

761—131.11(314) Signing for Iowa medal of honor highway. This rule establishes the procedures and requirements for private entities to purchase and pay for the installation of signs designating the Iowa medal of honor highway.

131.11(1) Definition. “*Iowa medal of honor highway*” means the segment of the highway known as United States Highway 20, as designated as of June 17, 2020, which crosses this state from Sioux City to Dubuque.

131.11(2) Requirements.

a. The number of signs within the highway right-of-way shall be limited to one sign at each end of the Iowa medal of honor highway for traffic entering the state and one sign at each entry point of the corporate limits of each city through which the Iowa medal of honor highway passes.

b. Each sign shall match the design approved and provided by the department, and the sign materials shall comply with departmental standard specifications as they exist at the time of fabrication. The departmental standard specifications can be found through the department’s electronic reference library available on the department’s website at www.iowadot.gov.

c. Once signs are installed at one of the approved locations, no additional requests will be accepted for that location. When signs have been installed at all locations identified in paragraph 131.11(2)“*a*,” no further requests will be accepted.

d. The applicant may purchase a sign from the department’s sign shop or any other private sign shop. If an applicant chooses to obtain a sign from a private sign shop, the department will furnish the sign design and approve the construction prior to purchase. The department will also inspect the sign as stated in subrule 131.11(5).

e. Signs designating the Iowa medal of honor highway shall be furnished and paid for by the applicants, including any replacements needed due to sign deterioration or damage. The applicant is responsible for providing the traffic and safety bureau with the applicant’s current contact information so the applicant can be contacted when a replacement sign is needed. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in removal of all signs the applicant purchased. This would allow a new private entity to sponsor the signing.

f. The applicant shall be responsible for the cost to install the sign, including the posts and hardware. Payment to the department must be received prior to the installation of the sign.

g. The department shall install the sign.

131.11(3) Procedures.

a. A written request to purchase or install a sign shall be submitted to the traffic and safety bureau.

b. The request shall contain the following:

- (1) The applicant’s name and contact information.
- (2) A description of the location where the sign is to be installed.
- (3) If the sign will be purchased from the department or a private sign shop.

131.11(4) Approval. If the request complies with this rule, the traffic and safety bureau shall respond to the applicant with approval of the proposed location or modified location and an estimate of the costs for the sign and installation. Following inspection of the sign in compliance with subrule 131.11(5) and receipt of payment, the department shall install the sign.

131.11(5) Inspection. If a sign is not purchased from the department sign shop, the applicant shall deliver the sign to the department sign shop for inspection. Upon receipt of the sign, the department shall inspect the sign for compliance with the approved sign design and departmental specifications and notify the applicant.

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