

Chapter 21

Driveway, Roadways and Mailbox/Newspaper Boxes Ordinance

Section 1: Purpose. The Town Board does hereby ordain uniform regulation and/or specification pertaining to road approaches to the town roads and that regulation of such road approaches is necessary in order that the health, safety, and welfare of all persons in the Town, residents and visitors alike, may be protected.

A. This ordinance shall apply to all driveways and roadways, with access onto town roads and must be approved by the town road supervisor.

B. All new or replaced road approaches require a permit, according to the fee schedule set by the Town Board.

Section 2: Definitions.

A. Driveway - means a roadway to permit normal travel, to and from, a residence, farm, commercial, or some other special, noncommercial purpose that serves less than three separate identities.

B. Private Road - means a roadway to permit normal travel, to and from residences, farms, commercial, or some other special noncommercial purpose that serves three or more separate identities. A private road is not owned or dedicated or deeded to the Town but owned by a private sector or group of people. The Town is not responsible and does not provide service for the road. It must meet the town roads standards, but not blacktopped.

Section 3: Road Approaches.

A. To meet the various needs of the property owners desiring access to town roads, the general design requirements for these road approaches are described as follows: Road approaches are those approaches necessary to permit normal travel from a residence or farm for their normal use, or some other special, noncommercial purpose approved by the town road supervisor.

B. Any person wishing to construct a road approach shall file an application with Chippewa County if applicable. The town road supervisor shall determine final approval of said location of the road approach, or if the road supervisor is unavailable, any town board member.

Section 4: Construction of Approaches.

Construction requirements for all road approaches shall be as follows:

1. The location of road approaches must be consistent with the regulations in these rules and must not infringe on the frontage of adjoining property. Each road

approach must be located so that it does not cause undue interference or hazard to the free movement of road traffic, as determined by the town road supervisor.

2. Approaches and related area must be constructed so that they do not impair drainage within the right-of-way, nor alter the stability of the roadway sub grade, nor materially alter the drainage of the adjoining lands. Culverts, catch basins, ditches, etc. are to be constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and standards of the Town, as established by this ordinance.
3. All construction requirements of the landowner must be completed within a reasonable time and in a manner that is satisfactory to the town road supervisor.
4. Roadway approaches shall be level with the roadway at the point of intersection for the first thirty-three (33) feet, measured from the center of the road.
5. The sloping of the driveway into the ditch shall not exceed a one (1) foot vertical drop for every four (4) foot horizontal measurement.
6. The town road supervisor has the right to specify the type, depth and area for surfacing and pavement for all road approaches.
7. All material needed to construct road approaches must be supplied by the landowner. Materials must be of satisfactory quality and in general conform to town specifications for that type of work. Construction materials are subject to approval by the town road supervisor.
8. Every driveway shall have at least six (6) inches of compacted gravel over the top of the culvert.

Section 5: Drainage Provisions.

The landowner for said road approach must make provisions for the handling of the drainage from his own property, and no drainage that is caused by these installations of road approaches shall flow from commercial or private property onto the surface of the town road or adjoining properties.

(A) The landowner must provide surface drainage unless otherwise stated. The drainage under fill areas and in roadway ditches must be large enough to carry the water that accumulates in the roadway ditches and in no case shall the size of the pipe be smaller than fifteen (15) inches in diameter culvert pipe or of comparable compacity and twenty-eight (28) feet in length. If a plastic culvert is to be used, it must be D.O.T. approved, made of high density polyethylene, with a dual walls, corrugated on the outside and smooth on the inside. The town road supervisor or town board shall determine whether a culvert is actually needed in the driveway. The culvert shall be placed in the ditch at a

position at least twenty-two (22) feet from the centerline of the road.

Section 6: For the purpose of access of emergency vehicles, it is recommended that:

- A. The remaining slope of the driveway may have a grade not to exceed 6% upward or down-ward from the roadbed level.
- B. Ample width; equivalent of one standard road lane (11) eleven feet.
- C. The removal of all obstructions, all directions, including overhead.
- D. Retaining walls or drop offs should be at least (4) four feet from the traveled portion of the driveway.
- E. Curves or corners should take into consideration easy access for emergency vehicles, that cannot make tight corners.
- F. Conditions created by adverse weather, including rain, snow, ice and heat be considered.

Section 7: Private Road is any roadway to permit normal travel, to and from residences, farms, commercial, or some other special noncommercial purpose that serves three or more separate identities. A private road is not owned or dedicated or deeded to the Town but owned by a private sector or group of people. The Town is not responsible and does not provide service for the road. It must meet the town roads standards, but not blacktopped..

- A. Driveways and private roads when serving more than two residential or commercial structures, or a combination here of, owners must now meet the Town Private Roads Standards, chapter 22, section 2 (A),(B),(C),(E),(F),(H),(I),(J),(K)(1).

Section 8: Fees. Fees will be determined by the Town Board by resolution, with a portion going for administrative costs.

Section 9: Mailboxes/Newspaper Boxes

- (1) All mailbox/newspaper box posts or supports shall be at least two (2) feet from the edge of the road toward the ditch.
- (2) Cul-de-sacs shall have multiple mailboxes/newspaper boxes grouped (located together in one location), at the discretion of the town road supervisor.

Section 10: Deviations Any deviation of this ordinance, with good cause, must be approved by the Town Road Supervisor or his/her designee.

Section 11: Penalties. See Chapter 2.

A. In addition the Town may perform the work necessary to make the road approach comply with the ordinance and assess the landowner the costs of said work on the landowner's next tax roll statement.

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