



STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

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**APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN
RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST
AREA (RCIA) SIGN PROGRAM**

A RCIA sign permit provides a RCIA with an opportunity to install within the highway right-of-way a sign that contains the name of the RCIA and directs the traveling public to the RCIA. Please see attached checklist, instructions, and information. Please read the attached regulations carefully to determine eligibility and the obligations and responsibilities associated with the program. Also attached is a list of mandatory (already checked) and activity-specific conditions (some of which could be checked when the permit is issued) that will apply to the permit, as DOT&PF determines appropriate to protect the public.



The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is pleased to announce the availability of online permitting for recreational and cultural interest area signs.

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If you choose to complete this paper application, please mail it to the appropriate address below and DOT&PF personnel will input the information for you.

Southeast Region	Central Region	Northern Region
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Name of Business/RCIA: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Title: _____

Business Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Address: _____ Milepost: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Fax: _____

Property Legal Description/Tax ID No.: _____ Business License No.: _____

APPLICATION PROCESS	
Application + Application Fee (nonrefundable) Submitted to DOT&PF	\$100
DOT&PF Review of the Application	
Permit Preparation by DOT&PF	
Applicant Signature Obtained and Permit (nonrefundable) Fee Paid	\$400 New / \$300 Renewal
Final Signatures by DOT&PF	
Final Letter Issuing Permit	
Manufacture & Installation Fees	Paid by Owner

- Signs will be installed only after the application process is complete.
- The applicant must pay all costs associated with the RCIA, including the permit, signs, signposts, and installation.
- The applicant should not incur any expense until the completed RCIA permit has been delivered.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

**Additional requirements may apply as described in this application.
An application may be denied for reasons not covered in this checklist.**

- The applicant's RCIA is accessible by a maintained road.
- The applicant's RCIA attracts an average of at least 100 persons per day during at least four consecutive months.
- The applicant's RCIA location is widely noted for its recreational or cultural significance (for example, national parks, state parks, sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places, museums, art galleries, race tracks, and ski areas).
- The applicant's RCIA complies with all applicable laws, including AS 19.25.105 (attached) and the applicable requirements of 17 AAC 60 (attached).
- The applicant maintains the necessary licenses for the RCIA.
- The RCIA sign may be placed at the proposed location in a manner consistent with the standards set out in the documents described in 17 AAC 60.915(b).
- Neither the applicant's RCIA nor an advertising sign for the RCIA are visible to a motorist traveling the highway until the motorist is within 1,250 feet of the driveway or intersecting road.
- The proposed sign location has not been designated as a traveler information kiosk location under 17 AAC 60.405(a).

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR APPLICATION

REQUIRED FOR ALL RCIA APPLICATIONS:

- A detailed site layout drawing showing:
 - All official traffic signs and devices within 800 feet of proposed RCIA Sign location
 - Proposed RCIA Sign location(s) - 200' minimum from intersection
 - Location of and access into recreational area
 - All roads by name, driveways, and other pertinent landmarks
- Photographs of:
 - The RCIA
 - The view of the main highway turn-off from a distance of 500 feet in each direction (mark an arrow on the pavement depicting your turn-off)
- Applicable fee (waived for government entity)

REQUIRED IF APPLICABLE:

- If Trailblazing Signs are required along a road not owned by the State, the applicant must provide evidence of approval from the government agency (borough, city, etc.) responsible for the road.

REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION

TYPE OF RCIA: Please check all that apply:

- National Park
 State Park
 Museum
 Art Gallery
 Race Track
 Ski Area
 Site listed in the National Register of Historic Places
 Other _____

REQUESTED SIGN LEGEND (Example Shown Also Depicts Optional Signs, Described Below):



REQUESTED OPTIONAL SIGNS (UP TO FOUR ALLOWED UNDER THE MAIN SIGN)

						
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Other	None	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

REQUESTED SIGN LOCATION INFORMATION:

Speed Limit: _____ Mileage from Highway to Destination: _____

Is Destination Within City Limits? Yes No

Is the advertised activity or the on-premise signing visible from proposed RCIA sign location? Yes No

No. of Motorists Served Last Year: _____ Number of Parking Spaces: _____

INTERSECTION INFORMATION:

Intersection where signs are requested:

_____ Highway/Road/Milepost AT
_____ Highway/Road/Milepost

Speed Limit at Intersection: _____ miles per hour

Please check type intersection:

Crossroad Intersection T-Intersection Other/Diagram



If there are existing signs at this intersection, please list:

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Use the space below to attach photographs of: 1) the RCIA; 2) the view of the main highway turn-off from a distance of 500 feet in each direction (mark an arrow on the pavement depicting your turn-off).

SITE LAYOUT DRAWING

IMPORTANT! Please provide a detailed site layout drawing that depicts:

- all official traffic signs and devices within 800 feet of intersection
- proposed RCIA sign location(s) measured in feet from intersection – 200 feet minimum from intersection
- location of and access into recreational area
- all roads by name and other pertinent landmarks

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information and statements provided in this application are true and correct and that I will inform the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities of any changes that may affect the availability of the service provided. I further certify that all services are available, without restriction, to the general public, and I will not discriminate or deny such services of public accommodations based upon race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability, which is prohibited by law and that I have read and understood the RCIA signs statutes, regulations, policy and application.

I understand that the use of illegal signs to promote the business is cause for denial of this application. I certify that there are no illegal signs advertising this area.

Date

Applicant's Signature

TRAILBLAZING SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

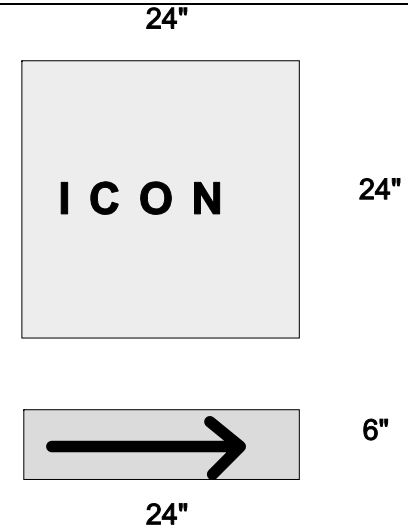
Design: Trailblazing Signs, if required, shall consist of two signs on one pole. One sign shall be square in shape and the other sign shall be rectangular in shape. Both signs shall have a blue background.

The square sign shall incorporate the appropriate icon to indicate a general class of business, service, or activity. Available icons are depicted on Page 12 of the *Policy for Tourist-Oriented Directional Signing*. In the case that no icon available is appropriate, the business may submit a design for consideration.

The rectangular sign shall incorporate the appropriate arrow to depict the direction of the business, service, or activity. Arrows should be as provided in Section 2D-8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and should conform with Alaska Sign Design Specifications.

Background, icon, and arrows shall be reflective.

The 24" by 24" sign shall have one icon only. The 6" by 24" sign shall have a directional arrow only.



Size of Signs: The Trailblazing Signs consist of two signs; one sign measuring 24" by 24" and the other sign measuring 6" by 24". The 24" by 24" sign is located above the 6" by 24" sign on the same pole. Vertical spacing between the two signs shall be two inches. The sign panel thickness shall be 0.125 inches. All posts shall be 2 1/2 inch perforated steel tubes. All posts shall be installed in sleeve type concrete foundation.

Installation Details: The Trailblazing Signs shall conform to the Installation Details as outlined in the Application for Participation in Tourist-Oriented Directional (TODS) Program.

ALASKA STATUTE 19.25.105

AS 19.25.105. Limitations of outdoor advertising signs, displays, and devices. (a) Outdoor advertising may not be erected or maintained within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way and visible from the main-traveled way of the interstate, primary, or secondary highways in this state except the following:

(1) directional and other official signs and notices which include, but are not limited to, signs and notices pertaining to natural wonders, scenic and historic attractions, which are required or authorized by law, and which shall conform to federal standards for interstate and primary systems;

(2) signs, displays, and devices advertising the sale or lease of property upon which they are located or advertising activities conducted on the property;

(3) signs determined by the state, subject to concurrence of the United States Department of Transportation, to be landmark signs, including signs on farm structures, or natural surfaces, of historic or artistic significance, the preservation of which would be consistent with the provisions of this chapter;

(4) directional signs and notices pertaining to schools;

(5) advertising on bus benches or bus shelters, and adjacent trash receptacles, if the state determines that the advertising conforms to local, state, and federal standards for interstate and primary highways.

(6) [Repealed, Sec. 4 1998 Ballot Measure No. 5].

(b) [Repealed, Sec. 21 ch 94 SLA 1980].

(c) Outdoor advertising may not be erected or maintained beyond 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of the main traveled way of the interstate, primary, or secondary highways in this state with the purpose of their message being read from that travel way except those outdoor advertising signs, displays, or devices allowed under (a) of this section.

(d) Outdoor advertising may not be erected or maintained within the right-of-way of an interstate, primary, or secondary highway except that outdoor advertising is allowed on

(1) bus benches and bus shelters, and adjacent trash receptacles, located within the right-of-way under the authority of a permit issued under AS 19.25.200, if the bus benches or bus shelters are located within a borough or unified municipality and the buses that stop at that location operate during the entire year.

(2) [Repealed, Sec. 4 1998 Ballot Measure No. 5].

(e) [Repealed, Sec. 4 1998 Ballot Measure No. 5].

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
TITLE 17 CHAPTER 60 - HIGHWAY SIGNS FOR THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

EXCERPTS RELATING TO THE RCIA SIGNS PROGRAM

17 AAC 60.201. PURPOSE OF RCIA SIGN PROGRAM. The purpose of the recreational and cultural interest area (RCIA) sign program is to provide a RCIA with an opportunity to install within the highway right of way a sign that contains the name of the RCIA and directs the traveling public to the RCIA.

17 AAC 60.205. RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST AREAS. A recreational and cultural interest area (RCIA) is a location within the state that

(1) is accessible by a maintained road;

(2) attracts an average of at least 100 persons per day during at least four consecutive months; and

(3) is widely noted for its recreational or cultural significance; for purposes of this paragraph, locations widely noted for their recreational or cultural significance include national parks, state parks, sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places, libraries, community centers, museums, art galleries, race tracks, ski areas, and land that is of cultural significance, that is under one ownership, and that has not less than 10 continuous miles of frontage upon a state highway; in areas where land with more than 10 continuous miles of frontage on a state highway is separated from other lands that are in the same ownership, and that qualify for signage under this section, entering and exit signs for each separate holding may not be installed unless the separate holdings are more than two miles apart.

17 AAC 60.210. RCIA SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE. (a) A person who operates an RCIA may apply to the department for an RCIA sign permit by completing an RCIA sign permit application. The applicant shall submit the application to the department representative specified on the application along with a non-refundable \$100 application fee.

(b) Within 30 days after the department has received a correctly completed application submitted under (a) of this section and inspected the proposed site for the RCIA sign, the department will review the application and send a written decision to the applicant. If the department approves an RCIA permit application under 17 AAC 60.215, the applicant must pay a nonrefundable RCIA sign permit fee of \$400. However, if the applicant currently holds an RCIA sign permit for the sign and is seeking renewal of the permit, the nonrefundable RCIA sign permit fee is \$300. Upon receipt of the permit fee, the department will issue the permit and send it to the applicant.

Editor's note: A RCIA sign permit application may be obtained by writing Commissioner, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, 3132 Channel Drive, Juneau AK 99801.

17 AAC 60.215. REVIEW OF RCIA SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS. The department will approve a RCIA sign permit application if

- (1) the department determines that the applicant operates a RCIA;
- (2) the applicant's RCIA complies with AS 19.25.105 and this chapter;
- (3) the applicant maintains the necessary licenses for the RCIA;
- (4) the RCIA sign may be placed at the proposed location in a manner consistent with the standards set out in the documents described in 17 AAC 60.915(b);
- (5) neither the applicant's RCIA nor an advertising sign for the RCIA are visible to a motorist traveling the highway until the motorist is within 1250 feet of the driveway or intersecting road; and
- (6) the proposed sign location has not been specified as a traveler information kiosk location.

17 AAC 60.905. MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REMOVAL OF TOURIST SIGNS.

(a) Upon receipt of a tourist sign permit, the permit holder shall arrange, at the holder's expense, for a sign contractor to manufacture, install, and maintain the sign as specified in the permit.

(b) If an activity associated with a tourist sign is closed, or is expected to be closed, for more than one month, the permit holder shall arrange, at the holder's expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign, symbol, or logo or to mask the sign, symbol, or logo with a plate. The permit holder shall ensure that the sign contractor removes the sign, symbol, or logo or installs the plate not later than seven days after the date of closure.

(c) If an activity associated with a tourist sign closes permanently or no longer meets the conditions under which the sign permit was issued, the permit holder shall

(1) immediately arrange, at the permit holder's expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign, symbol, or logo not later than seven days after the closure or change; and

(2) not later than 14 days after the closure or change in conditions, send a written notice to the department that describes the closure or change.

(d) A community services sign permit holder need not remove or mask a symbol under (b) or (c) of this section unless all of the activities represented by the symbol close or fail to meet the conditions under which the permit was issued.

17 AAC 60.910. SIGN CONTRACTORS. (a) A person may not install, maintain, or remove a tourist sign unless the person is named on the list of sign contractors described in (b) of this section.

(b) The department will maintain a list of sign contractors. The list consists of those persons known to the department to have experience in working in public rights-of-way with active traffic and knowledge of the traffic control requirements necessary for safe operation. The department will add a person to the list if the person, in writing, demonstrates a reasonable basis for the department to conclude that the person has experience in working in public rights-of-way with active traffic and knowledge of the traffic control requirements necessary for safe operation.

(c) The department will notify a person on the list that the department has received information that the person has demonstrated an inability to work safely in public rights-of-way or has failed to substantially comply with the requirements of this chapter. The notice will

(1) specify that the department will remove the person from the list if the department determines that the information received is accurate; and

(2) provide the person with 30 days to respond to the information.

(d) Before installing, maintaining, or removing a tourist sign, a sign contractor shall submit a written request for permission to work in the right-of-way to the department. The request must include a traffic control plan. The department will approve the request if the department determines that the request is consistent with safe operation on the highway and this chapter. In approving the request, the department will, in its discretion, impose other requirements that are necessary to ensure safe operation of the highway.

17 AAC 60.915. DESIGNS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOURIST SIGNS. (a) The documents described in (b) of this section contain the designs and specifications for the placement, manufacture, installation, and maintenance of tourist signs. The department will not issue a tourist sign permit unless the sign may be installed in a manner consistent with the documents described in (b) of this section. A sign contractor shall manufacture, install, and maintain a TODS to meet the designs and specifications contained in the documents described in (b) of this section.

(b) The following documents are adopted by reference:

(1) *Alaska Sign Design Specifications (ASDS)*, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Second Edition, April 1983;

(2) the *Alaska Traffic Manual*, consisting of the

(A) *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways*, 1988 edition, including revisions 1 through 7, issued by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration; and

(B) department's *Alaska Traffic Manual Supplement*, dated August 7, 2000;

(3) *Highway Pre-Construction Manual*, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, revised as of March 1, 2001;

(4) *Standard Drawings Manual*, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, February 18, 1997;

(5) *Standard Specifications for Highway Construction*, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, revised as of 1998.

Editor's note: Copies of the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways*, adopted by reference in 17 AAC 60.915(b)(2)(A) may be obtained by writing the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Copies of the documents adopted by reference in 17 AAC 60.915(b)(1), (b)(2)(B), (b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(5) Division of Statewide Design and Engineering Services, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, 3132 Channel Drive, Juneau, AK 99802.

17 AAC 60.920. SYMBOLS. (a) In issuing a TODS permit, RCIA sign permit, or community services sign permit for a sign that includes a symbol, the department will assign to the application the symbol found in the documents described in 17 AAC 60.915(b) that the department determines most accurately conveys the nature of the associated activity.

(b) If the department determines that no symbol contained in the documents described in 17 AAC 60.915(b) accurately conveys the nature of the associated activity, the department will withhold the sign permit and direct the applicant to design, at the applicant's expense, an appropriate symbol. The department will direct departmental staff to assist the applicant in designing the symbol. The department will assign the applicant's resulting symbol to the permit and issue the permit if the department determines that the symbol accurately conveys the nature of the associated activity and is stylistically similar to the symbols found in the documents described in 17 AAC 60.915(b). By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to allow the department to use the symbol for other purposes without compensation.

17 AAC 60.925. SIGN PERMIT DURATION AND RENEWAL. (a) A tourist sign permit allows the holder named on the permit to arrange for a sign contractor to manufacture, install, and maintain the sign as specified on the permit and in this chapter until the permit expires. Except as provided in 17 AAC 60.930, a sign permit issued under this chapter expires on December 31 of the fourth year following the date the permit was issued.

A tourist sign permit holder may renew the permit by following the application procedure specified in this chapter for the particular tourist sign. A renewed permit expires five years following the date the old permit expired.

(c) A tourist sign permit holder shall arrange, at the holder's expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign before the permit expires unless, before the expiration date, the holder receives a renewed permit for the sign.

17 AAC 60.930. PERMITS FOR EXISTING SIGNS. (a) The department will issue a sign permit to a person who, on May 18, 1997, maintained a sign acknowledged by the department in a state right-of-way if the sign meets the requirements of this chapter. In recognition of the public interest in maintaining these existing signs, the department will waive the fee for the permit. The permit expires and may be renewed as provided in this chapter. The permit holder shall manage the tourist sign as required by this chapter.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section is repealed January 1, 2002.

17 AAC 60.935. PERMIT TRANSFER. If a person who holds a tourist sign permit transfers the associated activity to another person, the new person shall notify the department in writing within 10 days of the transfer. The department will cancel the original permit and issue, without charge, a permit to the new person if the department determines that the material circumstances of the original permit have not changed. The permit issued under this section expires on the same date that the original permit expires.

17 AAC 60.940. ONE SIGN PERMIT PER ACTIVITY. An activity may not be associated with more than one sign permit issued under this chapter at a time.

17 AAC 60.945. MORE RESTRICTIVE LOCAL CONTROLS. The department will not issue a sign permit if the permit would violate a city or borough ordinance.

17 AAC 60.950. STANDARDS FOR SIGNS RELATING TO GAS, FOOD, LODGING, AND CAMPING ACTIVITIES.

(a) The department may not issue a sign permit for a gas station unless the gas station owner affirms that the gas station will, while the sign is visible to the public,

(1) provide fuel, oil, tire air, water, restroom facilities, drinking water, and a telephone; and

(2) maintain continuous operation for at least 12 hours per day, seven days per week.

(b) The department may not issue a sign permit for a restaurant unless the restaurant owner affirms that the restaurant will provide three meals a day, seven days a week and a telephone while the sign is visible to the public.

(c) The department may not issue a sign permit for a lodging facility unless the facility owner affirms that the facility will provide a telephone while the sign is visible to the public.

(d) The department may not issue a sign permit for a campground unless the campground owner affirms that the campground will provide modern sanitary facilities and drinking water while the sign is visible to the public.

(e) The requirements of this section are in addition to any other requirements of this chapter or other applicable law.

17 AAC 60.955. SIGN PERMIT ISSUANCE AND SIGN RELOCATION. (a) In determining whether to issue a permit under this chapter, the department will

(1) not issue a permit if the resulting sign would interfere with a departmental regulatory, warning, or directional sign;

(2) recognize a priority for existing signs over proposed new signs;

(3) recognize a priority among competing applications, in the following order, among the listed activities:

(A) gas;

(B) restaurant;

(C) lodging;

(D) camping;

(E) other activities or general services;

(F) RCIA's;

(4) require, as a condition of the permit, that the permit holder provide trailblazing signs as required under the standards set out in the documents described in 17 AAC 60.915(b); the permit holder shall arrange for permission to provide the required trailblazing signs along highways not maintained by the state;

(5) waive a fee required under this chapter if the person that would be charged the fee is a government entity.

(b) The department will relocate a sign installed under this chapter if necessary to accommodate a change in the traffic pattern at the location. If the sign cannot be relocated in a manner consistent with this chapter, the department will remove the sign and return it to the permit holder.

17 AAC 60.957. TWO SIGNS PER PERMIT. A sign permit issued under this chapter allows for two similar signs to be placed along the highway, one from each direction, unless the permit specifies that the condition of the highway only allows for one sign to be placed.

17 AAC 60.960. VIOLATIONS. (a) If the department determines that a tourist sign permit holder or tourist sign violates AS 19.25.105 or this chapter, the department will send a written notice to the permit holder. The notice must describe the violation, give the permit holder an opportunity to respond, and provide notice of the acceptable remedy.

(b) If the department determines under (a) of this section that a violation has occurred, then the department will issue an order directing the permit holder to arrange, at the holder's expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign. The department will also cancel the permit.

(c) A notice issued under (a) of this section must provide the permit holder with at least 20 days from the date of the notice to respond to the notice or to remedy the violation.

(d) If a permit holder fails to remedy a violation described in the order sent under (b) of this section, the department will

(1) remove the sign;

(2) cancel the permit if it has not already expired;

(3) bill the permit holder for the department's expenses;

(4) within 15 days of the date of removal send a written notice of action to the permit holder; the notice of action must describe the action and the reason for the action; and

(5) return the sign to the permit holder not later than 15 days after the permit holder pays the department for its expenses as billed under (3) of this subsection.

17 AAC 60.965. APPEALS. A permit holder or applicant for a permit may file an appeal with the commissioner, of an adverse decision made by the department under this chapter. Not later than 15 days after the date of the decision appealed from, the person shall submit, in writing, a notice of appeal, a description of the dispute, include any necessary evidence, and the person's reason for concluding that the department's decision was in error. The commissioner may grant an extension of an additional 15 days for good cause shown. The commissioner will review these materials and investigate the matter further, as necessary. The commissioner will send a written final agency decision to the appellant.

17 AAC 60.995. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

- (1) "activity" means a tourist-oriented activity, specific service activity, or RCIA;
- (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of the department;
- (3) "department" means the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities;
- (4) "driveway or intersecting road" means the road that a motorist takes from a highway with a tourist sign to the activity associated with the sign;
- (5) "highway rest stop or pullout" has the meaning given in 17 AAC 05.090;
- (6) "location" means a 2,500-foot segment of highway right-of-way bisected by a driveway or intersecting road;
- (7) "logo" means a square design used by a specific service activity to distinguish itself from similar specific service activities;
- (8) "logo panel" means a highway sign and posts on which logos may be mounted;
- (9) "logo sign" means a logo and a logo panel consisting of a sign on which logos for gas, food, lodging, and camping are mounted; a logo sign consists of a logo and a logo panel;
- (10) "RCIA" means recreational and cultural interest area;
- (11) "recreational and cultural interest area" or "RCIA" has the meaning given the term at 17 AAC 60.205;
- (12) "sign contractor" means a person included in the list described in 17 AAC 60.910(b);
- (13) "specific service activity" means a commercial activity that offers gas, food, lodging, or camping;
- (14) "symbol" means a square icon that accurately conveys the nature of its associated service or activity but does not reflect the name or a logo for the service or activity;
- (15) "TODS" means a tourist-oriented directional sign;
- (16) "tourist-oriented activity" means a motorist service, tourist attraction, or business of significant interest to the traveling public; "tourist-oriented activity" does not include an RCIA;
- (17) "tourist-oriented directional sign" or "TODS" means a sign erected in a highway right-of-way for the purpose of alerting the traveling public to a nearby tourist-oriented activity;
- (18) "tourist sign" means a TODS, logo sign, RCIA sign, or traveler information kiosk;
- (19) "trailblazing sign" means a sign that guides a motorist traveling from a sign regulated under this chapter to the activity or RCIA represented on the regulated sign;
- (20) "traveler information kiosk" means an area in a highway rest stop or pullout with a structure housing traveler information about businesses, services, and activities in the local area;
- (21) "urban portion of an organized borough" means a location characterized by one or more of the following:
 - (A) dense residential or commercial development;
 - (B) roads used primarily for short local transportation as opposed to long distance through traffic;
 - (C) numerous intersecting roads and driveways;
 - (D) traffic signals.

RCIA PERMIT CONDITIONS

**APPLICABLE TO THIS PERMIT IF THERE IS AN “X” IN THE “REQUIRED” COLUMN
AT THE TIME THE PERMIT IS PREPARED FOR YOUR SIGNATURE**

Required	Item Name	Paragraph
X	Violation	<p>If any of the conditions of this permit are violated, the State reserves the right to require the removal of the RCIA sign. A notice of violation must provide the Permittee with at least 20 days from the date of the notice to remedy the violation.</p> <p>If Permittee fails to remedy a violation, the Department will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) remove the sign; (2) cancel the permit if it has not already expired; (3) bill the Permittee for the Department’s expenses; (4) within 15 days of the date of removal send a written notice of action to the Permittee; the notice of action must describe the action and the reason for the action; (5) return the sign to the Permittee no later than 15 days after the Permittee pays the Department for its expenses as billed.
X	Repair of Damaged Items	<p>If Permittee damages any improvements within the State owned right of way, Permittee will be responsible to return them to their previous condition. The Department’s Maintenance and Operations Section will inspect and approve the restored improvements. Improvements may include but are not limited to: pavement structures, sidewalks, curb and gutter, pathways, driveways, signs, traffic markings, guardrail, delineators, highway lighting systems, traffic signal systems, drainage structures and mailboxes.</p>
X	Hold Harmless	<p>Permittee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State, and its officers, employees, and contractors, from any and all claims or actions resulting from injury, death, loss, or damage sustained by any person or personal property resulting directly or indirectly from Permittee’s placement of the sign.</p>
X	Maintain Facilities	<p>Sign(s) approved by this permit shall be constructed and maintained by the Permittee in such a manner that the highway, and all its appurtenances or facilities including, but not limited to, all drainage facilities, pipes, culverts, and ditches and their safety shall not be impaired in any way by the construction or maintenance.</p>
X	Permit Duration/Renewal	<p>Permit is issued for a period not to exceed five years. Permittee may renew the permit by following the application procedure. A renewed permit expires five years following the date of the current permit. Permittee shall arrange, at their expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign before the permit expires unless, before the expiration date, the Permittee receives a renewed permit for the sign.</p>
X	Licenses	<p>The Permittee shall maintain the necessary licenses for the RCIA activity.</p>
X	Sign Contractor	<p>Upon receipt of a sign permit, Permittee shall arrange, at their expense, for a sign contractor to manufacture, install, and maintain the sign as specified in the permit. A person may not install, maintain, or remove a RCIA sign unless the person is named on the Department's list of approved sign contractors. The Department will maintain the list of approved sign contractors. The list consists of those persons known to the Department to have experience in working in public rights of way with active traffic and knowledge of the traffic control requirements necessary for safe operation on an active highway. Before installing, maintaining, or removing a RCIA sign, a sign contractor shall submit a written request for permission to work in the right of way to the Department. The request must include a traffic control plan. The Department will approve the request if the</p>

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		Department, in the Department's discretion, determines that the request is consistent with safe operation on an active highway. In approving the request, the Department will, in the Department's discretion, impose other requirements that are necessary to ensure safe operation.
X	Sign Responsibility	All cost and liability that relate to the sign(s) or their maintenance shall be at the sole expense of the Permittee.
X	Sign Relocation	The Permittee shall adjust or relocate the sign(s) without cost or liability to the State if, at any time, or from time to time, the use or safety of the highway within which the sign(s) exist requires that they be adjusted or relocated.
X	No Additional Improvements	The Permittee shall not place additional improvements within the right of way, and if, at any time in the future, the permitted sign(s) are destroyed, removed or rebuilt for any reason whatsoever, they shall not again be placed within the right of way unless authorized by another permit. The Permittee shall not install other illegal business signs adjacent to or within the right of way. If additional signs are installed, they will be removed immediately without notice.
X	Business Closure	<p>If the activity associated with this RCIA permit is closed, or is expected to be closed, for more than one month, Permittee shall arrange, at their expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign or cover it with a plate, not later than 7 days after the date of closure. If the activity advertised by this sign permit closes permanently or no longer meets the conditions under which the permit was issued, Permittee shall:</p> <p>(1) immediately arrange for a sign contractor to remove the sign not later than 7 days after the closure or change; and</p> <p>(2) not later than 14 days after the closure or change in conditions, send a written notice to the Department describing the closure or change.</p>
X	Change of Activity Ownership	If the Permittee transfers the activity associated with this permit to another person or organization, the new owner must notify the Department in writing within 10 days of the transfer. The Department will cancel the original permit and issue, without charge, a comparable permit to the new owner if the Department determines that the material circumstances of the original permit have not changed. The replacement permit expires on the same date that the original permit was expected to expire.
X	Sign Installation Details	Sign shall be installed in accordance with the standard RCIA sign detail drawing.
X	Sign Shop Drawing	<p>A sign shop drawing must be submitted for approval prior to sign installation. The sign shop drawing must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dimensions of all horizontal and vertical characters and spaces, • overall dimensions, • sign material and sheeting material type, • panel thickness, • legend and letter series, • whether the sign will be framed, • sign post type, • and foundation type.
	Permit Subject to Existing Law	This Permit is subject to any applicable federal law, regulations, or policy and procedure memorandum of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and to all applicable State statutes and regulations.
	Trailblazing Signs	Provide trailblazing signs as required by documents listed in 17 AAC 60.915(b). If signs will be located along a road not owned by the State, the applicant must provide evidence of approval from the government agency (borough, city, etc.) responsible for that road.