

ORDINANCE REGULATING DRIVEWAYS, **ACCESS TO TOWN ROADS & RIGHT OF WAYS**

Section 1: TITLE/PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Grant Driveway, Access & Right of Way Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is as follows: Whereas interest has been expressed to establish standards for driveways and access that will provide better and safer provisions for adequate access from private development to a public right of way, and to protect and regulate work within road right of ways.

Section 2: AUTHORITY

Under authority of section 59.97 and 86.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes and sections 1.6(c) and 5.9.03 of the Dunn County Comprehensive Zoning ordinance the Town Board of Grant Township adopts the following Driveway, Access and Right of Way Ordinance.

Section 3: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Town Board shall have the authority to order changes and improvements to existing driveways or access that, in the boards opinion, constitute a safety hazard, or may cause undue damage to Township roads, or that are not of adequate width and construction to support vehicles or heavy equipment if it is likely that such equipment will be using the driveway or access. The costs of such changes shall be the sole responsibility of the landowner where the driveway or access is located. At the discretion of the Town Board, the Town shall have the right to remove any driveway, access, or culvert which does not meet minimum standards as set forth in this ordinance.

Section 4: FEES & APPLICATION

Any new driveway or access proposed to be installed, any work within the Towns Right of Way, 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 improvements shall be subject to an inspection fee as established by the Town Board. The inspection fee is to be paid to the Town prior to any permit issuance. An approved driveway shall be in place before any building permit will be issued.

The applicant who may be the owner, agent or contractor shall submit a location construction plan showing exact specifications including grade, slope, width, length, erosion control procedures and sight distance of the driveway or access. Utilities shall submit a construction location plan with details including distances and buried depths.

Section 5: DRIVEWAY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Any driveway which accesses more than one dwelling or desires the Township to maintain shall be built to meet the current Town Road Standards pursuant to Section 86.26 of the Wisconsin Statutes. (Town maintenance shall be at the discretion of the Town Board and usually limited to snow plowing.) The Town Road Standards differ from the driveway specifications given below and are available from the Town Board upon request. Any developments are subject to County Zoning and Local Ordinances.

The following minimum specifications shall apply to all driveways:

Angular placement shall be at 90 degrees to the roadway for a minimum of 45 feet from pavement or surface edge.

Road surface width.....12 feet

Width clearance.....24 feet

Height clearance free of trees wires & Etc.18 feet

Minimum drive width within public right of way.....18 feet

Maximum drive width within public right of way.....30 feet

Minimum sight distance each way at right of way.....500 feet

Maximum grade from road right of way inward 75ft.....10% grade

(it is suggested but not mandatory that driveway grades do not exceed 10% beyond the 75 foot requirement the Town Board has adopted for your safety as well as access by emergency vehicles should the need arise.)

At least one 25 feet in length and 18 feet in width segment of road surface shall be provided for each 300 feet of driveway length to provide safe passage of meeting vehicles. The driveway or access within the area of public right of way shall slope away from the public road at a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 5% grade. An adequate amount of suitable quality road base material to support the projected traffic shall be applied to all roadway surfaces.

Culvert needs within the public right of way shall be determined by the Town Board and be a minimum of 18 inches in diameter and a length of 30 feet unless otherwise specified.

At the dead end of a driveway, a turn around of at least 40 feet radius or some other adequate method approved by the Town Board to allow vehicles to turn around shall be provided.

Section 6: DEFINITIONS

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

Sections 7: PUBLIC UTILITY WORKS

It is preferred that utilities obtain easements and utilize private land for any installations. In the event that a utility must be located within the right of way, it must be installed no less than 18 feet from the pavement edge and at a minimum of 36 inches below the surface for underground cables whenever possible. Overhead cables must be 18 feet minimum above the road surface with poles placed where they do not obstruct sight distance or road maintenance. The utility owner(s) will, at their expense, move or relocate any utility within the present road right of way as necessitated by the maintenance, construction or re-construction of Township Roads.

Section 8: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect one day after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this **6th day of May, 2002** by the Town of Grant