

Glenda Wiles

From: Tonia Bloom [toniabloom@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 8:14 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Website Email - Sign Ordinance

Dear County Commissioners:

This is to convey our opinion that the proposed sign ordinance that would permit larger off-premise commercial signs along Ravalli County roadways would be a huge mistake. The scenic attributes of the valley are our economic ace-in-the-hole, as well as the primary reason most of us enjoy living here. To squander one of the chief assets of the valley would be extremely foolish and shortsighted. We hope you will reconsider this proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Tonia and Marshall Bloom
663 Alvista Loop
Hamilton, MT 59840
363-3485

Sent from my iPad

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From: chupnerd@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 8:28 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Billboards

Hello, I recently was party to a conversation about the potential change to the county billboard policy. I accessed the Ravalli County Commissioners web site, and could not find any information posted there. If what I heard was true , the plan is to increase the size and number of billboards on county roads. As a small business owner and a lover of our scenic local beauty, I am apposed to any more obstructions and distractions to compromise the already over-stimulated drivers of our county. Increasing the number and size of the billboards meant to distract drivers traveling at highway speeds on two lane roads, many without shoulders, is irresponsible and dangerous.

Sincerely, Steve Elie

Owner, Steve Elie Painting
Corvallis, MT

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From: Glenn Gilmore [glenn@gilmoremetal.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 8:05 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Reading of Sign Ordinance #36

To the Commissioners of Ravalli County:

I am opposed to any changes in the current sign ordinance. I urge all of you to vote no on any chances to the ordinance.

Respectfully,

Glenn Gilmore

717 Bass Lane

Corvallis Montana

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From: Sandra Garity [sgarity@xmission.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 8:01 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: signage changes

I am 100 % opposed to the proposed changes for the large and inappropriate signs along Eastside Highway. I do hope you listen carefully to the concerns of the citizens of the Bitterroot.

Sandra Garity

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From: Candi Jerke [medbow@bresnan.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 7:49 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign Ordinance

Commissioners,

I am opposed to changing the sign ordinance. There is no reason to increase the size of signs. We have GPS, Computers and other devices to help us find places. Large signs will only detract from the scenic views of the Bitterroot Valley thus making tourists not stay as long. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Candace Jerke
343 One Horse Creek Rd.
Florence, MT 59833

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From: Karen Gideon [gideondarby@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 7:24 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Cc: Steve Gideon
Subject: Please no big billboards

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you not to pass the proposed sign ordinance. We just don't need big billboards anywhere. The current ordinance is fine—we can read the signs. In fact I, and many of my friends, would pledge to boycott anyone or any business that has the audacity to advertise on giant billboards. The value of our valley's beauty far surpasses the benefit that more or bigger signs would bring.

Thank you,

Karen Gideon

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From: Jean Matthews [juanaperuana@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 6:37 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: sign ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

I can't make it to your public hearing on Monday about the sign ordinance, but would like to add my voice to those in opposition to the changes proposed to our current sign ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jean Matthews

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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.

Samantha O'Byrne
Sam's Spade Garden Tools & Wares
111 S 4th St, Hamilton, MT

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From: Julie Schreck [jschreck@cybernet1.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2012 6:28 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign Regulations

Hello Commissioners- please keep the present sign regulations....they seem to be adequate for our valley. I see no need to change them. They protect the viewshed of our beautiful valley...which is why so many of us live here. Thank you for your consideration.....Julie Schreck

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 12, 2012, at 11:09 AM, "Schreck, Julie -FS" <jschreck@fs.fed.us> wrote:

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From: Ebner, Loren P -FS

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:06 AM

To: FS-pdl r1 wmaz all

Subject: FW: GovExec.com Today: Pay freeze extension; pre-sequestration layoff warnings