

## Glenda Wiles

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**From:** Peter Rosten [Peter@Mediarts.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2012 6:12 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Sign ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

My wife (Susan Latimer) and I are not in favor of enlarging the signs allowed on the highway. I understand you are having a hearing tomorrow and wanted to chime in our thoughts about the issue.

Thank u.

Peter & Susan



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**From:** Lisa Montgomery [mt.hockey.fan@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2012 10:20 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Sign ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

I am unable to make it to the public meeting addressing the sign ordinance due to work. I would like to express my concern over changing the existing sign ordinance. Personally, I feel the current restrictions are well within the needs of Ravalli County businesses and/or organizations and I would be opposed to increasing the size restrictions that are currently in place.

I can appreciate the current commission's desire to go back through old ordinances and make sure they are still relevant, however, I do not believe there is sufficient cause to change this particular ordinance.

Is there any other reason why you would be considering making this particular change? Because the people I've spoken with regarding this issue also seem to be against it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Lisa Montgomery

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**From:** Bill and Sharron [sandbmcs@bresnan.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2012 10:32 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Proposed Sign Ordinance

Commissioners:

I have recently been reading about a proposed change in our country's sign ordinance that would allow signs to be erected that would exceed the maximum size allowed by the State of Montana. First, is this true ?

If it is, why are you considering such a change ? Is there some special need here that doesn't exist elsewhere in the state ? Have you considered that this might lead to an expensive legal battle with the state ? I would appreciate it if you would take a minute to reply to my questions in a return e-mail and I would also like to know what or who even brought this matter to your attention. Unless, in your reply, you point out some glaring need for such a change I am adamantly opposed. Thank You for your attention.

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**From:** Peggy [osprey2@montana.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2012 10:58 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** No giant billboards!

Please leave our sign ordinance alone. We live in this valley for its beauty, and we are stewards for this place for future generations. Allowing giant billboards to go up in our beautiful valley reminds me of an ignorant person inheriting a priceless painting and using it for an outhouse door.

Please have more sense than that.

Peggy Woods  
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**From:** laptopcowboy@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2012 11:23 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Signs....

Do NOT allow large signs in Ravalli County!!

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**From:** samsspade@qwestoffice.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2012 6:25 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Cc:** Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** Sign Proposal Opinion

Ravalli County Commissioners,

This note is to address the changes proposed to our county sign ordinance. I very much object to the proposed changes. Billboards and signs of the dimensions proposed are an outdated mode of advertising; be it for private or public announcements. The corridor of Hwy 93 through Hamilton (First Street) is an eyesore and a point of heated discussion among small business owners, residents and tourists. Extending signs of the dimensions you propose to the greater county area would be devastating to our rural landscape and reduce our ability to attract tourist traffic to our community. Regardless of your wordage addressing night illumination of signs (which could achieve the dimension of 325 square feet) there would be a negative impact on our ever reduced night sky visibility. Ultimately your proposal could bring an urban roadside to our rural setting.

Small businesses that have the greatest chance of success in this challenged economy need to maintain the charm of our landscape. We will not utilize an archaic form of advertising and will not pretend that we have the audience of an urban population. We know our demographics and acknowledge that bigger sign boards will not miraculously tenfold our population.

Kindly consider that we have a charming setting in Ravalli County and there is neither need nor benefit to polluting our roadsides with structures that will ultimately sit wordless.

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