

TOWN OF LOMIRA
DODGE COUNTY

Chapter 7

Driveway Ordinance

Section 1. Title/Purpose

This Ordinance is entitled the Town of Lomira Driveway Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish standards for driveway that will provide for better and safer provisions for adequate access from private development to a public right-of-way.

Section 2. Authority

The Town Board of the Town of Lomira has specific authority, powers and duties pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 60.61, 60.62, 60.23 and 62.23.

Section 3. Adoption of Ordinance

The Town Board of the Town of Lomira has, by adoption of this Ordinance, confirmed the specific statutory authority, powers and duties noted in the specific sections of this Ordinance and has established by these sections and this Ordinance the certain areas and the regulations and controlling of driveways in the Town of Lomira.

Section 4. Minimum Requirements

- A. **Inspection.** All new driveways proposed to be installed or any driveway alleged to be existing and serving open land without improvements and proposed to be converted to a driveway to serve one or more residents shall be subject to an inspection by the Town's Highway Superintendent prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- B. **Location Construction Plan.** The applicant who may be the owner, agent, or contractor shall submit a location construction plan showing specifications including grade, slope, width, and length of the driveway and erosion control procedures.
- C. **Town Board Authorization.** Authorization for a driveway is subject to the approval of the Town Board. If there is a dispute on the adequacy of an alleged existing driveway, the decision of the Town Board will be the deciding factor.
- D. **Specifications.** The following specifications shall apply:
 - (1) Minimum road surface width: 14 feet.

- (2) Minimum width clearance: 24 feet.
- (3) Minimum height clearance free of trees, wires, etc.: 20 feet.
- (4) Maximum grade: 10 percent.
- (5) Driveways may be constructed of concrete, gravel, or asphalt. Concrete driveways must begin at least ten (10) feet from the edge of the roadway. If a property owner elects to extend a concrete driveway to the roadway edge, the property owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with, including but not limited to, plow damage, uneven grade transitions and culvert replacement or removal.
- (6) At least one 25 foot length and 18 foot width segment of road surface shall be provided for each 300 feet of driveway length to provide for the safe passage of meeting vehicles.
- (7) The driveway within the area of the public right-of-way shall slope away from the public road at a minimum of 1% and a maximum of 5% to prevent erosion onto the public road.
- (8) An adequate road bed base of suitable material to support the projected traffic and any requirements for culverts shall be determined by the Town Board in considering an application for driveway approval.
- (9) If culverts are required, the minimum size shall be 18" x 30' and must include the approved apron end walls, which become part of the culvert and allow flatter driveway slopes, eliminating headwalls. Apron end walls may only be backfilled with dirt, which may be seeded or sodded.
- (10) At the dead end of all new driveways a turnaround of at least 38 feet radius or some other method to allow vehicles to turn around shall be provided as determined by the Town Board. Illegal culverts will be removed at the landowner's expense.
- (11) All costs for the described materials and labor incurred by the Town shall be fully reimbursed by the owner 30 days from the date of receiving an invoice from the Town.

Section 5. Definitions

Driveway/access: Any area where travel occurs from a public road over land (whether be easement or ownership) not considered to be a part of the public road for the purpose of gaining access to land or improvements.

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