

CEDAR COUNTY POLICY FOR THE DEDICATION OF HIGHWAYS TO FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS

INTENT

This policy allows the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, at their discretion, to approve dedications of highways in the name of fallen service members.

The intent of this policy, as a gesture of respect, is to provide guidelines to recognize fallen in action service members that have courageously and unselfishly given their lives in the line of duty.

GUIDELINES

Highway memorial signs are to be installed at each end of the designated highway segment in the direction of travel. No more than one name shall be used for a section of a route. A named route shall not be given a name which could be considered discriminatory, biased or inappropriate as determined by the Board of Supervisors. The memorial signs are not intended to replace the existing system of highway identification (911 naming convention). This policy does not replace other methods Cedar County may have to name/identify highways.

REQUEST PROCEDURE

The request shall contain the following:

1. A detailed description of the proposed named route, including those portions of the route off the county secondary highway system.
2. Documentation supporting the significance of the person for which the memorial highway is named.
3. The person being honored must be deceased for ten years.
4. Proposed locations for placement of the signs.
5. A signed resolution from each city through which the named route passes indicating support of the route designation.
6. The Board of Supervisors shall evaluate the request against the requirements of this policy.

PROCESS AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Anyone requesting a highway dedication shall coordinate and provide the following information:

- Consent from any surviving immediate family members of the deceased service member for whom the highway is being dedicated. If any immediate family member objects to the dedication, the signs will not be installed.
- Confirmation from the immediate family members of the deceased service member of the proper name to appear on the signs.
- Consent of family members to include abbreviated rank of the fallen service member on the signs.
- Coordination with County Engineer's Office that the selected highway is acceptable for dedication.

The Board of Supervisors shall review all requests for dedication of highways. Cedar County Secondary Roads shall prepare the final sign design and confirm the final design with the Board of Supervisors. Secondary Roads staff will coordinate, order, and install all signs in the county right of ways.

SIGNS SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING DESIGN

Signs must conform to the MUTCD standard design. Signs shall include the name of the service member being identified in the dedication and may, upon request, display their abbreviated rank.

A memorial highway sign within the right-of-way shall be sized based on the size of lettering required for the traffic speed and type of highway being named. The color shall be white lettering on brown background, and the design must be approved by the County Engineer.

A highway dedication under this policy shall have signs installed at each end of the road segment to be dedicated in the direction of travel.


FEES

The cost of the signs and posts shall be reimbursed by the party requesting the highway dedication to the Secondary Road Department. The county shall provide the equipment and labor to install the signs at no cost to the party making the request. The county shall install the signs at its earliest convenience.

MAINTENANCE

Replacement of faded, stolen or vandalized sign faces is the responsibility of the party originally requesting the dedication. If the party requesting the dedication does not pay for new signs, the highway dedication shall automatically be revoked, and any remaining signs shall be removed.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2024 by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors.




Jon Bell, Chairperson



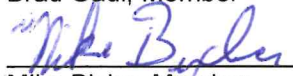
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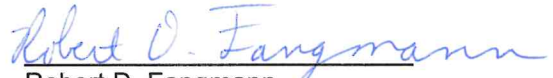


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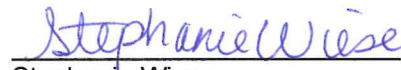
Mike Bixler, Member

Recommended:



Robert D. Fangmann
Cedar County Engineer

Attest:



Stephanie Wiese
Cedar County Auditor