

**CERTIFIED SURVEYS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 132 of 1970**

**54.212 Certified survey map; requirements; permanent markers for corners; exception.**

Sec. 2.

(1) A certified survey map shall meet the requirements of this section and section 3. A certified survey map must be prepared only by a professional surveyor licensed in this state.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), each corner of the survey shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Be monumented in the field with a permanent marker that possesses a magnetic field unless previously monumented with iron stakes.

(b) Be capped with a device legibly showing the last 5 digits of the license number of the professional surveyor placing the monument.

(c) Include both of the following:

(i) Points of intersection of boundary or lot lines with highways, streets, alleys, section lines, and meander lines.

(ii) Corners of the United States Public Land Survey from which the parcel or parcels are described.

(3) If a monument cannot conveniently be set because of a physical obstruction such as pavement, a large rock, a large root, or a utility cable, the following apply:

(a) Subject to subdivision (b), the professional surveyor shall do both of the following:

(i) Establish an alternative monument that is permanent and identifiable, such as a drill hole or an "X" chiseled in concrete.

(ii) Reference the corner by bearing and distance from 2 different monumented corners of the survey.

(b) If compliance with subdivision (a) is not feasible, the professional surveyor shall monument the corner in any practical manner and show its relationship on the certified survey map.

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