

Glenda Wiles

From: khhmo@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 8:30 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners

I do not like the new size proposed for billboards. It will blight our beautiful landscape.

Karen Moore
316 Ricketts Rd
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Glenda Wiles

From: John Lehrman [johnlehrman@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:35 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: NO new sign ordinance

Please do not allow our beautiful county to be littered with billboards and bigger signs.
Keep the ordinance we have in place. NO thanks to the change, it is not needed, will not increase business, and is unwanted.
Thank you for your time,

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John Lehrman
406-531-1486
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Glenda Wiles

From: Gordon Maus [gmaus@mctinc.org]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:44 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Please leave the sign ordinance alone.

Dear Commissioners,

Please leave the sign ordinance alone. There is no need to change it. Billboards are going the way of the Burma-Shave signs. There are too many billboards for rent right now as I drive to and from Missoula. Why would you want to change the laws made by citizens back in 2000. I haven't met one Ravalli County citizen who is in favor of more billboards, much less any billboards at all. Would you please stop wasting our tax money making radical changes and please get to the job of making Ravalli Co a better place for my children and grand children.

Thanks for your attention to this matter,

Gordon Maus
425 S 3rd St
59840

Glenda Wiles

From: bjhoy@localnet.com
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:24 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Over large billboards

Dear County Commissioners,

We are adamantly against allowing billboards or other advertisement signs larger than the county code now allows. There is no reason to ruin everyone's view with giant signs. With the decline in wildlife because of toxins, water that is polluted and air that is toxic, about all we have left in Ravalli County is pretty scenery, and now you want to hide that behind horrifically large signs. I truly hope you will reconsider and keep the sign sizes as they are now.

Sincerely,
Bob and Judy Hoy
2858 Pheasant Lane
Stevensville, MT

Glenda Wiles

From: jeanne montplaisir [jeanne.montplaisir@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:22 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: signs

please for the love of God do not change the sign ordinance.
everywhere in the world we are assaulted by the media and it makes me sick.
leave the country vista the place of peace and beauty that is why I live here.
there is no reason to increase the sign size. it is an insult to the viewshed and to
the peace of this place.

Michelle Bradley
Alice Bratches
Jeanne Montplaisir
Rose Montplaisir
we are tax paying citizens of this county.

Glenda Wiles

From: cindy nicholls [nickmt23@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:01 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: sign ordinance

We are residents of Ravalli County for over 17 years. We request that the current county sign ordinance remain unchanged. An increase to the massive sign sizes suggested may have more negative effect on local business development interests that the proposal would supposedly promote.

People visit and live here in part to appreciate the scenic view and to live an active outside lifestyle. Most people share some affinity with the land and seek an unspoiled natural setting. Therefore the majority of people expect a balanced approach from community interests toward the environment and any human impact. Other areas in Western Montana such as the Flathead Lake area have made this same decision regarding huge highway bill boards for good reason. A common sense business approach embraces the widely held value of protection and nurturing for this unique place in which we reside. Good natural resource stewardship goes hand in hand with wise business procedures and long term success of community growth. Degrading the visual integrity of the Highway 93 corridor in Ravalli County with massive advertising bill boards would be counterproductive for promoting healthy future business and community growth.

Sincerely,

Bob and Cindy Nicholls
Hamilton, Montana

Glenda Wiles

From: Leslie Striebel [newfie1@q.com]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 9:17 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign Regulations

To the Commissioners;

I am writing to urge you to keep the existing sign regulations in place. Please do not change them as it is not in the best interest of Ravalli County residents. The size of the signs are perfectly visible and do not need to be any bigger than they are now. We count on tourism in this valley and people visiting do not want to see these huge signs obscuring their view of the mountains and farms as they drive highway 93. We as residents in the valley do not want to be bombarded by signs that are both unattractive and distracting.

Why is this even being addressed at this time? Why change the sign regulations now? It does not seem to benefit anyone and the ordinance we have seems to be working well. Please preserve the beauty of this valley and do not contribute to destroying the tourism dollars we so desperately need by changing this ordinance.

Thank you.

Leslie Striebel
Corvallis

Glenda Wiles

From: Patrice Loucks [patrice.loucks@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 8:52 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: New Sign Ordinance Proposal

Please do not change the existing sign ordinance!

Who is behind this push to have monstrous signs along the East Side Highway? That highway and Highway 93 are scenic and will be harmed by such an intrusion. I am suspicious that the business that is planning to do this horrific act some how is a major donor to a certain commissioner and this is highly unethical if not illegal. Please do not destroy the scenic value of our valley, something that has economic as well as spiritual value.

Patrice Loucks

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Patrice Loucks
1015 Old Stage Road
Hamilton MT 59840

"You get out of life what you put in to life"

Glenda Wiles

From: mtstirling@montana.com
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 8:47 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners

Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to your proposed change of the current sign ordinance in Ravalli County. I am a small business owner who values advertising as a tool for promoting my business. Allowing larger billboards in our area will offer no advantage to existing local business. It will only benefit larger national retail chains which can afford the high costs and obscure the existing advertising currently serving th local community. The existing sign ordinance was thoughtfully crafted after months of local input. Leave it alone and find something useful to do with your time.

Sincerely,

Craig Stirling

Glenda Wiles

From: Chris Love [ctloveanr@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 8:30 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Bilboards

Dear Commissioners:

I am totally against changing the county's sign ordinance to allow 2000% larger billboards in Ravalli County. The plan is short-sighted, allowing for immediate commercial interests to threaten the long-term beauty and identity of our county, which are our greatest long-term economic asset! Please vote **AGAINST** this ordinance to protect this asset.

Thank you.

Chris Love

Chris Love, *Montana Courage to Lead*

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"Run into peace." Meister Eckhart