

761—131.2(321) Erection of signs for numbered business routes. The purpose of this rule is to establish signing requirements, responsibilities and procedures for the erection of signs for numbered business routes.

131.2(1) Definition. A business route is a route principally within the corporate city limits which provides the public a marked route through the business area of the city as an alternate to the regular route which bypasses the city or its congested area.

131.2(2) Requirements.

a. The business route must connect with the regular route outside the congested area or the corporate limits, but within a reasonable distance of those limits.

b. The route must be designated over paved streets and highways which are available to all types of vehicles.

131.2(3) Responsibilities.

a. All business route identification signs, including the “Business” route sign, U.S. or state numbered route marker and directional arrow, will be furnished by the city.

b. The city and county shall erect all signs required on streets and highways within their respective jurisdictions.

c. The department of transportation shall erect all signs required within the right-of-way of primary highways and primary highway extensions.

d. The municipality shall maintain all signs at proper position and elevation, and in a clean and legible state.

131.2(4) Procedures.

a. A request for the designation of a business route shall be submitted by a city to the appropriate district office.

b. The office of traffic and safety shall determine if the request is to be approved or denied.

c. The office of traffic and safety shall designate the signing requirements for establishment of the business route.

131.2(5) Service level to be maintained. If either the signs or the streets and highways are not maintained at acceptable levels for traffic service, the department of transportation may require removal of the signs designating a business route.