given to the building and its surroundings prove that the newest and most modern buildings aren't always the best.

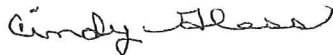
One of the greatest assets we have at our church is the church sign informing people of the times of worship, our Pastor's name, the church telephone number, and special events to be held at church. We have had many people comment on its beauty. It is not just a sign, but a beautiful invitation to passers by.

One example of this would be the day that a man was driving by, and he saw the church sign. He came into church that day, and gave himself to God. He was at a very low point in his life and intended to commit suicide. The church sign drew him into the church, and he was welcomed, and his life was saved.

The church sign does not block anyone's vision in any direction. It is causing no harm to anyone or anything, only welcoming others into the church who might need help.

I feel strongly about removing the church sign. I would ask that you reconsider your decision to remove the sign. There are so many other things that need your attention, and the church sign is causing no harm to anyone.

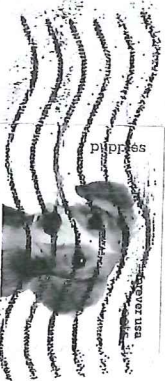
Sincerely,



Cindy Glass

Linda Adams
W2443 County Road 7
Eden, WI 53019

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Attn: Ray Tillman
vice. DOT Sign Coordinator
WI DOT Northeast Regional Office
944 Vandenberg Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

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Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Kim Soyk <mimmesoyk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 9:45 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: Tabor Church sign removal.

June 9, 2017

Mr Tilleman,

In mid- March Tabor United Methodist Church received a removal order for the stone church sign located on the corner of Church Road & US 45.

The WI Department of Transportation (WI DOT) indicates the church sign is in an unpermittable location and is too large according to Wisconsin Statute 84.30 and the Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

I am a lifelong member of Tabor United Methodist Church and was Chair of the Trustees Committee at the time the sign was constructed. Before erecting the sign in 2010, the church did contact the town and county and followed the criteria that was given to us for construction to take place. We thought that was all that needed to be done. The church also has a signed agreement with landowner John Grahl. This sign is beautiful and we maintain it all year.

I am also one of the coordinators for our Summer Bible School program, and each year approximately one month before our sessions begin we have it listed on the church sign so all the community is aware and that their children are welcome to join us. We have had many children whom are not members of our church come join us and learn about God and his love for us all.

I also want to share an experience that happened about five years ago. An acquaintance of mine's husband was in the hospital with severe pain in his head. The doctors were not sure what was wrong. After spending all day at hospital with him and waiting for test results to come back, she was on her way home that night worrying about what was going to happen to her husband. As she traveled down Hwy 45 past the Church Road she saw the lighted church sign and she thought to herself, we sure could use some prayers right now. I bet that church would pray for us. She knew I was a member there, so she called me the next morning and asked if we would pray for relief and an answer as to what was happening to her husband. It was because of the sign she told me, that she knew there were people there for her in her time of need. Her husband did recover and is doing well today. Prayer works!

You say the removal of this sign is because of the Highway Beautification Act. What about this sign is not beautiful? I remember shortly after the sign was constructed, I was volunteering with our church group at the Eden Picnic in one of the food stands. Many people of the community were stopping in to tell us how beautiful our new sign was, and what a wonderful new addition it was for our church.

Mr. Tilleman, I am asking you to please reconsider this decision to make us take down this sign. Let this beautiful stone sign stay where it is and continue to be a light in the darkness for people in need, and an invitation to people searching for the word and love of God.

Sincerely,
Kim Soyk
mimmesoyk@gmail.com

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Bill Jan Soyk <bjsoyk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: Sign removal
Attachments: Bill Soyk letter.docx

Mr. Tilleman,
Please see the attached letter.

June 9, 2017

Dear Mr. Tilleman,

I am the chairman of the trustee board at Tabor United Methodist Church. In regards to the Wis. DOT order to remove our church sign located at the intersection of Highway 45 and Church Rd in the town of Eden, Fond du Lac County, I respectfully request that you reconsider that order.

The sign has been in place for 7 years, and in that time there have been zero traffic safety issues. Also, in that time the sign has been a blessing for the church and the community. It has helped in the growth of the church congregation, and it has pointed the way for people to find help, inspiration, and prayerful support.

The sign is also a memorial for a young man who was killed in a traffic accident. The young man's parents donated the sign in his memory.

Thank You for considering this request,

Bill Soyk
bjsoyk@gmail.com

June 9, 2017

Mr. Tilleman,

I am writing this letter in reference to the removal notice for the Tabor United Methodist Church sign sent to the church.

It saddens me that government officials are spending time and funds to have a beautiful church sign removed. In these troubled times, churches should be applauded and encouraged to have an impact on society by promoting peace, tranquility, acceptance and tolerance rather than divisiveness. Our sign is welcoming and informative as well as adding to the beauty of God's creation, which presents a positive image in our community. You are attempting to destroy that image.

Please consider allowing the Tabor Church sign to remain in its present location.

Thank you for your time in considering my appeal.

Peace,
Jan Soyk
bjsoyk@gmail.com

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Kok, Melissa - DOT
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Kantola, Mark A - DOT
Cc: Dorsey, Will - DOT; Harris, Colleen - DOT; Tilleman, Roy - DOT; Frewerd, Michael - DOT; Brock, Brian - DOT
Subject: RE: Gannett Newspapers story on Church sign--lists Roy's email & phone number

Mark,
Patty did call me about this yesterday asking if we've been contacted by newspapers. I said I didn't hear anything but would talk to you on Monday. She did say to send any newspaper inquiries to OGC. I didn't know if there is something standard to reply to anyone who emails Roy.

Thanks,
Melissa

From: Kantola, Mark A - DOT
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Kok, Melissa - DOT <Melissa2.Kok@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Dorsey, Will - DOT <Will.Dorsey@dot.wi.gov>; Harris, Colleen - DOT <Colleen.Harris@dot.wi.gov>; Tilleman, Roy - DOT <Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov>; Frewerd, Michael - DOT <michael.frewerd@dot.wi.gov>; Brock, Brian - DOT <brian.brock@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: Re: Gannett Newspapers story on Church sign--lists Roy's email & phone number

We should get a statement we can send Sharon from Sheri. It's in litigation, so that is our only option per the deputy secretary orders last month to RCM group. I see the reporter called Roy yesterday. The story is quite one-sided, but since we didn't respond, it's really not the reporter's fault. Thoughts?

Mark Kantola
Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
Regional Communication Manager

On Jun 9, 2017, at 9:58 AM, Kok, Melissa - DOT <Melissa2.Kok@dot.wi.gov> wrote:

Please see article below about a couple of signs in FDL County. I know we had legislative contacts on this issue. What is our typical response if Roy's contact info given out? Do we have a standard response to people who call or email him? Hope your phone isn't blowing up, Roy!

<http://www.fdlreporter.com/story/news/2017/06/08/dot-orders-long-standing-signs-church-orchard-removed/380361001/>

Thank you,
Melissa Kok
WisDOT Assistant Region Communications Manager
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Northeast Region
Phone: (920) 492-5743
wisconsin.dot.gov

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Sandy A. Kohlmann <sandra.kohlmann@nielsen.com>
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: Tabor sign

Hi,

I am really saddened by the order to remove the sign at Tabor United Methodist Church, a sign telling people where they can come to worship and find peace, a sign that has worked a miracle and prevented a young man from committing suicide.

It is a beautiful sign and well taken care of. It has been there for 7 years and you are just now deciding it has to come down? Due to a limited staff?

All the eye sore places in Fond du Lac County and you have to pinpoint a small church's sign? And you just happened to drive from Green Bay and notice it? The Highway BEAUTIFICATION Act? How much more beautiful can this be, especially at night when it is lit up? Admit it, it's all about the money, isn't it?

There are so many things that I could say, but being a Christian and also a member of Tabor United Methodist Church, I will only ask that God blesses you!

Sandy Kohlmann

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Ryan Scannell <ryan.scannell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:50 PM
Cc: Tilleman, Roy - DOT; Governor Scott Walker
Subject: DOT's Anarcho-Tyranny

Governor Scott Walker and Roy Tilleman,

I am disgusted by the DOT's obstinate, self-serving bureaucracy concerning the signage for Armstrong Apples and Tabor United Methodist Church in Eden, WI.

Instead of focusing on harmless signs, the DOT should promote educational tools that teach safe driving, such as the the "Speak Up to Slow Down" campaign.

A street sign didn't kill my sister. Rather, a woman driving 106 mph killed my sister.

The order to remove these signs is nothing more than anarcho-tyranny: the anarchy is the Winnebago DA's decision to recommend mere probation for the woman who killed my sister, the tyranny is the DOT interfering with private property rights.

The government is sacrificing its citizens at the alter of state authority,
--Ryan Scannell

References:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/06/08/dot-orders-long-standing-signs-church-orchard-removed/380361001/>

<http://www.speakuptoslowdown.com/>

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: BJ Runge <bj@rungerentals.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:53 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: Church and Apple orchard sign

In regards to the Taber church and Armstrong apples signs. These signs are not bothering anyone and Your departments demand they be removed is another glaring example of the dot and their lack of ability to use COMMON SENSE in regards to anything they are in charge of. Let's think through this a bit before costing a small business and a church grief!!!

BJ Runge

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Vander Wiele, Kaleb A - DOT
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Dorsey, Will - DOT; Esser, Jennifer A - DOT
Cc: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Subject: RE: Armstrong apples sign

Hi Will,

Thank you for getting this email chain to me. Ethan has used an incorrect email address for me. Please keep me in the loop if we receive any more contacts on these two issues.

Thank you,

Kaleb

Kaleb Vander Wiele
Legislative Advisor
Department of Transportation
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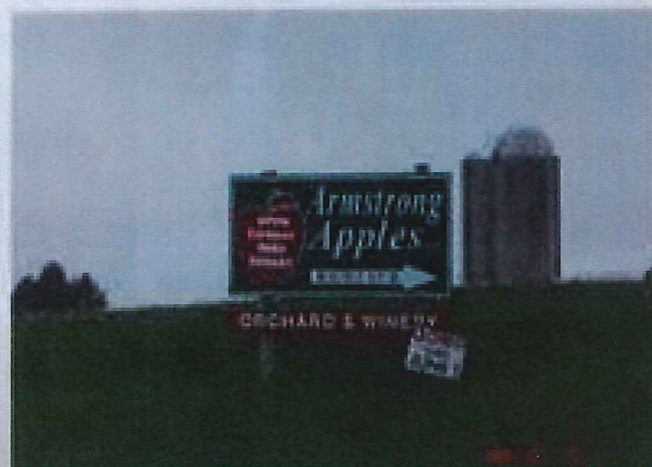
Dear Landowner:

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If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 920-492-5650 or roy.tilleman@dot.wi.gov.

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Regional Sign Coordinator
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Cc: Johnson, Dewayne - DOT; Burkel, Rebecca - DOT; Harris, Colleen - DOT; Kantola, Mark A - DOT; Brock, Brian - DOT
Subject: FW: Legislative Contact from Sen. Stroebel - Sign Removals in Eden
Attachments: Updated Eden signage removal draft of response 4 12 17.docx; Armstrong Apples sign owner contact details.pdf; Tabor United Methodist Church contact detail.pdf

Overview and proposed response as requested.

From: White, Cody N - DOT
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Hi Will and Colleen,

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Thanks,

Cody

From: Bayer, Amy E - DOT
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Subject: Legislative Contact - Sen. Stroebel (Sign Removal - NE Region)

DATE OF CONTACT: 4/7/2017

WHO: Nick from Sen. Stroebel's Office

ISSUE: Constituent received a letter on 3/21 from RJ Tilleman, Regional Sign Coordinator, WI DOT, Northeast office, Green Bay. Constituent has had an Armstrong Apples sign on her private land for many years and is now being told she has to remove the sign. Nick told constituent the issue was most likely that she does not have a permit for the sign. According to what she told me it sounds like her sign would be considered an "off-property sign" since the sign is advertising a business that is not conducted on her property.

<http://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/off-property-signs.aspx>

The constituent's address is N3557 US-45, Eden, WI 53019.

Constituent has another concern regarding a sign at her church, Tabor United Methodist Church (N4424 Church Rd, Eden, WI 53019). She claims the sign is on private property and well off the road; however, the church received a similar letter saying the sign needs to be removed. According to constituent, the church contacted both town and highway department officials before erecting the sign to ensure they followed proper procedure.

Would like information regarding this issue, especially the situation with the church.

DIVISION/CONTACT: DTSD – Cody White/Dewayne Johnson/Rebecca Burkel

DIVISION/LIAISON ACTION ITEM(S):

- Provide a draft email response to Kaleb Vander Wiele, Jen Esser and Amy Bayer (who will send the email to the legislator's office).

DUE DATE: If possible, provide requested information within 3 business days [4/12]. If this is not possible, provide Amy Bayer with an estimated date the materials will be provided and she will notify the legislator's office.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE ACTION ITEM(S):

- Kaleb Vander Wiele or Amy Bayer will brief the legislator's office.

Amy Bayer

Assistant to Jen Esser, Assistant Deputy Secretary
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Sign removal in Eden, Wis. Sen. Stroebel information request

NE Region, DTSD

April 12, 2017

Information request: Removal orders issued for Armstrong Apples and Tabor United Methodist Church

Background:

NE Region issued 60-day removal order pursuant to s. 84.30 Wis. Stats. (Regulation of outdoor advertising) and ch. Trans 201 Wis. Admin. Code for two illegal signs on 3/16/17 via certified mail to Armstrong Apples (sign located on US 45 at Mitchell Road) and Tabor United Methodist Church (sign located on US 45 at Church Road).

Follow up email and phone conversations were conducted with sign stakeholder:

- NE Region sign coordinator RJ Tilleman spoke with sign owner, Lisa Klein on 3/24/17 and discussed reasons for removal order and options for signage (**see Armstrong Apples sign owner contact details attachment**).
- NE Region sign coordinator RJ Tilleman exchanged email with Bill Soyk, chairperson for the church, on 4/2/17. Region provided reasoning, sign regulations, and options to Mr. Soyk. (**See Tabor United Methodist Church contact detail attachment**).

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/84/30>

http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/trans/201/

Draft response:

In accordance with the Highway Beautification Act of 1965, along with other state and federal laws, WisDOT is required to regulate outdoor advertising signs on private land, located adjacent to the interstate, federal-aid primary highways, National Highway System, and MAP-21 routes as a condition of receiving its full share of federal funds. These laws seek to balance the interests of providing travelers with information and promoting commerce, while maintaining public safety and preserving the scenic and natural beauty of Wisconsin.

Region staff became aware of the illegal status of the Armstrong Apple and Tabor United Methodist Church signs while updating our inventory. Illegal signs are identified during inventory, thru public complaints, staff observations, other sign owners and during design of upcoming projects. The NE Region routinely works on sign removal orders. In both of these cases, the NE Region has no record that either sign owner contacted our office prior to erecting their signs.

Each of the signs current location does not meet the requirements for a state sign permit based on criteria identified by statute.

- If the sign is within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way, or if it is outside the adjacent area and a person with normal visual acuity traveling at the speed limit on that highway can do any of the following: read any message on the sign or see and recognize any trademarks, logos, or other symbols associated with a business or business product or service displayed on the sign.

The removal order and signage options were discussed in detail with both the Church and Armstrong Apples. (See conversation details attached).

Our staff provided details regarding signage options to Armstrong Apples and the Church. Approval of a sign application from the state does not exempt the applicant from any local ordinances, or guarantee approval from the local authority having jurisdiction. Most local authorities (counties and municipalities) also have regulations or ordinances regarding signage in their jurisdiction. It is the sign owner's responsibility to follow all laws. Likewise, local approval does not guarantee or exempt approval from the state. Where state and local regulations differ, the more restrictive requirements govern.

Some of the main regulations for these types of advertising signs include: are not allowed to be built within or overhang the right-of way or any highway setback, spacing from intersections and other signs, zoning, size and the sign display. In both of these cases, to have a sign along highway 45, the sign owner would need to find a location that meets state and federal rules and regulations.

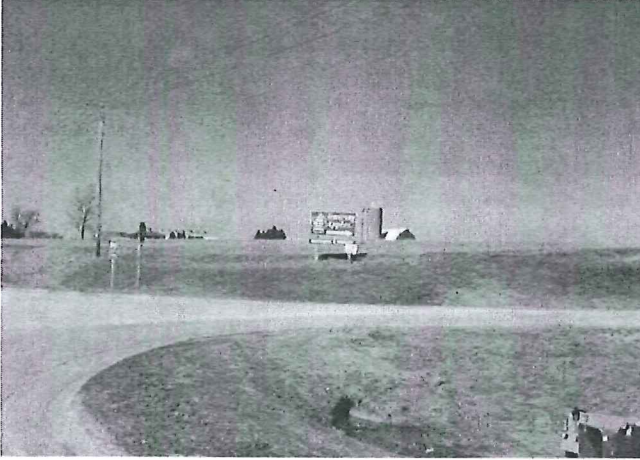


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Armstrong Apples Timeline

3/16/17 – Removal orders sent for 2 illegal signs, one on highway 45 at Mitchell Rd and the other on highway 67 at the intersection of 67 / B / G.

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3/28/17 4:02pm – Returned Lisa's call. Left her a voicemail. I asked her to give me a call back and we can discuss her removal orders and options. I told her my availability over the next few days and times I would be available. For the time being if she wants to look at our website wisconsin.gov and look at the directional signs, they might qualify for TODS or White Arrow Boards, most likely TODS.

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4/3/17 11:07am – Landowner Linda Hodorff, the highway 45 at Mitchell Rd location, called (920-979-2480).

4/4/17 8:52am – Returned Linda's call. Mailbox is full and cannot accept any messages at this time.

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We would like to know how far off Highway 45 and Church Road the sign can be placed. The distance off of highway 45 can vary from location to location. It all depends on what the right-of-way width is, if there is a trans 233 highway setbacks on the parcel or if the locals (City / Village / Town / County) have a setback from r/w. When state and local laws differ, the more restrictive rules take precedence.

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Why has the sign been in place for seven (7) years with no problem? The NE Region has limited staff to review all highways in 11 counties to identify unpermitted signs. So if a sign is illegally installed, it might take a while to find or address.

What difference does it make if the sign is erected on church property or someone else's property? If the sign is on the Church's property it would need to meet the on-property / on-premise requirements. If the sign is on someone else's property it could be in 1 of 2 different sign categories; either religious meeting notice (2 main regulations of this category are crossroad spacing and size, 8 sq. ft. max) or off-premise / off-property (2 main regulations of this category are spacing - from crossroads and other signs and zoning - business, industrial, commercial or if unzoned, within 800' of a qualifying business on the same side of the road). I've provided information on these 3 sign categories below.

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Here are some excerpts of regulations for On-property signs:

§ 750.709 On-property or on-premise advertising.

(a) A sign which consists solely of the name of the establishment or which identifies the establishment's principal or accessory products or services offered

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201.02(9) “On-premises” or “on-property sign” means a sign at a business location advertising a business that is conducted on the property and that is located in the immediate vicinity of the business. “Immediate vicinity” in this subsection means the sign is within the area bounded by the buildings, driveways and parking areas in which the activity is conducted or within 50 feet of that area. “Immediate vicinity” does not include any area across a street or road from the area where the business is conducted or any area developed for the purpose of erecting a sign.

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(2) OFF PREMISES ADVERTISING NOT PERMITTED. An on-property sign may advertise only activities conducted on the property on which it is located, the name of the establishment and the establishment’s principal product or service offered on the premises. A permit for an off-property sign is required for any sign violating the content restrictions of this subsection.

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For a Religious Meeting Notice category sign. This category of sign needs an Religious Meeting Notice state sign permit for each sign location. These types of signs cannot be built within or overhang the state’s r/w or any highway setback. Here is a link to our website: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/default.aspx> , you will want to look at outdoor sign installation application and permit: [Outdoor sign installation application and permit](#)

(DT1680) and religious meeting notice checklist: Service club and religious notices checklist (DT1681). The application is 3 pages with the applicant instructions at the top of page 2. This checklist will help in determining when the criteria established for this sign category is met. You will need to submit a separate application for each proposed sign site. There is a no application fee and if permitted, no annual fee when proof of tax exempt is provided with the annual sign fee notice. The completed 3 page application/s along with the required documents mentioned in the applicant instructions, may be submitted to Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Attn: Sign Coordinator, 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304. You will also need to check with the Locals (City / Village / Town / County) and see what is required from them. When state and local laws differ, the more restrictive rules take precedence.

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If there are any questions or concerns, let me know. Have a great day.

Roy (RJ) Tilleman Jr

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From: Bill Jan Soyk [mailto:bjsoyk@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 02, 2017 7:44 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT <Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: Removal Order for Tabor United Methodist Church

Mr. Tilleman,

I am the chairperson of the Trustees at Tabor United Methodist Church. Our group has the following questions regarding the letter dated March 16, 2017, concerning the removal of our church sign at the intersection of Highway 45 and Church Road in Fond du Lac county.

We would like to know how far off Highway 45 and Church Road the sign can be placed. Also, is there any thing we can do to have the sign remain as it is? Why has the sign been in place for seven (7) years with no problem? What difference does it make if the sign is erected on church property or someone else's property?

Thank you for your response,
Bill Soyk
Trustee Chairperson, Tabor United Methodist Church

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Harris, Colleen - DOT
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT; Kantola, Mark A - DOT; Dorsey, Will - DOT
Cc: Frewer, Michael - DOT; Kok, Melissa - DOT
Subject: RE: Legislative Contact from Sen. Stroebel - Sign Removals in Eden
Attachments: Colleen revision--Eden signage removal draft of response 4 12 17.docx

Here's my suggested revisions....please make sure I am accurate. Does not include RJ's latest additions of location.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 1:48 PM
To: Kantola, Mark A - DOT <Mark.Kantola@dot.wi.gov>; Dorsey, Will - DOT <Will.Dorsey@dot.wi.gov>; Harris, Colleen - DOT <Colleen.Harris@dot.wi.gov>
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If this hasn't been sent yet, I made 2 comments about the locations. Please see attachment.

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Please see the legislative contact below regarding sign removals in Eden, WI and provide a draft response for the SO's use. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Cody

From: Bayer, Amy E - DOT
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 1:24 PM
To: White, Cody N - DOT <Cody.White@dot.wi.gov>; Johnson, Dewayne - DOT <Dewayne.Johnson@dot.wi.gov>; Burkel, Rebecca - DOT <Rebecca.Burkel@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Vander Wiele, Kaleb A - DOT <KalebA.VanderWiele@dot.wi.gov>; Esser, Jennifer A - DOT <JenniferA.Esser@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: Legislative Contact - Sen. Stroebel (Sign Removal - NE Region)

DATE OF CONTACT: 4/7/2017

WHO: Nick from Sen. Stroebel's Office

ISSUE: Constituent received a letter on 3/21 from RJ Tilleman, Regional Sign Coordinator, WI DOT, Northeast office, Green Bay. Constituent has had an Armstrong Apples sign on her private land for many years and is now being told she has to remove the sign. Nick told constituent the issue was most likely that she does not have a permit for the sign. According to what she told me it sounds like her sign would be considered an "off-property sign" since the sign is advertising a business that is not conducted on her property.

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The constituent's address is N3557 US-45, Eden, WI 53019.

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DIVISION/LIAISON ACTION ITEM(S):

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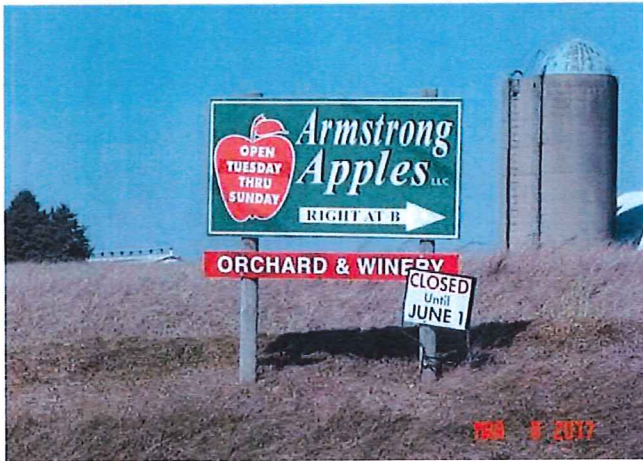
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Excellent and thank you!

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1. The current sign location does not matter from r/w because it is not a permissible location. If the sign is within the adjacent area (within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way), or if it is outside the adjacent area and a person with normal visual acuity traveling at the speed limit on that highway can do any of the following: read any message on the sign or see and recognize any trademarks, logos, or other symbols associated with a business or business product or service displayed on the sign, it is regulated by WisDOT and would need a state sign permit. The r/w distance off of highway 45 can vary from location to location. Once the sign owner finds a potential legal sign site, at their request, we will work with them to see what the r/w is and if there are any trans 233 highway setbacks prior to submitting their application. It is still up to the sign owner to check with the locals and see if they have any setback requirements. Typically the sign owner works with the landowner to determine the property line.
2. These removal orders are not a direct result of the upcoming WIS 45 resurfacing project. Illegal signs are found during inventory, complaints, staff bringing them to my attention, just passing by, other sign owners noticing a new sign, upcoming projects, etc. With limited staff, it may take a while to address, the NE Region is constantly working on removal orders. These were not the only 2 removal orders sent this year and currently we are working on more removal orders that will be sent.
3. In the below email it states 'the church contacted both town and highway department officials before erecting the sign'. Often times, the 'highway department' is the County. They did not provide any evidence that they contacted WisDOT.
4. We did not follow up with the Town in either of these cases. It is the sign owner's responsibility to follow all rules and contact, in these 2 cases, the Town, County and WisDOT.

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT <Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Frewerd, Michael - DOT <michael.frewerd@dot.wi.gov>; Kok, Melissa - DOT <Melissa2.Kok@dot.wi.gov>; Harris,

Colleen - DOT <Colleen.Harris@dot.wi.gov>; Dorsey, Will - DOT <Will.Dorsey@dot.wi.gov>

Subject: RE: Legislative Contact from Sen. Stroebel - Sign Removals in Eden

Importance: High

Hi Roy,

Thank you for the very detailed summary. A couple of questions I think the SO will have with the below information.

1. **In regards to question "We would like to know how far off Highway 45 and Church Road the sign can be placed, we say":** The distance off of highway 45 can vary from location to location. It all depends on what the right-of-way width is, if there is a trans 233 highway setbacks on the parcel or if the locals (City / Village / Town / County) have a setback from r/w. When state and local laws differ, the more restrictive rules take precedence.
 - a. Why can't DOT provide specific footage off 45/Church Rd to the church to erect sign? Can't we get the ROW width/setback information rather easily, or is it standard practice to have the landowner research this information?
2. Was this removal order a direct result of the upcoming WIS 45 resurfacing project? When did we notice the illegal sign?
3. Did the church give a year/date that they contacted DOT/town regarding permission? Did they provide us any evidence of the supposed permission granted to them by the DOT?
4. Did we follow up with the town to see if they have past documentation of the contact between church/town/DOT regarding the permission to erect sign?

Mark Kantola

Region Communications Manager

Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

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[WIS 441 Project website](#)

From: Tilleman, Roy - DOT

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 1:50 PM

To: Kantola, Mark A - DOT <Mark.Kantola@dot.wi.gov>

Cc: Frewer, Michael - DOT <michael.frewer@dot.wi.gov>; Kok, Melissa - DOT <Melissa2.Kok@dot.wi.gov>; Harris, Colleen - DOT <Colleen.Harris@dot.wi.gov>; Dorsey, Will - DOT <Will.Dorsey@dot.wi.gov>

Subject: RE: Legislative Contact from Sen. Stroebel - Sign Removals in Eden

Good afternoon,

Both of the signs mentioned below are illegal signs and have been issued 60 day removal orders, dated March 16, 2017. In both of these cases the NE Region has no record that either of these sign owners contacted our office prior to erecting these illegal signs. Each of the signs current location does not meet the requirements for a state sign permit. In accordance with the Highway Beautification Act of 1965, along with other state and federal laws, WisDOT is required to regulate outdoor advertising signs in private land, located adjacent to the interstate, federal-aid primary highways, National Highway System, and MAP-21 routes as a condition of receiving its full share of federal funds. These laws seek to balance the interests of providing travelers with information and promoting commerce, while maintaining public safety and preserving the scenic and natural beauty of Wisconsin. Most local authorities (counties and municipalities) also have regulations or ordinances regarding signage in their jurisdiction. It is the sign owner's responsibility to follow all laws. Approval of a sign application from the state does not exempt the applicant from any local ordinances, or guarantee approval from the local authority having jurisdiction. Likewise, local approval does not guarantee or exempt approval from the state. Where state and local regulations differ, the more restrictive requirements govern.

The first sign is for Armstrong Apples, I have been in contact with the sign owner (Armstrong Apples – Lisa Klein) in this case. I've attached a scanned copy of the Armstrong Apples removal order and a copy of my notes for this Armstrong Apples sign removal order.

The second sign is for Tabor United Methodist Church, I have been in contact with the Trustee Chairperson for Tabor United Methodist Church. I've attached a scanned copy of the Tabor United Methodist Church removal order, a copy of my notes for this Tabor United Methodist Church sign removal order and the email chain that is referenced in my notes.

Some of the main regulations for these types of advertising signs include: are not allowed to be built within or overhang the right-of way or any highway setback, spacing from intersections and other signs, zoning, size and the sign display. In both of these cases, to have a sign along highway 45, the sign owner would need to find a location that meets state and federal rules and regulations. Our website has a lot of information to help with finding a location that meets state and federal rules and regulations, <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/default.aspx>.

If there are any questions or concerns, let me know. Have a great day.

Roy (RJ) Tilleman Jr
Outdoor Advertising Coordinator and Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator
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From: Dorsey, Will - DOT
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 7:49 AM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT <Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Frewer, Michael - DOT <michael.frewer@dot.wi.gov>; Kantola, Mark A - DOT <Mark.Kantola@dot.wi.gov>; Kok, Melissa - DOT <Melissa2.Kok@dot.wi.gov>; Harris, Colleen - DOT <Colleen.Harris@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: FW: Legislative Contact from Sen. Stroebel - Sign Removals in Eden

RJ,

Please work with Mark to provide background on these two sign issues for a Secretary's Office response.

From: White, Cody N - DOT
Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2017 9:21 PM
To: Dorsey, Will - DOT <Will.Dorsey@dot.wi.gov>; Harris, Colleen - DOT <Colleen.Harris@dot.wi.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Dewayne - DOT <Dewayne.Johnson@dot.wi.gov>; Burkel, Rebecca - DOT <Rebecca.Burkel@dot.wi.gov>; Kantola, Mark A - DOT <Mark.Kantola@dot.wi.gov>; Brock, Brian - DOT <brian.brock@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: Legislative Contact from Sen. Stroebel - Sign Removals in Eden

Hi Will and Colleen,

Please see the legislative contact below regarding sign removals in Eden, WI and provide a draft response for the SO's use. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Cody

From: Bayer, Amy E - DOT

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 1:24 PM

To: White, Cody N - DOT <Cody.White@dot.wi.gov>; Johnson, Dewayne - DOT <Dewayne.Johnson@dot.wi.gov>; Burkel, Rebecca - DOT <Rebecca.Burkel@dot.wi.gov>

Cc: Vander Wiele, Kaleb A - DOT <KalebA.VanderWiele@dot.wi.gov>; Esser, Jennifer A - DOT <JenniferA.Esser@dot.wi.gov>

Subject: Legislative Contact - Sen. Stroebel (Sign Removal - NE Region)

DATE OF CONTACT: 4/7/2017

WHO: Nick from Sen. Stroebel's Office

ISSUE: Constituent received a letter on 3/21 from RJ Tilleman, Regional Sign Coordinator, WI DOT, Northeast office, Green Bay. Constituent has had an Armstrong Apples sign on her private land for many years and is now being told she has to remove the sign. Nick told constituent the issue was most likely that she does not have a permit for the sign. According to what she told me it sounds like her sign would be considered an "off-property sign" since the sign is advertising a business that is not conducted on her property.

<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/off-property-signs.aspx>

The constituent's address is N3557 US-45, Eden, WI 53019.

Constituent has another concern regarding a sign at her church, Tabor United Methodist Church (N4424 Church Rd, Eden, WI 53019). She claims the sign is on private property and well off the road; however, the church received a similar letter saying the sign needs to be removed. According to constituent, the church contacted both town and highway department officials before erecting the sign to ensure they followed proper procedure.

Would like information regarding this issue, especially the situation with the church.

DIVISION/CONTACT: DTSD – Cody White/Dewayne Johnson/Rebecca Burkel

DIVISION/LIAISON ACTION ITEM(S):

- Provide a draft email response to Kaleb Vander Wiele, Jen Esser and Amy Bayer (who will send the email to the legislator's office).

DUE DATE: If possible, provide requested information within 3 business days [4/12]. If this is not possible, provide Amy Bayer with an estimated date the materials will be provided and she will notify the legislator's office.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE ACTION ITEM(S):

- Kaleb Vander Wiele or Amy Bayer will brief the legislator's office.

Amy Bayer

Assistant to Jen Esser, Assistant Deputy Secretary

Office of the Secretary

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

(608) 264-8423

Tabor United Methodist Church Timeline

3/16/17 – Removal order sent for an illegal sign.

4/2/17 7:44pm – Received email from Bill Soyk, Trustee Chairperson, Tabor United Methodist Church.
They have questions regarding the removal order.

4/6/17 7:52am – Replied to Bill's email.

Tilleman, Roy - DOT

From: Tilleman, Roy - DOT
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 7:52 AM
To: 'Bill Jan Soyk'
Subject: RE: Removal Order for Tabor United Methodist Church

Good morning,

Below, I've answered each of your questions and provided some information on some different categories of signs.

We would like to know how far off Highway 45 and Church Road the sign can be placed. The distance off of highway 45 can vary from location to location. It all depends on what the right-of-way width is, if there is a trans 233 highway setbacks on the parcel or if the locals (City / Village / Town / County) have a setback from r/w. When state and local laws differ, the more restrictive rules take precedence.

Also, is there any thing we can do to have the sign remain as it is? This is an unpermittable location because of crossroad spacing, possible zoning and size. The only way the sign can remain where it is, would be with a successful appeal of the sign removal order.

Why has the sign been in place for seven (7) years with no problem? The NE Region has limited staff to review all highways in 11 counties to identify unpermitted signs. So if a sign is illegally installed, it might take a while to find or address.

What difference does it make if the sign is erected on church property or someone else's property? If the sign is on the Church's property it would need to meet the on-property / on-premise requirements. If the sign is on someone else's property it could be in 1 of 2 different sign categories; either religious meeting notice (2 main regulations of this category are crossroad spacing and size, 8 sq. ft. max) or off-premise / off-property (2 main regulations of this category are spacing - from crossroads and other signs and zoning – business, industrial, commercial or if unzoned, within 800' of a qualifying business on the same side of the road). I've provided information on these 3 sign categories below.

For an on-property / on-premise category sign. The sign will need to be built within 50 feet of the driveway, parking lot or the business / Church that is being advertised. No permit from the state is needed to have this sign. These types of signs cannot be built within or overhang the state's r/w or any highway setback. For this category of sign, the state does not have a size or height restriction. In addition to the state and federal rules, local laws are also to be followed, you will want to check with the Locals (City / Village / Town / County). When state and local laws differ, the more restrictive rules take precedence. With on-property signs, the state will monitor the sign during routine inventory of our highways. We make sure there's no off-property advertising, no issues with lighting and if there's an electronic message display, we make sure it follows regulations for that type of sign. Here is a link to our website: <http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/default.aspx>, on this website, near the bottom of the page, there are links to outdoor advertising regulations.

Here are some excerpts of regulations for On-property signs:

§ 750.709 On-property or on-premise advertising.

(a) A sign which consists solely of the name of the establishment or which identifies the establishment's principal or accessory products or services offered

on the property is an on-property sign.

(b) When a sign consists principally of brand name or trade name advertising and the product or service advertised is only incidental to the principal activity, or if it brings rental income to the property owner, it shall be considered the business of outdoor advertising and not an on-property sign.

201.02(9) "On-premises" or "on-property sign" means a sign at a business location advertising a business that is conducted on the property and that is located in the immediate vicinity of the business.

"Immediate vicinity" in this subsection means the sign is within the area bounded by the buildings, driveways and parking areas in which the activity is conducted or within 50 feet of that area. "Immediate vicinity" does not include any area across a street or road from the area where the business is conducted or any area developed for the purpose of erecting a sign.

201.19 On-property signs. (1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to interpret the provisions of s. 84.30 (3) (c), Stats., relating to on-property signs.

(2) OFF PREMISES ADVERTISING NOT PERMITTED. An on-property sign may advertise only activities conducted on the property on which it is located, the name of the establishment and the establishment's principal product or service offered on the premises. A permit for an off-property sign is required for any sign violating the content restrictions of this subsection.

(3) NARROW STRIPS. Where the sign site is located at or near the end of a narrow strip contiguous to the advertised activity, the sign site shall not be considered part of the premises on which the activity being advertised is conducted. A narrow strip shall include any configuration of land which is such that it cannot be put to any reasonable use related to the activity other than for signing purposes.

84.30(3)(c) Signs advertising activities conducted on the property on which they are located if such on-property signs comply with applicable federal law and the June 1961 agreement between the department and the federal highway administrator relative to control of advertising adjacent to interstate highways. No on-property sign may be erected in a location where it constitutes a traffic hazard. If the department issues permits for outdoor advertising signs, the department is not required to issue permits for on-property signs that conform to the requirements of this paragraph.

For a Religious Meeting Notice category sign. This category of sign needs an Religious Meeting Notice state sign permit for each sign location. These types of signs cannot be built within or overhang the state's r/w or any highway setback. Here is a link to our website: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/default.aspx> , you will want to look at outdoor sign installation application and permit: [Outdoor sign installation application and permit](#)

(DT1680) and religious meeting notice checklist: Service club and religious notices checklist (DT1681). The application is 3 pages with the applicant instructions at the top of page 2. This checklist will help in determining when the criteria established for this sign category is met. You will need to submit a separate application for each proposed sign site. There is a no application fee and if permitted, no annual fee when proof of tax exempt is provided with the annual sign fee notice. The completed 3 page application/s along with the required documents mentioned in the applicant instructions, may be submitted to Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Attn: Sign Coordinator, 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304. You will also need to check with the Locals (City / Village / Town / County) and see what is required from them. When state and local laws differ, the more restrictive rules take precedence.

For an off-premise / off-property category sign. This category of sign needs an off-premise / off-property state sign permit for each sign location. These types of signs cannot be built within or overhang the state's r/w or any highway setback. Here is a link to our website: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/default.aspx>, you will want to look at outdoor sign installation application and permit: Outdoor sign installation application and permit (DT1680) and off-property signs checklist: Off-property signs checklist (DT1685). The application is 3 pages with the applicant instructions at the top of page 2. This checklist will help in determining when the criteria established for this sign category is met. You will need to submit a separate application for each proposed sign site. There is a \$175 non-refundable application fee and if permitted, a \$35 annual fee for an off-premise / off-property category sign (no annual fee when proof of tax exempt is provided with the annual sign fee notice). The completed 3 page application/s along with the required documents mentioned in the applicant instructions, may be submitted to Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Attn: Sign Coordinator, 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304. You will also need to check with the Locals (City / Village / Town / County) and see what is required from them. When state and local laws differ, the more restrictive rules take precedence.

If there are any questions or concerns, let me know. Have a great day.

Roy (RJ) Tilleman Jr
Outdoor Advertising Coordinator and Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator
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From: Bill Jan Soyk [mailto:bjsoyk@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 02, 2017 7:44 PM
To: Tilleman, Roy - DOT <Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov>
Subject: Removal Order for Tabor United Methodist Church

Mr. Tilleman,
I am the chairperson of the Trustees at Tabor United Methodist Church. Our group has the following questions regarding the letter dated March 16, 2017, concerning the removal of our church sign at the intersection of Highway 45 and Church Road in Fond du Lac county.
We would like to know how far off Highway 45 and Church Road the sign can be placed. Also, is there any thing we can do to have the sign remain as it is? Why has the sign been in place for seven (7) years with no problem? What difference does it make if the sign is erected on church property or someone else's property?

Thank you for your response,
Bill Soyk
Trustee Chairperson, Tabor United Methodist Church

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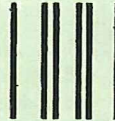
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N3832 County Road W
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Tabor United Methodist Church
N4424 Church Rd
Eden, WI 53019

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

March 16, 2017

SUBJECT: ~~Removal Order for Tabor United Methodist Church Outdoor Advertising Sign~~

Dear Sign Owner:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has issued the enclosed removal order pursuant to s. 84.30 Wis. Stats. and ch. Trans 201 Wis. Admin. Code, for your sign located along Highway 45 in Fond du Lac County. If you believe the removal order is based on incorrect information, please contact me well before the thirty days elapse for appealing this decision.

The sign must be removed within sixty days of the date of this letter. Sign removal means complete removal of all above ground sign features including, but not limited to, the sign face and the sign structure. If you do not remove the sign, the department will do so as provided by law, and store it for thirty days. You may claim the sign within those thirty days after paying the costs related to removing the sign. After thirty days, the department will dispose of the sign.

Additionally, if you re-erect this sign or erect a different unpermitted sign in this area, it will be immediately removed under this order.

Links to the outdoor advertising sign regulations can be found online by going to the department's website (wisconsindot.gov) and typing "outdoor advertising" in the search box.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 920-492-5650 or Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

RJ Tilleman
Regional Sign Coordinator
Outdoor Advertising Program

Enclosure: Sign Removal Order

cc: BHM
Landowner of record
Fond du Lac County

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SIGN REMOVAL ORDER

OASIS Number: N/A	Old Oasis Number: N/A
Old Permit Number: N/A	Old Permit Date: N/A
Owner's Identification Number: N/A	County: Fond du Lac
Location: Along Highway 45, 80' south from Church Rd centerline	

TO: Tabor United Methodist Church
N4424 Church Rd
Eden, WI 53019
{Sign Owner Name and Address}

John and Tami Grahl
W3317 US Highway 45
Eden, WI 53019
{Landowner Name and Address}

NOTICE Under the authority provided in Wisconsin Statutes 84.30 or Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 201.09, you are hereby ordered to remove the above-described outdoor advertising sign within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice. One or more photographs of the sign are included with this order.

PERMIT REVOCATION

- ☐ Permit No. _____ is hereby revoked.
- ☒ Permit revocation does not apply to this Sign Removal Order.

REASON FOR THIS ACTION The sign does not comply with applicable federal and/or state laws and agreements, as detailed below.

The sign is illegal because it was erected in violation of s. 84.30 Wis. Stats. and ch. Trans 201 Wis. Adm. Code. The sign was erected after March 18, 1972 without a state-issued permit in a non-permittable location.

Therefore, this sign must be removed. Sign removal means complete removal of all above ground sign features including, but not limited to, the sign face and the sign structure.

Please refer to Section 84.30(3) Wisconsin Statutes and Sections Trans 201.02(5, 10), 201.07, and 201.09 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

RIGHT TO A HEARING¹ You may appeal this removal order by filing a written request for a hearing within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, in accordance with Ch. HA 1, WI Administrative Code to:

Division of Hearings and Appeals
5005 University Avenue - Room 201
Madison, WI 53705

A copy of your appeal must also be sent to:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Northeast Regional Office - Sign Coordinator
944 Vanderperren Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

In accordance with s. HA 1.04(2) Wis. Admin. Code, all appeals must include:

- Name and address of the appellant [person appealing]
- The effective date of the action
- The request for a hearing
- A copy of this order
- A description of the action that is being contested
- A concise statement of the reasons for objecting to the action
- The name and address of any person who may be expected to appear on behalf of the appellant
- The type of relief the appellant is seeking



Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Outdoor Advertising Program

By:

R. J. Tall
Regional Sign Coordinator
920-492-5650

Dated: March 16, 2017

¹ This right to a hearing is provided under s. 84.30(18) Wis. Stats

April 11, 2017

Request for hearing for the appeal of a state order dated March 16, 2017

Appellant: Tabor United Methodist Church
N4224 Church Road
Eden, WI 53019

We request a hearing for the appeal of the state order, a copy is included.

We are contesting the removal order of our church sign.

The reasons we are objecting the action: 1) Before building the sign, we contacted the Fond du Lac County highway department to learn proper setbacks, then placed the sign based on the information provided. 2) The sign has been in place for seven (7) years with no complaints. 3) In our opinion the sign is not obstructing anyone's sight traveling on Highway 45.

Persons who may appear: Bill & Jan Soyk, N3540 Mitchell Road, Eden 53019; Linda Hodorff, N3557 Highway 45, Eden 53019; Judy Straub, N3578 Eagle Road, Eden 53019

We would like the sign to remain at its present location.

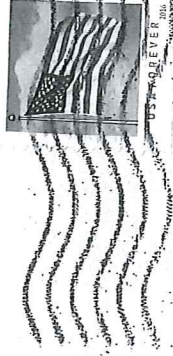
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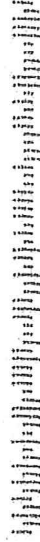
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SIGN REMOVAL ORDER

OASIS Number: N/A	Old Oasis Number: N/A
Old Permit Number: N/A	Old Permit Date: N/A
Owner's Identification Number: N/A	County: Fond du Lac
Location: Along Highway 45, 80' south from Church Rd centerline	

TO: Tabor United Methodist Church
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Eden, WI 53019
{Sign Owner Name and Address}

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- The effective date of the action
- The request for a hearing
- A copy of this order
- A description of the action that is being contested
- A concise statement of the reasons for objecting to the action
- The name and address of any person who may be expected to appear on behalf of the appellant
- The type of relief the appellant is seeking



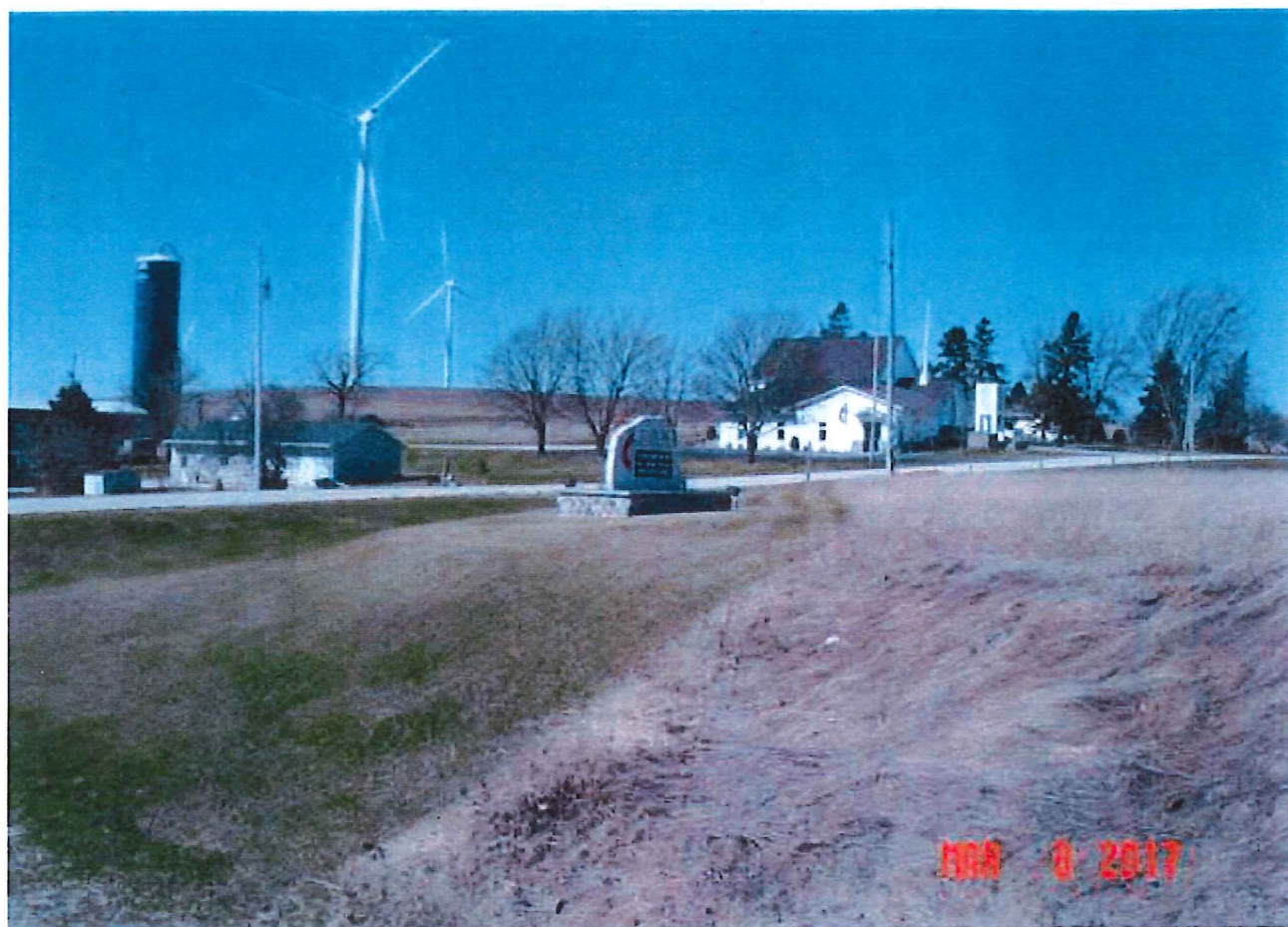
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Outdoor Advertising Program

By:


Regional Sign Coordinator
920-492-5650

Dated: March 16, 2017

¹ This right to a hearing is provided under s. 84.30(18) Wis. Stats





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Tabor United Methodist Church
N4424 Church Rd
Eden, WI 53019

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

March 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Removal Order for Tabor United Methodist Church - Outdoor Advertising Sign

Dear Sign Owner:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has issued the enclosed removal order pursuant to s. 84.30 Wis. Stats. and ch. Trans 201 Wis. Admin. Code, for your sign located along Highway 45 in Fond du Lac County. If you believe the removal order is based on incorrect information, please contact me well before the thirty days elapse for appealing this decision.

The sign must be removed within sixty days of the date of this letter. Sign removal means complete removal of all above ground sign features including, but not limited to, the sign face and the sign structure. If you do not remove the sign, the department will do so as provided by law, and store it for thirty days. You may claim the sign within those thirty days after paying the costs related to removing the sign. After thirty days, the department will dispose of the sign.

Additionally, if you re-erect this sign or erect a different unpermitted sign in this area, it will be immediately removed under this order.

Links to the outdoor advertising sign regulations can be found online by going to the department's website (wisconsindot.gov) and typing "outdoor advertising" in the search box.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 920-492-5650 or Roy.Tilleman@dot.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Tilleman".

RJ Tilleman
Regional Sign Coordinator
Outdoor Advertising Program

Enclosure: Sign Removal Order

cc: BHM
Landowner of record
Fond du Lac County



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John and Tami Grahle
W3317 US Highway 45
Eden, WI 53019

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

March 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Removal Order for Tabor United Methodist Church - Outdoor Advertising Sign

Dear Landowner:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's records show that you own land along Highway 45 in Fond du Lac County. If you are not the owner of the land on which this sign is located, please contact me as soon as possible.

Enclosed is a copy of the sign removal order that has been sent to the owner of a sign that is located on your property. Pursuant to s. 84.30 Wis. Stats. and ch. Trans 201 Wis. Admin. Code, the department is responsible for effectively controlling outdoor advertising in accordance with the federal Highway Beautification Act. The above-referenced sign is in violation of these laws for the reasons stated on the enclosed order.

The sign owner has been directed to remove the sign. Sign removal means complete removal of all above ground sign features including, but not limited to, the sign face and the sign structure. If the sign is not removed, the department will do so as provided by law, and store it for thirty days. The sign owner may claim the sign within those thirty days after paying the costs related to removing the sign. After thirty days, the department will dispose of the sign.

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RJ Tilleman
Regional Sign Coordinator
Outdoor Advertising Program

Enclosure: Copy of Sign Removal Order

cc: BHM
Fond du Lac County

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- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:



Tabor United Methodist Church
N4424 Church Rd
Eden, WI 53019



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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