

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND OWNER TO ACCOMPANY SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION - Form 2223

### THE PROTECTION OF TREES AND SHRUBS WITHIN STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY

*Submission of this acknowledgment is required by Section 6 of P.A. 106 of 1972, as amended.*

#### LOCATION OF PROPOSED SIGN:

State Highway \_\_\_\_\_, on the (N, S, E, W) \_\_\_\_\_ side.

Nearest locator (crossroad or overpass) \_\_\_\_\_.

The sign will be \_\_\_\_\_ feet or fraction of mile (N, S, E, W) \_\_\_\_\_ of that locator.

Sec. 6 reads in part. The sign permit application shall include a statement signed by the owner of the land on which the sign is to be placed, acknowledging that no trees or shrubs in the adjacent highway right of way may be removed, trimmed or in any way damaged or destroyed without the written authorization of the department. The department may require documentation to verify the zoning, the consent of the land owner, and any other matter considered essential to the evaluation of compliance with this act.

Sec. 11a reads in part. The Michigan Department of Transportation is authorized and shall issue permits for the management of vegetation within the highway right of way to the owner of a sign, agent of the owner of a sign, or a property owner or agent of a property owner whom the sign owner has a contractual relationship to maintain the sign on his or her property. If a permit is not obtained for the trimming or removing of vegetation, the sign owner, the sign owner's agent, property owner or agent of a property owner, is subject to certain penalties.

Sec. 11(1) reads in part. A person who destroys trees or shrubs within a highway right of way for the purpose of making a proposed or existing sign more visible without a permit, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or a fine of \$10,000.00 or up to 5 times the value of the trees or shrubs trimmed or removed, whichever is greater.

The officially registered owner of the land which this state sign permit application applies to is:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

**Certification:** As part of the state sign permit application process, the permit applicant is required to submit the following statement **signed by the land owner**.

*I understand and acknowledge that no trees or shrubs in the adjacent highway right of way may be removed, trimmed or in any way damaged or destroyed by myself or any other person without the written authorization of the Michigan Department of Transportation.*

*I also hereby confirm that I have granted to \_\_\_\_\_ a lease or other form of authority and consent to erect and maintain a sign on this property and to secure and hold a permit for that sign pursuant to Michigan's Highway Advertising Act, P.A. 106 of 1972 as amended. I further understand that if the sign erected and maintained on my property is deemed abandoned, and the sign owner cannot be found, I may be subject to the department's cost of removal at double the cost or \$500, whichever is greater in accordance with Section 19(4) of P.A. 106 of 1972.*

SIGNATURE OF LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE