

Beautification

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Manual Notice 2021-1

From: Kyle Madsen, Right of Way Division Director

Manual: *ROW Beautification Manual*

Effective Date: June 1, 2021

Purpose

The ROW Beautification Manual has been removed from the Online Manuals system because it is outdated and does not contain information about current processes. This manual will be rewritten and replaced to reflect current processes.

Contact

Wendy Knox, Commercial Signs Regulatory Program, 512.416.2915.

Archives

Past manual notices are available in a [pdf archive](#).

Manual Notice 2018-1

From: Gus Cannon, CTCM, Right of Way Division Director

Manual: *ROW Beautification Manual*

Effective Date: June 15, 2018

Purpose

To modify the manual to comply with rules approved by the Texas Transportation Commission according to Minute Order No. 115155, adopted on February 22, 2018, and effective March 14, 2018. Also, the manual name is being changed from *Right of Way Manual Vol. 7- Beautification* to *ROW Beautification Manual*.

Changes

Changes have been made throughout the entire manual.

Contact

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Manual Notice 2015-1

From: John P. Campbell, P.E., SR/WA, CTCM, Right of Way Division Director

Manual: *Right of Way Manual Vol. 7 - Beautification*

Effective Date: January 12, 2015

Purpose

To modify the manual to comply with rules approved by the Texas Transportation Commission according to Minute Order No. 113040, adopted on March 29, 2012, and effective April 19, 2012.

Changes

Changes have been made throughout the entire manual.

Contact

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Manual Notice 2010-1

From: John P. Campbell, P.E., Right of Way Division Director

Manual: Right of Way Manual Vol. 7 - Beautification

Effective Date: December 01, 2010

Purpose

To modify the manual to comply with the current adopted rules.

Changes

Chapter 2, Authority for Sign and Junkyard Control:

- ◆ In [Section 2 - State Law](#), added reference to rules for electronic signs and date of most recent rule amendments.
- ◆ In [Section 4 - Commission Minute Orders](#), updated the Minute Order number and date of current rule adoption.

Chapter 3, TxDOT Organizational Responsibilities for Sign and Junkyard Control: In [Section 1 - ROW Division Responsibilities](#), updated ROW Division responsibilities and removed references to District responsibilities.

Chapter 5, Outdoor Advertising License: Throughout the [chapter](#), updated information regarding outdoor advertising licenses.

Chapter 6, Sign Permits - Interstate or Primary Highways: Throughout the [chapter](#), updated information regarding sign permits on interstate or primary highways.

Chapter 7, Municipal Control of Signs: Throughout the [chapter](#), updated information regarding municipal control of signs.

Chapter 8, Control of OAS along Interstate and Primary Highways:

- ◆ In [Section 1 - Sign Standards](#), added text regarding electronic signs.
- ◆ Throughout the chapter, updated information regarding the control of outdoor advertising signs along interstate or primary highways.

Chapter 9, Control of OAS along Rural Roads: Throughout the [chapter](#), updated information regarding the control of outdoor advertising signs along rural roads.

Chapter 10, Control of Junkyards: In [Section 1 - Introduction](#), removed the option for directing complaints to the District in which the junkyard is located.

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Manual Notice 2004-2

To: Users of the Right of Way Manual

From: John P. Campbell, P.E.
Right of Way Division Director

Subject: Revised Volume 7, Right of Way Manual, Online Manual System

Manual: Right of Way Manual

Effective Date: April 1, 2004

Purpose

To clarify policy regarding the acquisition of advertising sign interests and maintain consistency on relocating sign structures as personalty.

Contents

Chapter 8, Section 11, states: "The sign owner must enter into a written agreement with the acquiring agency waiving and releasing any claim for damages against the acquiring agency and the State for any temporary or permanent taking of the sign in consideration of the payment by the acquiring agency of relocation benefits for the relocation of the sign."

Supersedes

Volume 7, Right of Way Manual, Online Manual System, March 1, 2004.

Contact

Hilda Correa, Division Administrative Manager, 512.416.2902.

Manual Notice 2004-1

To: Users of the Right of Way Manual

From: John P. Campbell, P.E.
Right of Way Division Director

Subject: Revised Volume 7, Right of Way Manual, Online Manual System

Manual: Right of Way Manual

Effective Date: March 4, 2004

Purpose

To modify certain example form links to actual template links.

Contents

“Example” form links in the following Chapters and Sections have been modified to link directly to the associated Word template; all appropriate Section and Subhead titles have been color-coded for ease of identification:

- ◆ Chapter 5, Section 5
- ◆ Chapter 6, Sections 2, 3, and 4
- ◆ Chapter 8, Section 9
- ◆ Chapter 9, Sections 2 and 6
- ◆ Chapter 10, Section 6

Supersedes

Volume 7, Right of Way Manual, Online Manual System, December 1, 2002.

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Manual Notice 2002-1

From: John P. Campbell, P.E., Right of Way Division Director

Subject: Revised *Volume 7, Right of Way Manual*, Online Manual System

Manual: *Right of Way Manual*

Effective Date: December 1, 2002

Purpose

To add *TxDOT Glossary* link to “junkyard” in Chapter 10, Section 1.

Instructions

Not applicable.

Supersedes

Volume 7, Right of Way Manual, Online Manual System, September 1, 2001.

Contents

New link added for “junkyard” to *TxDOT Glossary* in Chapter 10, Section 1, Overview.

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Manual Notice 2001-2

From: John P. Campbell, P.E.
Right of Way Division Director

Subject: Minor Revisions and Corrections to the *Right of Way Manual*

Manual: *Right of Way Manual*

Effective Date: November 1, 2001

Purpose

To correct minor changes to erroneous text.

Instructions

All revised or corrected text is presented in dark green, Times New Roman typeface, for easy identification..

Supersedes

Right of Way Manual, Online Manual System, September 1, 2001.

Contents

The following Volumes, Chapters, and Sections contain revised or corrected text:

- ◆ Volume 7, Chapter 3, Section 1
- ◆ Volume 7, Chapter 4, Title
- ◆ Volume 7, Chapter 6, Section 3
- ◆ Volume 7, Chapter 9, Sections 2, 3, and 8

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Manual Notice 2001-1

From: Kirby W. Pickett, P.E.
Subject: Manual Rewrite and Update Complete
Manual: Right of Way Manual
Effective Date: August 1, 2001

Purpose

This manual is a complete revision of the *Right of Way Manual* Book I and Book II, Edition 6. This manual is intended to provide guidance in the acquisition of right of way for transportation projects. The manual represents the current information and operating practices for acquisition of right of way for transportation projects, property management relating to right of way, and the highway beautification program.

Instructions

This manual will be effective August 1, 2001. It supersedes *Right of Way Manual* Book I and Book II, Edition 6. Replace all hard copies of *Right of Way Manual* Book I and Book II, Edition 6 with this new edition.

Supersedes

It supersedes *Right of Way Manual* Book I and Book II, Edition 6.

Contents

This manual contains the following volumes with information on right of way acquisition for transportation projects, property management of right of way, and beautification:

Volume 1, Right of Way Procedures Preliminary to Release

Volume 2, Right of Way Acquisition

Volume 3, Relocation Assistance

Volume 4, Eminent Domain

- ◆ Six chapters and
- ◆ Appendix A – Eminent Domain Guide

Volume 5, Property Management

- ◆ Removal of Improvements
- ◆ Disposal of Surplus Right of Way Interests
- ◆ Disposal of Surplus Real Property Interests
- ◆ Acquisition of Real Property Sites
- ◆ Leasing

Volume 6, Miscellaneous

- ◆ Hazardous Materials
- ◆ Railroads
- ◆ Contract Outsourcing
- ◆ Records, Reports and Closing of Projects
- ◆ Utilities

Volume 7, Beautification

- ◆ Beautification
- ◆ Glossary of Terms

Also, included in this manual are sample copies of all forms and documents used within these various right of way functions. It contains a Right of Way Acquisition Flow Chart, as well as, online links to procedural manuals currently available online as well as those under development.

Contact

For more information regarding any chapter or section in this manual, please contact the appropriate section in Right of Way Division. For general comments and suggestions for future revisions of this manual, please contact the Administrative Support Section in the Right of Way Division