

Town of Atlanta, Rusk County

Driveway Permit and Construction Standards

This ordinance is to provide construction standards for safety and security when connecting a driveway to a Town road. Therefore a driveway permit is required for all new driveways connecting to a Town Road. Unless a variance is approved by the Town Board all new driveways and shall comply with the following:

1. Driveways on the same side of a Town Road shall be separated by at least 200 feet or by agreement of town board. Driveways on opposite sides of the road shall be located across from one another if practicable.
2. Driveway culverts:
 - a) Shall be installed where necessary to provide adequate drainage as decided by the town board.
 - b). Shall be constructed of either corrugated steel, or of plastic. The steel culverts must be manufactured of galvanized steel no less than 18 gauge. The plastic culverts must be of double wall construction, their composition being the outside wall of corrugated plastic and bonded inside wall of smooth plastic.
 - c) Shall be installed in compliance with the manufacturer's specifications for over-top cover, backfill compaction and other construction requirements.
 - d) Shall not be less than 15 inches in diameter. A larger diameter pipe may be required by the Town Board.
 - e) Shall be installed with the bottom of the culvert at the same elevation and grade as the bottom of the ditch abutting the town road.
 - f) Shall extend 1 foot beyond the driveway shoulder where it intersects the natural ground elevation or bottom of the road ditch unless an appropriate apron is installed.
3. Minimum driveway width shall be 20 feet wide from the edge of roadway to a point that is 40 feet from the center line (C/L) of the existing town road.
4. Retaining walls are not permitted within the road Right-of-Way.
5. The slope of the driveway shoulder embankment shall not exceed a slope of 25% (4:1) or the slope of the embankment of the town road, whichever is less.
6. The center line (C/L) grade of the driveway where it meets the shoulder of the existing town road to a point that is 40 feet from the center line (C/L) of the town road shall be level with the shoulder of existing town road with a minimum of minus one (-1) percent and a maximum of minus five (-5) percent slope from the shoulder edge of the existing town road. This is to prevent erosion from the driveway onto the existing town road.
7. Driveways shall be perpendicular to the centerline of the town road, from the edge of roadway to a point that is 40 feet from the center line (C/L) of the existing town road.

8. The approach to a public roadway shall be clear of all visual obstructions including vegetation, structures and topography (hills and embankments) so as to allow full view of traffic approaching from both directions on the town road.
9. Sight stopping distance along a town road to a driveway located on vertical crest curves of town roads shall be checked and be in conformance with the standards of Wisconsin's Department of Transportation
10. Driveways shall not be marked with red or amber reflectors within the town road right-of-way.
11. Temporary driveway permits may be obtained for a period of six months. All driveway ordinance guidelines shall be enforced. A culvert may also be required by the town board member issuing the temporary permit. When the use of such temporary driveway is over, the ditch line shall be restored to its original grade and seeded.
12. Complaints regarding existing driveways may warrant Town Board action. The Town Board shall investigate any complaint that a driveway constructed before the effective date of this ordinance is a danger to public safety. If, after its investigation, the Board determines that it is a danger to public safety, the Board may inform the owner of modifications necessary to alleviate the danger and may take appropriate action to cause the owner to perform the modifications.
13. Appeals to the Board. Appeals to the town board may be made by any person under this ordinance. Such appeal shall be made within 30 days of the decision by filing with the Town Clerk a notice of appeal specifying the reasons for the appeals. A fee of is \$200 is due when filing an appeal.
14. Enforcement & Penalties. The Town Board may commence such legal action as is authorized by Wisconsin Statutes to require compliance with the terms of the ordinance. Any property owner or other person who directs an access driveway to be constructed in violation of this ordinance and any person who performs such construction shall forfeit not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00. Each day of continuing violation shall be considered a separate offense. In addition, the Town Board shall maintain a continuing objective to the issuance of any land use or building permit by Rusk County for the subject property until the terms of this ordinance are satisfied.

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication

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