

Town of Londonderry

Private Road Sign Policy

Adopted August 18, 2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to define the parameters within which private road signs are purchased and replaced within the Town of Londonderry.

General:

This policy provides for the replacement of private road signs at a shared expense between the Town of Londonderry and private landowners.

Conditions:

The Town of Londonderry shall purchase and install at its expense the first road name sign on each private road within the Town of Londonderry upon creation of said private road.

The procedures for replacing lost, damaged, or stolen private road signs shall be as follows:

1. Private road homeowners/landowners notify the Town of Londonderry of the missing sign and (may) request a replacement sign.
2. Town of Londonderry will obtain a cost estimate for the replacement sign and provide such to the homeowners/landowners.
3. Private road homeowners/landowners will be responsible for paying the costs associated with the replacement of the sign, including labor and materials; an invoice will be generated by the Town of Londonderry and sent to the homeowner/landowner that requests the replacement sign.
4. Labor will be billed at a flat rate of \$100 per sign installation. Materials will be billed at cost, based on the supplier's invoice to the Town.
5. The private road sign will be replaced as soon as possible after payment is received from the requesting party(ies) and at a time of year feasible for sign installation.

Vermont Statute, Title 19: Highways, Chapter 27: PRIVATE ROADS

§ 2701. Intent

The intent of this chapter is to state the responsibilities for the maintenance of a private road, in the absence of an express agreement or requirement governing such maintenance responsibilities, in accordance with the Vermont Supreme Court decision of *Hubbard v. Bolieau*, 144 Vt. 373 (1984), which draws upon established principles of Vermont law. This chapter will only apply to resolve conflicts regarding maintenance of private roads in the absence of an express agreement or requirement. The provisions of this chapter are not intended to abridge, enlarge, or modify any right provided under *Hubbard* and the common law of Vermont. (Added 2011, No. 123 (Adj. Sess.), § 1.)

§ 2702. Private road maintenance

In the absence of an express agreement or requirement governing maintenance of a private road, when more than one person enjoys a common benefit from a private road, each person shall contribute rateably to the cost of maintaining the private road, and shall have the right to bring a civil action to enforce the requirement of this section. (Added 2011, No. 123 (Adj. Sess.), § 1.)

The Town of Londonderry Private Road Sign Policy was duly adopted at a properly warned meeting of the Londonderry Select Board on August 18, 2025.

Tom Cavanagh, Chair

James Ameden Jr. Vice-Chair

Taylor Prouty, Member

Marth Dale, Member

Jim Fleming, Member