

To the Iowa County Board of Supervisors:

Whereas interest has been expressed to established standards that will provide for better and safer provisions for adequate access from private development to a public right of way, and

Whereas a public hearing has been properly noticed and held and the townships who are for example the primary providers of emergency services have provided recommendations for specifications deemed to be in the best interest of all concerned, and

Whereas an agreement has been reached on minimum standards to be a part of the zoning ordinance

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the following amendments and additions are hereby incorporated as a part of the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section 6.3:

to delete "zoning administrator" and add "the highway agency with control jurisdiction where the driveway abuts the highway".

Add the following:

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 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 control procedures.

Authorization for a driveway is subject to the approval of the township wherein located and when so approved the township shall notify the Iowa County zoning office. The evidence of an existing driveway is either the clear indication of a driveway being in place on the 1976 aerial photo or a statement from the township that an approved driveway is in place. If there is a dispute on the adequacy of an alleged existing driveway the decision of the township will be the deciding factor. If there is not clear evidence as determined by the Iowa County zoning administrator that the driveway has been used during the last 12 months the township review process is required.

The following specifications shall apply:

Minimum road surface width	12'
Minimum width clearance	24'
Minimum height clearance free of trees, wires, etc.	18'
Maximum grade	10%

At least one 25' in length and 18' in width segment of road surface shall be provided for each 300' of driveway length to provide for the safe passage of meeting vehicles.

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 and any requirements for culverts shall be determined by the township in considering an application for driveway approval. If culverts are required the recommended minimum diameter shall be 18".

At the dead end of all new driveways a turn around of at least 25' radius or some other method to allow vehicles to turn around shall be provided as determined by the town board.

Add to Section 12 Definitions:

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

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