

Ordinance 2026-4
An Amendment to Ordinance 2024-1 Driveway Regulations

The Town of Manitowoc Rapids Town Board, pursuant to its village powers under Secs. 60.10 (2) ,60.22, and 61.34, Wis. Stats. and its oversight authority of town highways and matters pertaining to town highways pursuant to Chapter 82 and Sec. 83.027, Wis. Stat., in order to promote public safety, the public convenience and general welfare, adopt the following regulations pertaining to private driveways, and do ordain as follows:

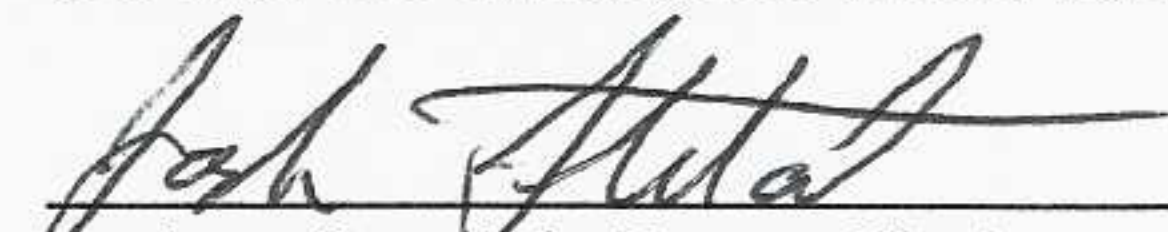
1. Definitions.
 - a. "Driveway" means a private road access to private property from a public highway.
 - b. "Town" is the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, WI.
2. Minimum space.
 - a. A driveway in the Town which is entirely or primarily composed of cement shall be located at least thirteen (13) feet (the "minimum space") from the material surface of a public highway.
 - b. The minimum space between the driveway and the material surface of the highway may be composed of the same material as the public highway.
3. Minimum width-New Driveways. The driving surface for the entire length of the driveway shall be a minimum width of fourteen (14) feet. Any future resurfacing of the driveway (concrete, blacktop, etc.) shall maintain the minimum fourteen (14) feet surface width. *(The minimum width does not pertain to existing driveways.)*
4. Driveway culvert.
 - a. A culvert shall be installed for each driveway and shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the property line and at right angles to the driveway.
 - b. Apron end walls shall be used for all culverts.
5. Driveway for two residential parcels. A driveway which provides access to two (2) residential parcels shall have a minimum driveway width of twenty-two (22) feet and shall be built according to all other Town road specifications.
6. Clear of obstructions. All driveways and the area six (6) feet on either side of the edge of the driveway shall have a minimum clearance of fourteen (14) feet in height of trees and vegetation, wires, and similar obstructions.
7. Truck Pass/Turnaround. A truck pass/turnaround shall be installed on all driveways that are five hundred (500) feet long, and one or more additional truck pass/turnaround shall be installed for every next five hundred (500) feet or fraction thereof. Example: 500 feet driveway = one (1) truck pass; 750 feet driveway = two (2) truck pass; 1000 feet driveway = two (2) truck pass
8. Minimum Curve Measure. All curves in driveways or access roads shall have a minimum of thirty (30) feet inside radius and fifty (50) feet outside radius.
9. Fire Chief Approval. In furtherance of public safety, the Fire Chief of the fire service provider which serves the territory in which the driveway is in the Town, or his/her authorized representative, shall approve the design of the driveway.

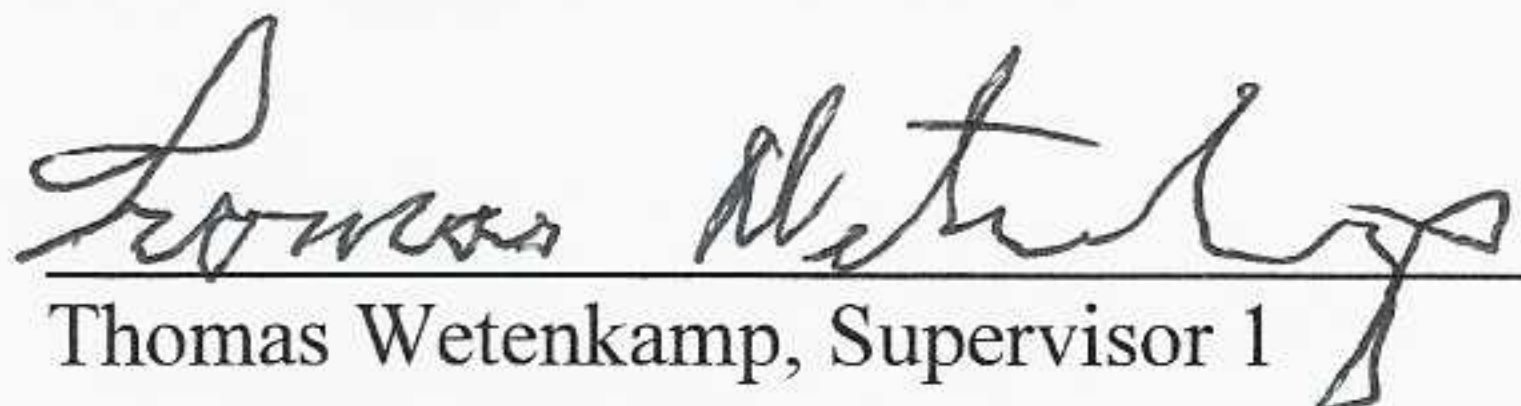
10. Driveway Permit. A driveway permit issued by the Town is required before starting the construction or removing the existing materials to change the layout of a driveway. The Permit application provided by the Town shall be completed and returned to the Town Road Superintendent together with the \$50.00 application fee. The Permit application must be approved by the Town and the approval of the design of the driveway must be provided by the Fire Chief prior to the issuance of the Driveway Permit.
11. Existing Regulations. The provisions of this ordinance are in addition to all existing ordinances, rules and regulations ("existing rules") affecting the subject matter. To the extent any of the provisions of this ordinance conflict with existing rules, the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to have repealed the conflicting rules.
12. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any portion of this ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or void, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and posting according to law.

Adopted this 12th day of August, 2026.

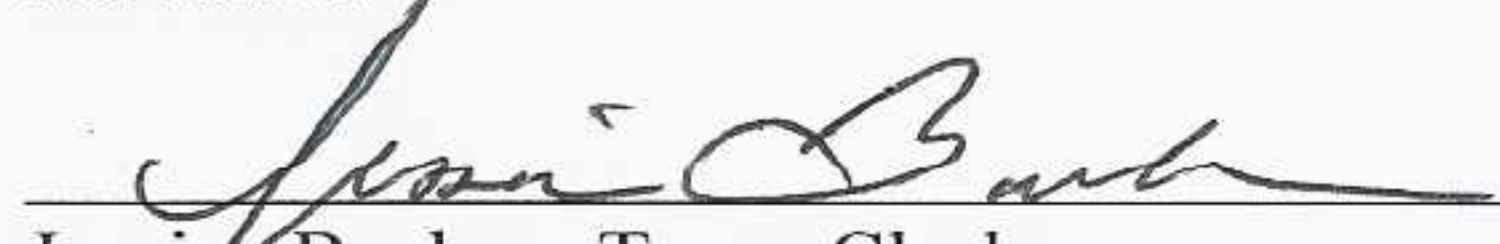
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