

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch

STANDARD PRACTICE
for
Public Vehicular Area Signs

As set forth in GS # 20-4.01(32), it will be the standard practice of NCDOT to register the designation of a public vehicular area by the private property owner. The request for registration will be sent to the appropriate Division Engineer. The request will include a legible plat or survey map no larger than 11"x17", showing a portion of private property used for vehicular traffic and designated by the private property owner as a public vehicular area in accordance with G S. 20-219.4. Examples of public vehicular areas are areas generally open to and used by the public for vehicular traffic, including by way of illustration and not limitation any drive, driveway, road, roadway, street, alley, or parking lot upon the grounds and premises; a beach area used by the public for vehicular traffic; or a road opened to vehicular traffic within or leading to a subdivision for use by subdivision residents, their guests, and members of the public, whether or not the subdivision roads have been offered for dedication to the public. Any restricted areas are not considered public vehicular areas.

The property owner may designate any area of private property used for vehicular traffic as a public vehicular area by completing the attached agreement form. Signs indicating public vehicular area shall be placed at the driveway entrance(s) to the area or outside of right-of-way for areas with adjacent non-public vehicular areas. By certified check or money order, the requestor shall pay a non-refundable, transferable fee of \$200 per registration request. The property owner will be responsible for the fabrication, installation, and maintenance of signs.

All signs will be furnished in accordance with the attached standard. The signs shall be reflective with a black message and border on a white background. The signs shall state "Public Vehicular Area G.S. # 20-219.4". Signs erected shall be placed so as to provide reasonable notice to the motorist and shall be in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Signs shall be located in a manner in which to not inhibit sight distance or create a safety hazard.