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**From:** Jan King [jan.king@prumt.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2012 4:25 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Sign Ordinance

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to expanding the sq. ft. size of any new signs in the Bitterroot Valley beyond the current regulations for all the reasons that are to me very obvious. If traffic accidents are occurring due to lack of focus on the roadway with cell phone use and texting, then why not because of reading all the marketing signs along the roadway.

Expansion will make our Valley look cluttered and our new Highway corridor even more confusing and take away the scenic values that we all love...even if we could see the mountains through all the smoke!

Say NO to any sign expansion!

Respectfully,

Jan King



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**From:** Jim Whitehead [jim@bitterrootphoto.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2012 5:00 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** sign ordinance

You can hardly drive anywhere in Montana without being rudely visually assaulted by billboards & signs. We live in the most beautiful state in America. More & bigger signs & billboards? Obnoxious!

Jim & Tammy Whitehead  
687 Black Horse Trail  
Stevensville

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**From:** cdub [info@cdubphotografix.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 10:53 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Website Email -

Commissioners:

We urge all commissioners NOT to allow bigger/more signage in the Bitterroot. Is it not littered enough right now with all the 100's of political signs dotting the landscape? We agree with Richard Morrissey's quote in the newspaper:

If I were an intelligent real estate agent or broker, a real estate developer, a shop owner, a fishing guide or almost any other local profession that I can think of, I would oppose any enlarging of road signage," wrote Richard Morrissey of Corvallis. "It will eventually kill off your customer base. The assets we can sell over and over are our open spaces, our vistas, our Bitterroot Valley. Please do not kill it off."

More signage is detrimental to tourism. Please do not allow this continued trashing of the Bitterroot.

Sincerely,  
Darrel & Cindy Wise  
Stevensville

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**From:** Noahslark@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 10:54 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Sign Ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

I simply cannot believe that you are seriously considering this new sign ordinance. The beauty of our county and its spectacular views is already littered by too many obnoxious and unneeded signs. Obviously, you have some big bucks pushing you in this direction.

Any commissioner that votes positively for this ordinance has lost my vote!

Regards,  
Mel Walters  
Stevensville

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**From:** David Hipp [hippster@montana.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Billboard ordinance change

Dear Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that you are about to change an ordinance that limits the size of billboards in Ravalli county. The ordinance that is on the books today was agreed upon by the citizens and commissioners alike in 2000. As I understand it you want to go back to an ordinance that was established in the last century. Things change and people are more than ever aware of how our environment cared for. Each city along the highway 93 corridor in Ravalli county is making unprecedented changes to the costs of thousands of dollars to promote a more welcoming atmosphere.

To allow billboards of a larger size to litter our county highways and block an otherwise beautiful view would be unconscionable on your part. You also have to live here and I find it hard to believe that you would want your community, such a beautiful valley to be inundated with view blocking billboards littering our roads.

Please rethink your intentions and stop this most damaging ordinance change. Don't try to fix something that isn't broken.

David Hipp  
Stevensville, MT

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**From:** John E. Kissel [isewem@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 12:33 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Fw: Road Signs

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**From:** John E. Kissel  
**To:** commissioners@rc.mt  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Road Signs

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**From:** John E. Kissel  
**To:** Commissioners@RC.MT  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 11:29 AM  
**Subject:** Road Signs

**DO NOT CHANGE THE PRESENT Ravalli County SIGN  
ORDINANCE. THANK YOU!**

**John E. Kissel  
Corvallis Mt.**

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**From:** Nancy Boice [nancyboice@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 12:33 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** FW: signs

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**From:** [nancyboice@msn.com](mailto:nancyboice@msn.com)  
**To:** [commissioners@rc.mt](mailto:commissioners@rc.mt)  
**Subject:** signs  
**Date:** Fri, 5 Oct 2012 12:31:22 -0600

I am opposed to enlarging the sign size in Ravalli County.

I thought one of our goals is promote tourism - yet the commissioners seem to want to take away all the things that make this area unique. Hamilton is a great SMALL town - that is what makes it unique. We don't want to look like Missoula. There is absolutely no good reason to enlarge signs on the road. Hwy 93 is UGLY - I hope the East Side Hwy doesn't end up looking like 93.

Nancy Boice  
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**From:** CINDY THARINGER [cjthar@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 1:51 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Regarding changes in Sign Ordinance

Hello Commissioners,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Ravalli County in regard to your consideration of increasing the size limit for billboards to 672 sf. I am strongly AGAINST this, and feel you should not consider increasing the current size of 32 sf. I have recently spent more than two years researching for the City of Stevensville, various sign ordinances around the State and nowhere in communities of our size or Hamilton's are billboards allowed this large. From a personal point of view, I feel the primary reason I live in this Valley is to see the beautiful vistas and not have them interrupted by huge signs. In this current age of social media, there are many more methods available to businesses to advertise and they should stay away from intruding on the simple pleasure of citizens who enjoy gazing at the beautiful mountains! I hope you SERIOUSLY reconsider implementing such a distasteful change to our current sign ordinance.

Kind regards,  
Cindy Tharinger  
Victor, MT