

Driveway and Culvert Ordinance
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
ORDINANCE NO. 09-01

Section 1. Title/Purpose

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Williamstown Driveway and Culvert Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is as follows: Whereas interest has been expressed to establish new standards for driveways that will provide for better and safer provisions for adequate access from private development to a public right of way on a Town road.

Section 2. Authority

The Town Board of the Town of Williamstown has specific authority, powers and duties pursuant to Sections 60.61, 60.62 and 60.63 Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 3. Adoption of Ordinance

The Town Board of the Town of Williamstown has by adoption of this ordinance, confirmed the specific statutory 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 and culverts in the Town of Williamstown.

Section 4. Driveway minimum requirements

4.1 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 will be subject to an inspection by the Town Board prior to the issuance of a building permit. An approved driveway will be in place before a building permit can be issued.

4.2 The applicant who may be the owner, agent, or contractor will submit a location construction plan showing specifications including grade, slope, width, and length of driveway and erosion control procedures.

4.3 Authorization for a driveway is subject to the approval of the Town. The evidence of an existing driveway is the clear indication of a driveway being in place before the year 2009. If there is a dispute on the adequacy of an alleged existing driveway, the decision of the Town Board will be the deciding factor.

4.4 The following specifications will apply:

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

4.5 At least one 25-foot length and 18 foot width segments of road surface will be provided for each 300 feet of driveway length to provide for the safe passage of meeting vehicles. The driveway within the area of the public right of way will 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 and any requirements for culverts will be determined by the Town in considering an application for driveway approval. If culverts are required, the minimum size will be a metal culvert 18" x 30" with apron end walls. At the dead end of all new driveways a turn around of at least a 25 foot radius or some other method to allow vehicles to turn around will be provided as determined by the Town Board. Illegal culverts will be removed at landowners expense.

Section 6. Definitions.

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

Section 7. Effective Date

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

Adopted this 12th day of January 2009.

Town of Williamstown

Don Hilgendorf, Chairman

Len Schnabl, Supervisor

Russ Schroeder, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Donald Roll, clerk