

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE 2010-01 Town of Wood River

The Town of Wood River Board of Supervisors recognizes that emergency vehicles require reasonable access to residences and places of businesses. Therefore, this ordinance is intended to provide unrestricted access to these properties without endangering emergency equipment and personnel while providing the most efficient service to the residents.

Definitions:

1. Driveways are described as serving only one residence or commercial building.
2. Private roads are described as serving more than one residential or commercial building.

The following requirements are in force for driveways as of the date of ordinance approval:

1. All driveways must have a minimum of twenty (20) feet at entrance with at least a fifteen (15) inch culvert, if deemed necessary.
2. Driveways shall have a minimum clearance width of twenty (20) feet throughout the length of the driveway.
3. Any curves in driveways must not be less than one hundred (100) foot radius.
4. Driveways will be clear of all obstructions, such as stumps, brush, debris, etc.
5. Overhead clearance shall have a minimum of thirteen (13) feet.

The following requirements are in force for private roads as of the date of ordinance approval:

1. Any private road must be approved by the Board of supervisors prior to construction.
2. The minimum width for any private road is two rods.
3. The Town will not be responsible for any construction or maintenance e.g. grading, snowplowing, etc. of private roads; except as authorized by the Town Board.

The following requirements are in force for driveways and private roads exceeding one hundred-fifty (150) feet as of the date of ordinance approval:

1. If a circle drive is constructed, it must have a radius of no less than thirty-five (35) feet to the centerline.
2. A turnaround space free of trees and other obstructions may be provided if it has the dimensions of not less than sixty (60) feet by fifty (50) feet.
3. A turnout length and entrance width shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet. The width may taper down to a minimum of twenty (20) feet at the rear. A minimum of Forty (40) feet of driveway must be provided between the building and the turnout to allow enough room to back a thirty (30) foot fire truck into the turnout.

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2. Driveways shall have a minimum clearance width of twenty (20) feet throughout the length of the driveway.
3. Any curves in driveways must not be less than one hundred (100) foot radius.
4. Driveways will be clear of all obstructions, such as stumps, brush, debris, etc.
5. Overhead clearance shall have a minimum of thirteen (13) feet.

The following requirements are in force for private roads as of the date of ordinance approval:

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The following requirements are in force for driveways and private roads exceeding one hundred-thirty (130) feet as of the date of ordinance approval:

1. If a driveway is constructed, it must have a radius of no less than thirty-five (35) feet to the centerline.
2. A turnaround space free of trees and other obstructions may be provided if it has the dimensions of not less than sixty (60) feet by fifty (50) feet.
3. A turnout length and entrance width shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet. The width may taper down to a minimum of twenty (20) feet at the rear. A minimum of forty (40) feet of driveway must be provided between the building and the turnout to allow enough room to back a thirty (30) foot fire truck into the turnout.

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Exceptions to this ordinance include:

1. New buildings that are seventy-five (75) feet or less from a public or private road.
2. Those portions of public or private roads that are restricted by existing easement.
3. Existing driveways and private roads prior to the adoption of this ordinance. However the Wood River Board of Supervisors recommends that existing driveways are upgraded to these minimum standards in the interests of public safety and efficiency.

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