

ORDINANCE NO. 60

**DRIVEWAY AND HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT ORDINANCE
Town of Oakland, Jefferson County, Wisconsin**

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Driveway and Highway Access Permit Ordinance. The purpose is to regulate, for public health and safety reasons, the establishment, repair, construction, improvement, modification and reconstruction of private driveways, to assure that the methods of repair, construction, improvement, modification, and reconstruction practices used in any driveway will protect properly the Town of Oakland and to limit and regulate highway access by motor vehicles to any town highway in the town. This is not a town zoning ordinance.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The town board has the specific authority under ss. 66.0425 and 86.07, Wis. Stats., to adopt a town driveway and highway access permit ordinance and has the general authority under its village powers under s. 60.22, Wis. Stats., to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the regulation by permit of certain driveways and highway access locations in the town.

SECTION IV – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

All new driveways located on town roads proposed to be installed or modified or any driveway located on a town road alleged to be existing and serving open land without improvements and proposed to be converted to a driveway to serve one or more structures shall be subject to an inspection fee as established by the town board to be paid to the township prior to the start of any construction on a new driveway and prior to the issuance of a building permit. An approved driveway shall be in place before a building permit can be issued.

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 procedures.

The following specifications shall apply:

- Minimum road surface width.....12 feet
- Minimum width clearance.....24 feet
- Minimum height clearance free of trees, wires, etc.....16 feet
- Maximum grade.....10%

At least one segment of road surface 25 feet in length and 18 feet in width shall be provided for each 300 feet of driveway length to provide for the safe passage of meeting vehicles. The sight distance on roadways where the speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour shall be 350 feet in both directions, 3 ½ feet of the driveway surface and 3 ½ feet off the road surface in both

directions. On roadways where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less the sight distance shall be determined on a case by case basis.

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. An adequate road bed base of suitable material to support the projected traffic (fire trucks are in excess of 50,000 pounds) and any requirements for culverts shall be determined by the town chairman in considering an application for driveway approval. If culverts are required, a new steel culvert with a minimum diameter of 15 inches and a minimum length of 20 feet to be installed with wing ends. Driveway apron to be asphalt or crushed stone and minimum of 5 feet from town road. At a dead end of all new driveways exceeding 75 feet, a turn-around of at least 25 feet radius or some other method to allow vehicles to turn around shall be provided as determined by the town chairman.

Permit is required if sewer hookup extends into road surface, all backfill to be compacted with a minimum of 8 inches of crushed lime rock on top with a minimum of 3 inches of hot mix asphalt on top of the lime rock. Blacktop to be saw cut before replacement. Applicant or successor in title is responsible for settling for one year after completion.

SECTION V – LIABILITY

The property owner shall hold the Town of Oakland and the fire department(s) responding to any call harmless for any possible damage to the driveway or culverts.

SECTION VI – PRIVATE BRIDGES

Privately owned bridges must have approval of the Town of Oakland Chairman.

SECTION VII – INSPECTION/COMPLIANCE FEE

All driveways must be inspected for compliance to specifications set forth in this ordinance. The fee for any entrance is determined by the Board.

SECTION VIII – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication or posting by the town clerk as required, pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By the Town Board of the Town of Oakland, Jefferson County, Wisconsin:

Town Chairman

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

Published: _____

Posted: _____