

## Town Ordinances

Town of Farmington, Wisconsin - Jefferson County



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#### A. TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Farmington, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

##### **SECTION 1: TITLE/PURPOSE**

This ordinance is entitled the Town Of Farmington Traffic Ordinance.

##### **SECTION 2: AUTHORITY**

The Town Board of the Town of Farmington has the specific statutory authority, powers and duties, pursuant to the specific statutory sections noted in this ordinance and/or by its adoption of village powers under §60.10, Wisconsin Statutes, to regulate, control, prevent and enforce against in the Town of Farmington, certain uses, activities, businesses, and operations by persons that may affect the traffic in the Town of Farmington.

##### **SECTION 3: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

The Town Board of the Town of Farmington has, by adoption of this ordinance, confirmed the specific statutory authority, powers and duties noted in the specific sections of this ordinance and has established by these sections and this ordinance, the regulations, controls and enforcement against certain uses, activities, businesses and operations by persons that may affect the traffic in the Town of Farmington.

##### **SECTION 4: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Except as specifically noted otherwise in this ordinance, in Chapters 340 to 348, Wisconsin Statutes, inclusive, Chapter 350 and Chapter 941, Wisconsin Statutes, describing and defining regulations with respect to vehicles, traffic and snowmobiles for which the penalty is a forfeiture only, including penalties to be imposed and procedure for prosecution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference by the Town of Farmington and made part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Any future amendments, modifications, revisions, additions or deletions of the above-noted statutory chapters shall be incorporated herein and made part of this ordinance in order to

secure uniform state regulations of traffic on the public highways, roads, streets and alleys of the state of Wisconsin.

**SECTION 5: NO PARKING**

The Town of Farmington establishes, by this ordinance, the following areas marked by the Town of Farmington by traffic signals as "no parking" areas in the Town of Farmington:

- s. Farmington Rd. east side from Hwy B South 100 ft.
- S. Farmington Rd. west side from Hwy B South 50 ft.
- River Park Dr. cul-de-sac
- Linmar Lane - no parking on either side of road

**SECTION 6: SPEED LIMITS**

The Town of Farmington establishes, by this ordinance, in compliance with Chapters 346 and 349, Wisconsin Statutes, the following maximum speed limits on the following public highways, roads, streets and alleys in the Town of Farmington:

All Town roads are 55 mph speed limits except the following:

- Old Hwy 26 - 45 mph
- Linmar Lane - 45 mph

**SECTION 7: STOP SIGNS**

The Town of Farmington establishes by this ordinance in compliance with Chapter 346, Wisconsin Statutes, the following stop signs on the following public highways, roads, streets, and alleys in the Town of Farmington.

The following locations are designated stops:

Ceaser Rd. at Ranch Rd.  
No. Farmington Rd. at Ranch Rd.  
Saucer Dr. at Ranch Rd.  
Koschnick Rd. at Saucer Dr.  
Ranch Rd. at Co. Hwy D  
Ranch Rd. at Co. Hwy P  
Koschnick Rd. at Co. Hwy D  
Shade Rd. at Ranch Rd.  
Shade Rd. at saucer Dr.  
Saucer Dr. at Co. Hwy X  
Buske Ln. at Co. Hwy X  
Ranch Rd. at Co. Hwy X  
Staude Ln. at switzke Rd.  
Switzke Rd. at Ranch Rd.  
West Ranch Rd. at Switzke Rd.

Banek Ln. at Waldmann Ln.  
Banek Ln. at st. Hwy 26  
Spruce Dr. at St. Hwy 26  
Old Hwy 26 Rd. at St. Hwy 26  
River Rd. at Old Hwy 26 Rd.  
River Rd. at Co. Hwy Y  
River Park Dr. at Woodside Ln.  
Woodside Ln. at Co. Hwy Y  
Old Hwy 26 Rd. at 194 West Bound Frontage Rd.  
Linmar Ln. at st. Hwy 26  
Waldmann Ln. at Linmar Ln.  
Weis Ln. at st. Hwy 26  
Weis Ln. at Waldmann Ln.  
Wright Rd. at Co. Hwy B  
Spring Ln. at Co. Hwy B  
Jaeger Ln. at Spring Ln.  
Christberg Rd. at Co. Hwy B  
Switzke Rd. at Co. Hwy B  
Hilltop Ln. at Co. Hwy B  
Schweppe Ln. at Co. Hwy X  
Reek Ln. at Co. Hwy X  
Coffee Rd. at Co. Hwy B  
Back Acres Ln. at Co. Hwy B  
Lake Dorothy Ln. at Co. Hwy B  
N. Helenville Rd. at Co. Hwy B  
Farmington Rd. at Co. Hwy B  
Reese Ln. at Co. Hwy P  
Stonewood Dr. at Co. Hwy B  
Sunshine Rd. at N. Helenville Rd.  
Sunshine Rd. at Coffee Rd.  
Krenz Rd. at Coffee Rd.  
Krenz Rd. at Switzke Rd.  
Ambrose Rd. at Christberg Rd.  
Ambrose Rd. at Wright Rd.  
Wright Rd. at Co. Hwy Y  
Wruck Ln. at Christberg  
Marsh Rd. at Co. Hwy Y  
E. Junction Rd. at Co. Hwy Y  
F & J Town Line Rd. at Co. Hwy Y  
F & J Town Line Rd. at Christberg Rd.  
Hillview Lane v. Christberg  
Marsh Rd. at Christberg Rd.  
Marsh Rd. at Switzke Rd.  
Bakertown Rd. at N. Helenville Rd.  
Bakertown Rd. at N. Helenville Rd.  
Bakertown Rd. at Co. Hwy D  
N. Helenville Rd. at Depot Rd.  
Duck Creek Rd. at Bakertown Rd.  
4-way at Bakertown Rd. at S. Farmington Rd.  
Bakertown Rd. at Co. Hwy P  
Evergreen Rd. at S. Farmington Rd.

## **SECTION 8: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

No person shall in the Town of Farmington, operate a motor vehicle (a) outside the established driving lanes, (b) across parking stalls indicated by painted lines except when entering or occupying a parking stall, (c) the wrong way in a driving lane where such wrong way is indicated by painted arrow or by the entry angle of adjoining parking stalls, (d) by failing to stop at a "stop sign" or failing to yield to another motor vehicle at a "yield sign," (e) at a rapid or sudden acceleration that results in squealing tires or leaving tire marks, (f) in a manner known as "power louies" or "spinning doughnuts" where the motor vehicle is driven rapidly in a tight radius.

The Town of Farmington establishes, by this ordinance, that the enforcement of traffic ordinances in the Town of Farmington will be in accordance with §66.12 and 345.20 through 345.53, Wisconsin Statutes. Stipulation shall conform to the form contained in the uniform traffic citation. stipulation and deposits may be accepted by the Town Clerk or the Town Chairman of the Town of Farmington. Deposit shall be made in conformance with §345.26, Wisconsin Statutes. If a particular deposit is not established by the statute, then the person shall deposit a forfeiture penalty as provided by the Town of Farmington and approved by the Town Board of the Town of Farmington.

## **SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT**

The enforcement office of this ordinance shall be the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

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B. ROAD REQUIREMENTS

**SECTION 1: TITLE/PURPOSE**

This ordinance is entitled the Town Of Farmington Road Ordinance.

**SECTION 2: ROAD REQUIREMENTS**

Before any road can be dedicated to the Town of Farmington to be treated as a town road, said road must meet the following standards. The right of way must be no less than sixty-six (66) feet in width. The travel portion of the road shall be at least twenty-two (22) feet wide and shall have at least a five (5) foot shoulder on each side. The road and shoulders shall have an eight inch base of Traffic Bond (TB) type limestone, recycled asphalt, recycled concrete with fines, or similar. If the road and shoulders have a base of road gravel or similar, the base shall be twelve (12) inches in depth. The base of the road and shoulders shall be of the same construction. At least three (3) inches of blacktop shall be applied to the traveled portion of the road. No slopes exceeding seven percent (7%) shall be permitted, excluding intersections and cul-de-sacs. All roads shall be crowned.

All roads shall be designed to withstand any expected load conditions. If normal minimum standards do not meet requirements of expected usage and/or load conditions, the road shall be modified to meet required standards. This shall include an investigation by a licensed soils engineer for any sub grade under question. The minimum standards will then be determined by a design engineer with responsible parties agreeing to a two (2) year guarantee. All roadways must have all appropriate signs, painting, markers, guard rails, and similar safety equipment.

Intersections between Town roads shall be level. When sloping roads exist, every road intersecting a Town road must be level for seventy-five (75) feet of the intersection or sloping at a grad no greater than three percent (3%). Intersections shall be designed as to maintain proper visibility, drainage, maintenance, considerations for snow removal, and safety factors. Any Town road intersecting a Federal, State, or County road must meet the requirements dictated by said mentioned authorities, and shall obtain a permit authorizing a road as such.

An application to create a Town road shall be submitted along with a fee of \$200.00.

Ditches shall be provided as necessary to promote drainage patterns similar to those without the presence of the road, and

shall provide good drainage of the road bed. Land or agricultural drainage is not necessarily a goal of the ditch system. If the ditch does perform these functions and its depth creates a hazard, it shall be constructed out of the normal right of way. A maintenance easement shall be provided by the Township in this situation. Where possible, ditches shall be twenty-four (24) inches deep from the edge of the road pavement. This provides sufficient depth in which to install a fifteen (15) inch minimum size round culvert and maintain appropriate cover. A road ditch in excess of four (4) feet deep from the edge of the road pavement shall be located on additional right of way or in easement so that safe road slopes may be maintained. In situations when safe road slopes cannot be maintained, safety structures such as guard rails shall be provided.

Drainage structures such as culverts or bridges shall be provided where drainage patterns cross the roadway. Culverts shall be constructed of corrugated metal pipe or concrete, with a minimum diameter of fifteen (15) inches. If sizing is critical, a licensed designer/engineer shall size the culvert. Culverts shall exceed the pavement width by eight (8) feet on each side and will terminate in end sections manufactured to reduce erosion, better facilitate snow removal, and provide a safety factor. Culverts shall be properly bedded, with consideration given to native backfill and/or shallow veeing to minimize frost shrink/swell rutting. Any culverts serving a driveway shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) inches in diameter and twenty-four (24) feet in length with ends or as regulated by the driveway ordinance. Any other culvert structures or bridges shall be installed only with proper engineering presented to the Town Board in writing and approved.

Roadways ending in a dead end shall be provided with a cul-de-sac. The right of way for the cul-de-sac shall have a minimum one hundred (100) foot radius with the pavement consisting of a sixty (60) foot radius with a five (5) foot shoulder. It shall otherwise be built to normal road standards. Any deviations shall be submitted to the Town Board in writing and the Board in considering shall specifically state the factors in a deviant situation to avoid establishing precedence. The cul-de-sac shall be crowned but shall not exceed a three percent (3%) slope.

Anyone else petitioning for submittal of a public road not meeting adopted minimum standards shall submit in writing specific reasons for variance as to not establish a precedence.

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C. DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE

**SECTION 1: TITLE/PURPOSE**

This ordinance is entitled the Town Of Farmington Driveway Ordinance.

**SECTION 2: DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS**

Driveways are required to have a minimum twenty (20) foot width at the pavement. Any driveway entering a road posted 55 mph must have four hundred (400) feet visibility, any driveway entering a road posted 30-45 mph must have three hundred (300) feet visibility, and any driveway entering a road posted below 30 mph must have two hundred (200) feet visibility. The line of sight of a driver is determined as being three (3) feet above the driveway and fifteen (15) feet from the road pavement. Any driveway entering a State, County, or Federal road shall obtain a permit authorizing a driveway as such. Driveway culverts must have a minimum fifteen (15) inch diameter with arched pipe being acceptable. The minimum length of the culvert is to be twenty-four (24) feet with the maximum length being determined by the site. End sections are required. Culverts are to be constructed of either new steel or concrete with plastic and used pipe being unacceptable. The property owner is responsible for culvert maintenance and replacement, except in a situation in which the Town is rebuilding the road. Driveway culverts may not be required if the driveway is at the breaking point (high point) of a hill, if no ditch exists and the road slopes away from the roadway and, in some cases, the culvert may be better if placed off the right of way which would make a culvert unnecessary if the drainage is served properly. In an upslope situation at least six (6) feet shall be level with the road or downslope. Ditches shall be provided on both sides of a driveway in order to divert any run off into the road ditch. Proper measures shall be used to control erosion. In level or downsloped situations at least twenty-five (25) feet of driveway shall be level with the roadway or sloping away at a maximum of three percent (3%). In no case shall a driveway culvert be covered by less than eight (8) inches of gravel.

A permit shall be required for a driveway entrance. An application, along with a fee of \$100.00, shall be submitted to the Town Clerk in sufficient time to make the agenda of the Town Board Meeting. Upon receipt of the application, the Township may require up to fifteen (15) working days to visit the site and respond with any recommendations. The permit becomes valid upon the applicant

receiving an approved copy of the application. Denial of approval will result in the loss of the fee. Re-application and additional site evaluation may result in additional fees. Any driveway constructed without a permit may result in removal of the driveway at the owner's cost, and/or a fine of up to \$500.00.

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#### D. DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE

THE TOWN BOARD of the Town of Farmington, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish driveway standards that will provide for better and safer access from private development to a public right-of-way and for entrance to emergency vehicles.

SECTION 2. JURISDICTION. Jurisdiction of those regulations shall include all driveways on parcels or buildings sites that are located within the Town of Farmington.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY. The Town Board of the Town of Farmington has the specific authority, powers, and duties pursuant to Sec. 60.61 and 60.62 of the Wisconsin Statutes, pursuant to the specific statutory sections noted in this ordinance and/or by its adoption of the village powers under Sec 60.10 to zone certain areas in the Town of Farmington and to regulate, prohibit, and restrict construction, alteration, erection and enlargement of certain structures and buildings in the Town of Farmington and to regulate and control certain uses, activities, businesses and operations in the Town of Farmington.

SECTION 4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

A. 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. Existing driveways remain with lot and will not be changed unless owner applies for a driveway application to change existing driveway.

B. 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 drive" and erosion control procedures.

C. Authorization for a driveway is subject to the approval of the Town Board wherein located and, when so approved, the Town Board shall notify the Jefferson County Zoning Office. If there is a dispute on the adequacy of an alleged existing driveway, the decision of the Town Board will be the deciding factor. If there is not clear evidence as determined by the Jefferson County Zoning administrator, that the driveway has been used during the last twelve (12) months, the Town Board review process is required.

D. 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
Minimum culvert length	24 feet
Maximum grade	10 percent

The Town Board reserves the right to consider specifications with a maximum grade exceeding ten percent (10%), in which case the Town Board may require an alternative access plan.

At least one 25 feet in length and 18 feet in width segment of road surface shall 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 shall slope away from the public road at a minimum of one percent (1%) and a maximum of five percent (5%) to prevent erosion onto the public road and to permit proper drainage.

An adequate roadbed base of suitable material to support the projected traffic and any requirements for culverts shall be determined by the Town in considering an application for driveway approval. If culverts are required, the recommended minimum diameter shall be 15 inches, round or oval.

At the dead end of all new driveways, a tum around space of at least 25 feet radius, or some other method such- as a site determination to allow vehicles to turn around shall be provided as stated by the Town Board. Illegal culverts will be removed at the landowner's expense.

All driveways must be surfaced and have a safe shoulder in such a manner that they will support and afford unrestricted access to emergency vehicles in all weather conditions and during all seasons of the year. For public safety all driveways must maintain clearance for emergency vehicles, if not maintained those driveways determined by emergency authorities may be denied service.

If property changes ownership and driveway is not accessible for emergency vehicles, new property owners must maintain driveway to comply with ordinance standards.

SECTION 5. DEFINITIONS. Driveway/access refers to 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.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication as provided by law.

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