

Date:

[Property Owner Name]  
[Property Owner Address]  
[Property Owner Address]

Highway:  
Project Limits:  
CS#:  
Job#:

Subject: **Right Of Entry for Land Surveying**

Dear Property Owner:

[Survey Company Name] is providing surveying services for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for designing improvements to [Highway] in [County Name] County. We are notifying you our survey field crews may need to enter your property to perform these land survey activities as provided in Act 115 of 1976 (see attached):

If you have any questions, please contact [Survey contact name] at [Survey firm telephone number] or [MDOT Contact] with MDOT at [MDOT contact phone number].

Sincerely,

[Name Of Survey Company Person Signing Letter]  
[Insert Title Of Person Signing And Address Of

Company]

## Act 115 of 1976

AN ACT to provide surveyors with a right of entry and to limit liability.

**History:** 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

### **54.121 “Surveyor” defined.**

Sec. 1. As used in this act, “surveyor” means any of the following:

(a) A surveyor employed by the government of the United States of America or this state.

(b) A person who is a land surveyor registered in this state.

(c) A person who is under the direct supervision of a person who is a surveyor under subdivision (a) or (b), and carrying on his person sufficient identification as to employer.

**History:** 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

### **54.122 Right of entry; identification of vehicle.**

Sec. 2. (1) A surveyor may enter upon public or private lands or waters in this state except buildings, for the purpose of making a survey.

(2) A vehicle used for or during entry pursuant to this section shall be identified on the exterior by a proper and ethical sign listing name, address, and telephone number of the surveyor or firm.

**History:** 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

### **54.123 Liability.**

Sec. 3. A surveyor making an entry pursuant to section 2 shall be liable only for actual damage to crops or other property, or for actual damage due to negligence of the surveyor during the entry.

**History:** 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

### **54.124 Forfeiture of claim for damage or injury.**

Sec. 4. The surveyor by his entry shall forfeit any and all claim for damage or injury to his person and equipment while on the lands or waters, unless the damage or injury is caused by the intentional tortious conduct of another.