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From: Ed Pomelear [epomelear@rmbible.org]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 6:34 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign Ordinance

Please DO NOT increase the size billboards may be within the county. We live in a beautiful Valley with some extraordinary God-given views of His creation. Allow us to continue to see them without having to look around commercials.

Pressing on,
Ed Pomelear
Christ's Bible Church
Rocky Mountain Bible Mission

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I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14

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From: Ann Harding [annmontana11@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 7:59 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: sign ordinance

To the Ravalli County Board of Commissioners;

DON'T MESS WITH OUR SIGN ORDINANCE !!

Ann Harding
325 Main St
Hamilton
363-6684

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From: Jan Maul-Smith [janmaulsmith@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 8:05 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign Ordinance - I am opposed

Dear Commissioners,

I have recently learned of a proposed sign ordinance that will allow double billboard size signs along Route 93 in our valley. I am strongly opposed to this ordinance. When I first moved here 20 years ago, 93 was a beautiful scenic byway that was noted on maps as such. Over the years it has become more commercial; and I am not opposed to commercialization. However, I believe that the current billboard size is quite adequate for getting out any message that businesses or organizations wish to post in this place. I moved here for the scenery; I stay here because of the views. Please do not pass this ordinance.

Jan Maul-Smith
813 Peppergrass Lane
Corvallis, MT 59828

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From: gale [galemt@cybernet1.com]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 8:05 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: sign ordinance comment....

We are opposed to changing the county sign ordinance as it stands now. We strongly urge you to protect one of the most important economic resources of Ravalli County...it's scenic resources. Some people may feel that you "can't eat the scenery" but the fact is that our valley scenery is a selling point for tourists and businesses promoting life style advantages of Ravalli County. There is no good reason to degrade the important scenic resources of the valley to benefit only a few individuals. The citizens of the county already made this point in 2000. Please respect that decision. Thank you. Gil and Debra Gale, Corvallis, MT

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From: Judith Burhop [jmburhop@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 8:18 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Website Email -

Please don't let that ordinance you through that allows double billboard size on Rt. 93. That sound s really ugly and will not help tourists enjoy our fantastic scenery. Please keep the size of signs much smaller!!
Thank you!! Judith Burhop

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Referenced

From: Amy Monteith [monteithamy@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 8:45 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Objection to Proposed Sign Ordinance Changes

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Sept. 30, 2012

Ravalli County Commissioners:

It has come to my attention that you are soliciting public comment regarding proposed changes to the current sign ordinance on Highway 93 and other roads in Ravalli County. I understand that your proposal is to allow for much larger signs on both the highway and county roads, and that the size increase on Highway 93 is 2000% from the current permissible size, or 48' x 14'. I am also concerned that your proposed ordinance change would relinquish our right to regulate the size of billboards along the highway. What is the purpose of this extraordinary increase/change in ordinance of signs along Ravalli County roadways?

In 2000, I was part of a large group of Ravalli County citizens that were alarmed by and concerned with the huge and unsightly 672 square foot billboards that went up along the highway in Stevensville, just north of Kootenai Creek Road. We worked together, with the Ravalli County Commissioners, to adopt a sign ordinance that was an acceptable compromise. Ravalli County citizens did not want large, unsightly billboards on our highways or county roads. I understand that you are proposing dramatic changes that we, the citizens of Ravalli County, adapted in 2000.

Then and now, my position remains the same. I wonder if you are considering these viewpoints:

1. We live in valley of tremendous natural beauty and resources. People live and visit here because of the incredible scenery, abundant natural resources, recreational opportunities, open space, and our unique agricultural heritage. Having huge, unsightly 48' x 14' signs along the highway 93 corridor completely defies all of these attributes, and all that brings people and their revenue to this beautiful place.
2. Why do we need a tremendous increase in size to billboards in Ravalli County? What purpose to the county will they serve? Have you or has anyone studied the benefits of the natural beauty and the revenue that brings to the Bitterroot Valley, and compared it to the ugliness and devastation, and such large billboards would bring to Ravalli County roadways? I would respectfully challenge you to give me an argument for the need for this 2,000 % size increase. These intrusive billboards would take away from the inherent natural beauty of the Bitterroot Valley, and thus adversely affect the revenue we see from both tourists and those who choose to make Ravalli County their home.
3. Who are these billboards serving? Recently, the city of Hamilton restricted the use of cell phones because we don't want distracted drivers in our community. Billboards are a HUGE distraction, especially the proposed 672 square foot billboards. Please explain why you want to encourage distracted drivers on our highways and county roads? Why do you want to people to be shopping while they are driving?
4. The above stated objections also apply to the proposed changes for a significant increase to signs along our county roads. It makes no sense to increase the opportunity for unsightly, distracting sign pollution throughout our beautiful county.

I am writing to ask you to not make any changes to the regulations "we the people" set into place in 2000, when we adopted the current sign ordinance. Please help preserve the natural beauty and unique agricultural heritage that make the Bitterroot Valley a great place to both live and visit—now and into our future. Isn't that the duty of an elected county commission?

Sincerely,

Amy Monteith
281 Wilcox Lane
Corvallis, MT 59828

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From: Judy Paul [scamp2225@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 8:04 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign Ordinance

Ravalli County Commissioners:

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE CURRENT SIGN ORDINANCE! I had not realized that changes to allow an increase in the size of highway billboards were being considered until reading a letter on this topic in the 9/30/12 issue of the Ravalli Republic. For all the reasons included in that letter from Sarah and Andy Roubik I urge you to keep the size restrictions currently on the books.

Thank you for your consideration of my stand on this issue.

Judith A. Paul
2004 Mountain View Orchard Rd.
Corvallis, MT 59828
(406-961-3029)

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From: Chris Maul-Smith [chrismaulsmith@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 9:36 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Signs along Hwy 93

Dear Commissioners,

I have recently learned of a proposed sign ordinance that will allow double billboard size signs along Route 93 in our valley. I am strongly opposed to this ordinance. When I first moved here 20 years ago, 93 was a beautiful scenic byway that was noted on maps as such. Over the years it has become more commercial; and I am not opposed to commercialization. However, I believe that the current billboard size is quite adequate for getting out any message that businesses or organizations wish to post in this place. I moved here for the scenery; I stay here because of the views. Please do not pass this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.
Chris Maul-Smith

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From: Krausemarlys@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 9:32 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: sign ordinance

HI, PLEASE LEAVE SIGN ORDINANCE AS IS. THANK YOU, BOB & MARLYS