

**Cc:** Ron Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Sabine County Ten Commandments

Wendy/Ron,

I received a message today from Mrs. Golden pertaining to the 10 Commandments Sign.

She is stating that on the news last night TxDOT is working diligently to determine a way of allowing her to keep her sign. Her question (over the voice mail) was what are we doing?

I also wanted to clarify this case, we did initially send out an Order to Remove the sign. I also did explain to Mrs. Golden (over the phone) that it didn't appear that her site was conforming. Though, I did not reference the prohibited road system, I did explain that she would need to be located next to Two CIA's (which she wasn't). I wasn't sure if a plan was made that would assist them with this sign (based on her message). I wanted to double check to make sure that nothing was said from above or any other plans were made for this matter prior to returning her call.

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**From:** Wendy Knox  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2014 8:03 AM  
**To:** Colt Amberg  
**Cc:** Ron Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Sabine County Ten Commandments

FYI

**From:** Ron Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2014 8:01 AM  
**To:** Laura Joy; Veronica Beyer  
**Cc:** Becky Blewett; Wendy Knox  
**Subject:** FW: Sabine County Ten Commandments

Laura,

This is a bit of a mess. Mr. Barton was dealing with it earlier this week and I understand that it's all over the internet and Twitter. I am surprised that SLA & MR haven't been involved before this.

The reason ROW inspected the sign in the first place was that they received a complaint about it. Upon inspection it was found not to be permitted as any sign, *regardless of content*, is required to be if it is "off-premises" ("On-premises" signs are far less regulated). ROW sent the sign owner a letter informing them of the requirement and said ROW would work with him to obtain a permit. This, however, is the cause of a bit of a PR problem because upon further investigation the sign is on a road that is *statutorily* prohibited from having signage at all and thus the sign cannot be permitted. I think that is where we are currently.

If you have more questions, I'm happy to help, but a better source of information would be Wendy Know (Gus Cannon is going on a well-deserved vacation).

Best Regards,

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