

**19A NCAC 02E .1002 PURPOSE**

- (a) The Scenic Byway/Highway system shall be established to provide the public with the opportunity to travel on a system of roads featuring the intrinsic qualities of the State within the existing highway system.
- (b) The Scenic Byway/Highway program is intended to identify not create scenic byways/highways.
- (c) The program and rules prescribed to sustain the integrity and safety of the scenic byway/highway system shall be incorporated into N.C.D.O.T. planning and maintenance operations.
- (d) All lawfully erected outdoor advertising signs adjacent to a Scenic Byway/Highway designated as a part of the interstate or federal-aid primary highway system as of June 1, 1991, or any highway which is or becomes a part of the National Highway System shall become nonconforming signs and shall be allowed to remain until such time as funds become available for purchase.
- (e) The implementation of the system provides an alternative for safe travel, encourages tourism and economic growth, and promotes intrinsic qualities/resources along the highway system.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 136-18(5); 136-122 through 136-125; 136-129.2; 143B-348;  
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. September 6, 2016.*