

## TITLE 6

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## CHAPTER 1

### Public Works

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#### SEC 6-1-1 STATUTORY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY.

Without limitation because of enumeration, the Town Board may:

- (a) **Acquire Lands.** Notwithstanding Sec. 60.10(2)(e), Wis. Stats., acquire lands to lay, construct, alter, extend or repair any highway, street or alley in the Town of Amberg.
- (b) **Streets, Sewers, and water mains.** Provide for laying, constructing, altering, extending, replacing, removing or repairing any highway, street, alley, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or water main in the Town.
- (c) **Sidewalks.** Provide for construction, removal, replacement or repair of sidewalks under Sec. 66.615, Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Lighting Highways.** Provide for lighting for highways, as defined under Sec. 340.01(22), Wis. Stats., located in the Town.
- (e) **Lake improvement.** Provide for making improvements in any lake or waterway located in the Town.

State law Reference: Section 60.50, Wis. Stats.

#### SEC. 6-1-2 PAYMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS; SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

The Amberg Town Board may levy and collect special assessments and charges under Sec. 66.60, Wis. Stats., and Title 3, Chapter 2, of this Code to pay for all or part of the cost of any public work or improvement. Special assessments may be paid under Sec. 66.54, Wis. Stats. Reassessments shall be under Sec. 66.635, Wis. Stats.

Law Reference: Sections 60.51, 66.54, 66.60 and 66.635, Wis. Stats.

**SEC 6-1-3 BURNING OR DEPOSIT OF RUBBISH ON HIGHWAY  
RIGHT-OF-WAYS PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any weeds, sod, brush, cans, glass, gravel, stones, boulders, machinery, garbage or other waste or rubbish in or on the right-of-way of any highway located in the Town of Amberg, Marinette County, State of Wisconsin, or to burn any material of any nature in or on the right-of-way of any such highway or road, and particularly the paved portions thereof, in the Town of Amberg.

## CHAPTER 2

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#### **SEC 6-2-1 APPLICATION TO LAY OUT AND CONSTRUCT HIGHWAY.**

An application under this Chapter to lay out, Alter, or discontinue a Town highway, other than as part of a new subdivision or plat, may be filed by six (6) or more resident freeholders of the Town. Said application must in writing and it may be delivered to any Supervisor or the Town Clerk, to be considered by the Town Board. The application shall contain a legal description and a scale map of the property in question. New streets and roads in subdivisions and plats shall be constructed pursuant to the Town subdivision ordinance and this Chapter where it is not in conflict with the Town subdivision ordinance. Notwithstanding sub. (1), the town board may initiate the process of laying out, altering, or discontinuing a town highway by the introduction of a resolution. The resolution shall contain a legal description and a scale map of the property being affected by the highway to be laid out altered or discontinued.

State Law Reference: Section 82.10-1-2, Wis. Stats. Cross-Reference:

Title 14 and Land Division and Subdivision Code

#### **SEC. 6-2-2 RESTRICTIONS ON LAYING OUT HIGHWAYS.**

- (a) No town official may act in laying out, altering, or discontinuing a highway if acting would result in a violation of the code of ethics under s. 19.59 or of a local ordinance enacted under S. 19.59 (1m). If a town official is prevented from acting, the remaining town officials shall act.
- (b) If there are fewer than 2 supervisors that can act, the clerk may act in stead. If the clerk cannot act, the treasurer may act.

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- (c) Without the consent of the owner, no Town highway shall be laid out through or upon any garden or orchard or any building or fixture used for trade or manufacture or any other building or fixture or the yard or enclosure necessary to the use thereof, when the damage thereby caused thereto, exclusive of the damage to the land, exceeds Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

### **SEC 6-2-3 PROCEDURES AFTER APPLICATION IS FILED.**

- (a) On application made pursuant to Sec. 6-2-1 above, the Town Board shall prepare a notice fixing therein a time and place at which they will meet and decide upon the application.
- (b) The notice shall contain a legal description of the highway proposed to be laid out, widened, altered or discontinued and the tracts of land through which the highway passes.
- (c) A scale map of the land that would be affected by the application or resolution.

State Law Reference: Section 82.10 (3), Wis. Stats.

### **SEC 6-2-4 DUTIES OF APPLICANTS AFTER APPLICATION IS FIXED.**

- (a) The town board or, at the town boards direction, the applicants shall publish a class 3 notice under ch. 985 and shall, at least 30 days before the hearing, give notice by registered mail to all the following:
  1. The owners of record of lands through which the highway may pass.
  2. The owners of record of all lands abutting the highway.
  3. The department of natural resources.
  4. The county land conservation committee in each county through which the highway may pass.
  5. The secretary of transportation, if the highway that is the subject of the application or resolution is located within one quarter mile of a state trunk highway or connecting highway.
- (b) If procedures are begun under sub. (1), the applicants shall bear the cost of publication. If the procedures are begun under sub. (2), the town shall bear the cost of publication.
- (c) Lis pendens. In the case of an application under sub. (1), the applicant shall file a lis pendens under s. 840.11. In the case of a resolution under sub. (2), the board shall file a lis pendens within 10 days of the introduction of the resolution.

State Law Reference: Section 82:10 (4) (5)

### **SEC 6-2-5 PROCEEDINGS AFTER NOTICE.**

- (a) The town board shall hold a public hearing at the time and place stated in the

Notice pursuant to 6-2-3 (a) to decide, in its discretion, whether granting the application or resolution is in the public interest.

- (b) The Supervisors are to be satisfied that all notices as required by this Chapter and the Laws of the State of Wisconsin have been complied with.
- (c) The Supervisors shall personally examine the highway, which is the subject of the application and shall hear any reason that may be offered for or against laying out, widening or altering the highway.

State Law Reference: Section 82.11 (1), Wis. Stats.

#### **SEC. 6-2-6 ORDER, AWARD AND RECORDING.**

- (a) The town board shall make a determination upon any application or resolution to lay out, alter, or discontinue any highway within 90 days after receipt of the application or introduction of a resolution.
- (b) If the board determines under sub. (1) To lay out, alter, or discontinue any highway, it shall issue a highway order. The highway order shall be recorded with the register of deeds for the county in which the highway is or will be located and shall be filed with the town clerk. The town clerk submits a certified copy of the order to the county highway commissioner. If the town has an official map, the order shall be incorporated into the official map.
- (c) The determination not to issue a highway order shall be final for one year. No application to lay out, alter, or discontinue a highway shall be filed within one year from the date of a determination not to issue a highway order covering the highway or portion of the highway covered in the refused application.

State Law Reference 82.12

#### **SEC. 6-2-7 DAMAGES.**

- (a) The applicants(s) shall secure a release of damages from all occupants and owners of record and file it with the town clerk. The damages sustained by any person upon whose land any highway be laid out, widened or altered shall be fixed by agreement signed by the owner and the Supervisors and be filed in the Town Clerks office. Such agreement and every release of damages given shall bar any further claims for damages by the owner and all persons claiming under him. A land conveyance shall accompany the release of damages, which shall be properly recorded with the Marinette County Register of Deeds.
- (b) If any owner does not agree with the Supervisors as to his/her damages or does not deliver to the Supervisors a written release of all claims for damages, the Supervisors shall, at the time of making the highway order, assess the damages and make a written award specifying the sum awarded by them to each owner. The award shall be signed by the Supervisors and be filed in the Town Clerks Office with the order laying out, widening, altering or discontinuing the highway.

#### **SEC. 6-2-8 APPEALS.**

- (a) Any person aggrieved by a highway order, or a refusal to issue such an order may seek judicial review under s. 68.13 Wis. Stats. If the highway is on the line between two counties, the appeal may be in the circuit court of either county.

State Law Reference: 82.15

**SEC. 6-2-9 PAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES.**

All expenses involved in the preparation, construction and dedication involved in highway construction under this Chapter shall be borne by the applicants.

**SEC. 6-2-10 PRELIMINARY INSPECTION.**

Prior to the design, preparation and construction of any roadway to be dedicated in the Town of Amberg, the applicant shall notify the Town Chairperson or Town Clerk. An on-site meeting will then be arranged to be attended by the Town Board, the Town Engineer and the applicant. Plans must be provided in order for the Town Engineer to check the design and the drainage.

**SEC.6-2-11 PERFORMANCE BOND.**

At the option of the Town Board the applicant(s) shall prepare the highway (grade, ditch, and gravel, etc.) one year and surface it the next year in order to further compact the roadbed. If so the applicants shall provide a bond or irrevocable letter of credit which would enable the Town to finish the road, in case of default by the applicant(s). The performance bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or cash escrow agreement shall be equal to one and one-quarter (1-1/4) times the Town Engineers estimated cost of the required improvements. If the required improvements are not complete within the eighteen (18) month period, all amounts held under the escrow agreement or performance bond shall be turned over and delivered to the Town and applied to the cost of the required improvements. Any balance remaining after such improvements have been made shall be returned to the owner or subdivides The Town Board, at its option, may extend the bond period for any additional period not to exceed one (1) year; however, the initial bond shall be required to run one (1) year beyond the initial date of acceptance of improvements.

**SEC.6-2-12 ROADWAY SPECIFICATIONS.**

The road construction specifications for plats prescribed in Title 14 shall be applicable for both new roads ordered constructed under this Chapter and for roads required as a condition of new plat approval.

**SEC. 6-2-13 FINAL INSPECTION.**

Upon completion of the proposed highway, the Town engineer will proceed to make final inspection, accepting or rejecting road as the case may be. After all of the provisions of this Chapter have been complied with, the roadway or easement will be inspected by the Town officials and, at that time, proof will be made by the presenting of waivers of liens or receipted bills that all work that has been done has been paid for or arrangements have been made for the payment through written instrument by the subdivider. If the road is rejected, corrections shall be made as recommended by Town Board, upon the Town Engineers recommendations, before final inspection can than be made again. If final acceptance is then made, the owner or owners shall turn over to the Town the deed of all land necessary for the road as previously mentioned.

## CHAPTER 3

### Road Excavations; Trees

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#### SEC. 6-3-1 EXCAVATIONS OF STREETS, ALLEYS, PUBLIC WAYS AND ROADS.

(a) **Permit Required.**

- (1) No person, partnership, utility or corporation, or their agents or employees or contractors shall make or cause to be made any opening or excavation in any public street, public road, public alley, public way, public ground, public sidewalk or Town-owned easement or fill or alter any culvert or construct or install additions or extensions to its existing facilities within the Town of Amberg without a permit therefore from the Town Chairperson or Clerk, or their designee.
- (2) The utility or contractor shall submit to the Town a written request for a utility construction/street excavation permit and a plan of the proposed alteration, extension or addition, showing its location and details of construction, including specified depth, method of excavation, open out or augering, provisions of restoration and whatever the Town would deem necessary for review and consideration. In being issued a permit the utility or contractor agrees to be bound by the regulations of this Section and Section 6-3-2.

(b) **Fee.** The fee for an excavation or opening permit shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00). The fee shall be paid to the Town Clerk, who shall issue a receipt therefore.

(c) **Insurance Required.** A permit shall be issued only upon condition that the applicant submit to the Town satisfactory written evidence that applicant has in force and will maintain during the time the permit is in effect public liability insurance of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per one (1) person, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for one (1) accident and property damage coverage of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(d) **Bond.**

- (1) Before a permit for excavating or opening any street or public way may be issued, the applicant must sign a statement in that he will indemnify and save harmless the Town of Amberg and its officers from all liability for accidents and damage caused by any of the work covered by his/her permit, and that he will fill up and place in good and safe condition all excavations and openings made in the street, and will replace and restore the pavement over any opening he/she may make as near as can be to the state and condition in which he/she found it, and keep and maintain the same in such condition, normal wear and tear excepted, to the satisfaction of the Town

Board for a period of one (1) year, and that he/she will pay all fines imposed upon him for any violation of any rule, regulation or ordinance governing street openings or drainlaying adopted by the Town Board and will repair any damage done to existing improvements during the progress of the excavation in accordance with the ordinances, rules and regulations of the Town. Such statement shall also guarantee that if the Town shall elect to make the street repair, the person opening the street will pay all costs of making such repair and of maintaining the same for one (1) year.

- (2) The person who does such restoration shall be responsible therefore for one (1) year from the date of the completion of the work and shall file a written guarantee or surety bond to that effect with the Town in a minimum amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).
- (3) Whenever the Town Board shall find that any such work has become defective within one (1) year of the date of completion, it shall give written notice thereof to the contractor or to his surety stating the defect, the work to be done, the cost thereof and the period of time deemed by the Town Board to be reasonably necessary to complete said work. After receipt of such notice, the contractor or the surety must, within the time specified, repair the defect or indemnify the Town for the cost of doing the work as set forth in the notice.

#### **SEC. 6-3-2 REGULATIONS GOVERNING EXCAVATIONS AND OPENINGS.**

- (a) **Frozen Ground.** No openings in the streets, alleys, sidewalks or public ways shall be permitted when the ground is frozen except where it is deemed necessary by the Town Chairperson or Town Clerk, or their designee.
- (b) **Removal of paving.** In any opening or excavation, all paving materials shall be removed with the least possible loss of or injury to surfacing materials and together with the excavated materials from the opening shall be placed so as to cause the least practicable inconvenience to the public and permit free flow of water along gutters.
- (c) **Protection of public.**
  - (1) Every opening and excavation shall be enclosed with sufficient barriers, sufficient warning lights shall be kept on from sunset to sunrise. Such lights shall be spaced so as to give adequate warning of the existence of the opening and of piled excavated materials. No open flame warning pots shall be used. Except by special permission from the Town, no trench shall be excavated more than two hundred fifty (250) feet in advance of pipe or conduit laying nor left unfilled more than five hundred (500) feet where pipe or conduit has been laid.
  - (2) All necessary precautions shall be taken to guard the public effectively from accidents or damage to persons or property through the period of the work. Each person making such opening shall be held liable for all damages, including costs incurred by the Town in defending any action brought against it for damages, as well as cost of any appeal, that may result from the neglect by such person or his employees or any necessary precaution against injury or damage to persons, vehicles or property of any kind.
- (d) **Replacing Street Surface.** In opening any public street, public alley, public sidewalk, public way, public easement or public ground, the paving materials, sand, gravel and earth or other material moved or penetrated and all surface monuments or hubs must be removed and replaced as nearly as possible in their original condition or position and the same relation to the remainder as before.



Any excavated material which, in the opinion of the Town, is not suitable for refilling shall be replaced with approved backfill material. All rubbish shall be immediately removed. In refilling the opening, the earth must be laid in layers not more than six (6) inches in depth and each layer mechanically rammed or tamped to prevent after-settling. When the sides of the trench will not stand perpendicular, sheathing and braces must be used to prevent caving. No timber, bracing, lagging, sheathing or other lumber shall be left in any trench. Trenches shall be compacted to ninety-five percent (95%) Modified Procter, with test results from a certified soil tester filed with the Town Engineer. The Town may elect to have the opening for any street or sidewalk repaired by the Town, in which case the cost of making such repair and of maintaining it for one (1) year shall be charged to the person making the street opening.

- (e) **Notice.** It shall be the duty of the permittee to notify the Town Chairperson and/or Town Clerk, or the Town Engineer when requested by the Town, and all private individuals, firms and corporations affected by the work to be done at least twenty-four (24) hours before such work is to commence. The Clerk and/or Chairperson, or the Town Engineer when requested by the Town, shall also be notified at least four (4) hours prior to backfilling and/or restoring the surface.
- (f) **Validity of Permit.** Unless the work shall be commenced within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the permit, the permit shall be void, and a new permit must be obtained and an additional fee charged. The Town may extend the time limitation for good cause. The utility or contractor shall have present at the site of construction and during the restoration period a copy of the construction plans and Town permit
- (g) **Backfilling.** Reconstruction shall be in accordance with the current cross-section or according to Town Standards, whichever is stricter. If the surface is not restored as required, the Town may restore the surface and bill the permittee therefore; the Town shall perform such work and bill the cost thereof to the permittee.
- (h) **Emergency Excavation.** In the event of an emergency, any person, firm or corporation, owning or controlling any sewer, gas main, water main, conduit or other utility in or under any public street, alley easement, way or ground and his agents and employees may take immediate proper emergency measures to remedy dangerous conditions for the protection of property, life, health or safety without obtaining an excavation permit, provided that such person, firm or corporation shall apply for an excavation permit not later than the next business day.
- (i) **Excavation in New Streets Limited.** Whenever the Town Board determines to provide for the permanent improvement or repaving of any street, such determination shall be made not less than thirty (30) days before the work of improvement or repaving shall begin. Immediately after such determination by the Town Board, the Town Engineer shall notify in writing each person, utility, Town department or other agency owning or controlling any sewer, water main, conduit or other utility in or under said street or any real property abutting said street, that all such excavation work in such street must be completed within ninety (90) days. After such permanent improvement or repaving, no permit shall be issued to open or excavate said street for a period of five (5) years after the date of improvement or repaving unless, in the opinion of the Town Board, an emergency exists which makes it absolutely essential that the permit be issued.

- (j) **Exception.** The provisions of this Section shall not apply to excavation work done by Town employees or contractors performing work under contract with the Town except that the safety precautions under Subsection (c) hereof shall be complied with.

**SEC 6-3-3 TREES AND SHRUBBERY OBSTRUCTING VIEW AT INTERSECTION OR VIEW OF TRAFFIC SIGNS; TREE REMOVAL; FENCES.**

(a) **Obstruction of Intersections.**

(1) Purpose. No person shall maintain, plant or permit to remain on any private or public premises situated at the intersection of two (2) or more roads, streets or alleys in the Town of Amberg any hedge, tree, shrub or other growth which may obstruct the view of the operator of any motor vehicle or pedestrian approaching such intersection.

(2) Traffic Visibility. On a corner parcel, no fence, wall, hedge, planting or structure shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to obstruct vision between a height of two and one-half (2-1/2) feet and ten (10) feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines or such corner parcels and a line joining the points along said street lines twenty-five (25) feet from the point of intersection. In the case of arterial streets intersecting with other arterial streets or railways, the corner cutoff distances establishing the triangular vision clearance space shall be increased to fifty (50) feet

(b) **Obstruction of Signs.** It is unlawful for any person to plant, cause to grow, allow to grow or maintain any trees, bushes, shrubbery or vegetation of any kind which is an obstruction to the clear and complete vision of any traffic sign in the Town. It shall be the duty of every owner of such tree, brush, shrubbery or vegetation to remove such obstruction.

(c) **Abatement Procedure.** Any shrub, tree or other plant which obstructs the view at an intersection or the view of a traffic sign shall be deemed to be dangerous to public travel, and the Town Clerk shall notify the property owner in writing, describing the conditions, stating the steps necessary to correct the conditions, and establishing a reasonable time within which the corrective steps shall be taken. In the event that effective steps are not taken within the time specified, it shall be lawful for the Town to abate these conditions to the extent necessary to assure compliance with the foregoing requirements, and the costs thereof shall be assessed to the owner.

(d) **Trees on and Adjacent to Highway.**

(1) Removal of Fallen Trees. If any tree falls from adjacent land into any highway, the owner or occupant of the land shall immediately remove the tree from the highway. If the tree is not removed by the property owner following notice from the Town, the Town may remove from any highway any fallen tree or trees therein and charge the cost thereof to the property owner pursuant to Sec. 66.60(16), Wis. Stats.

(2) Planting Trees and Shrubs in Highway. Any person owning or occupying land adjoining any highway may, with the approval of the Town Board, plant, cultivate and maintain trees, shrubs or hedges on the side of the highway continuous to and within ten (10) feet of his land. Such trees, shrubs or hedges shall be cut or removed only by the owner or occupant of the abutting land or by the public authority having control of the highway.

- (e) **Cutting or Injuring Trees on Highway.** No person shall cut down, break, girdle, bruise the bark or in any other manner injure any public or private trees, shrubs or hedges growing within the highway, except as the owner thereof or the public authority maintaining the highway may cut down, trim and remove trees, shrubs and hedges for the purpose of and conducting to the benefit and improvement of the owner's land or the highway facility. When it is necessary for trees in a road right-of-way to be removed, the adjacent property owner shall have a right of first refusal to have the wood.
- (f) **Fences.** No person shall build or reconstruct any fence on the public road right-of-way.

State Law Reference: Sec. 86.03, Wis. Stats.

### **SEC 6-3^ INJURY TO TREES AND SHRUBS PROHIBITED.**

- (a) No person shall, without the consent of the owner in the case of a private tree or shrub, or without written permits from the Town Board in the case of a public tree or shrub, do or cause to be done by others any of the following acts:
  - (1) Secure, fasten or run any rope, wire sign, unprotected electrical installation or other device or material to, around or through a tree or shrub.
  - (2) Break, injure, mutilate, deface, kill or destroy any tree or shrub or permit any fire to burn where it will injure any tree or shrub.
  - (3) Permit any toxic chemical, gas, smoke, oil or other injurious substance to seep, drain or be emptied upon or about any tree or shrub, or place cement or other solid substance around the base of the same.
  - (4) Remove any guard, stake or other device or material intended for the protection of a public tree or shrub, or close or obstruct any open space about the base of a public tree or shrub designed to permit access of air, water and fertilizer.
  - (5) Attach any sign, poster, notice and other object on any tree, or fasten any guy wire, cable, rope, nails, screws or other device to any tree; except that the Town may tie temporary "no parking" signs to trees when necessary in conjunction with street improvement work, tree maintenance work or parades.
  - (6) Cause or encourage any fire or burning near or around any tree.
- (b) All trees on any parkway or other publicly owned property near any excavation or construction of any building, structure or street work shall be sufficiently guarded and protected by those responsible for such work as to prevent any injury to said trees.

State Law Reference: Sec. 86.03, Wis. Stats.

### **SEC 6-3-5 DEPOSIT OF RUBBISH AND STONES ON HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any weeds, sod, brush, cans, glass, gravel, stones, boulders, machinery, garbage or other waste or rubbish in or on the right-of-way of any highway located in the Town of Amberg, without written permission of the Town Board for temporary use.

**SEC. 6-3-6 PLACEMENT OF RURAL MAILBOXES.**

Rural mailboxes are prohibited on the right-of-way of all highways within the Town of Amberg except as hereinafter provided:

- (a) Mailboxes are approved only if they are of a construction or design approved by the United States Postal Service or previously approved by the Postmaster.
- (b) Newspaper tubes are permitted only if provided by the newspaper and are of a construction or design that will not present a hazard to the public use of the right-of-way.
- (c) A nameplate bearing the name and address number of the mailbox owner shall be permitted on each box.
- (d) The support for the mailbox and newspaper tube shall adhere to the standards governing construction of mailbox supports as established by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and shall not constitute a hazard to the public use of the right-of-way.
- (e) Mailbox and newspaper tubes must be located on the side of the road required by the United States Postal Service and so that the door to the mailbox or protruding end of the newspaper tube is at least one (1) foot from the paved portion of the highway.
- (f) The owner of each mailbox and/or newspaper tube shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of each snowfall, remove all snow and ice which has fallen or accumulated in front of said mailbox and/or said newspaper tube and shall remove the snow for a distance of fifteen (15) feet to each side of said mailbox and/or newspaper tube.
- (g) No other object of any kind shall be attached to the mailbox, newspaper tube or their supports. No other objects, including, but not limited to, landscaping boulders or fences may be placed on the right-of-way.
- (h) This Section is not intended to and shall not be construed to create any affirmative duty on the part of the Town of Amberg to locate and remove obstructing mailboxes.

**SEC. 6-3-7 MAILBOX REPLACEMENT.**

- (a) The Town of Amberg will replace mailboxes damaged on the Town road system where it has been determined that:
  - (1) Physical damage, which can be proven and documented by the owner or the Town, was caused by actual Town equipment contact.
  - (2) The mailbox is of standard design and placed in conformance with U.S. Post Office standards.
  - (3) The existing installation, mailbox and mailbox post were in good repair.
- (b) The Town of Amberg will not replace mailboxes damaged on the Town road system where it has been determined that:
  - (1) The mailbox was not of standard design, or not placed in conformance with U.S. Post Office standards, even though it may have been damaged by Town equipment.
  - (2) The mailbox post and installation were not in good repair.
  - (3) Evidence indicates that the weight of plowing snow resulted in the damage to the mailbox and/or post.

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- (c) The replacement of mailboxes by the Town of Amberg shall be limited to a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00) payment. Special decorative mailboxes and/or posts will not be provided. **If** the owner wishes to install a decorative mailbox and/or post that meets standards, it shall be at the owner's expense.

## CHAPTER 4

### Driveways; Culverts

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- 6-4-2 Driveway and Culvert Location, Design and Construction Requirements

#### SEC 6-4-1 DRIVEWAY PERMITS; CULVERT REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) **Purpose.** For the safety of the general public, the Town of Amberg shall determine the location, size, construction and number of access points to public roadways within the Town limits. It is the Town's intent to provide safe access to properties abutting public roadways suitable for the property to be developed to its highest and best use, provided that access is not deficient or dangerous to the general public.
- (b) **Culvert Requirement.** No person shall construct any driveway or private road in a public right-of-way of the Town of Amberg without installing a culvert in full compliance with this Section. Included within the scope of this requirement are commercial driveways.
- (c) **Driveway Permit Required; Application; Fee.**
  - (1) **Permit Requirement.** No person shall locate, establish, or construct a private driveway, road, or other access from a private property line to the traveled portion of any public Town road without first filing an application and obtaining a driveway permit from the Town of Amberg.
  - (2) **Application.** Application for such permit may be made to the Town Clerk or Building Inspector. The request for such permit shall be in writing signed by the owner of the real estate affected or his/her agent and shall include design specifications and a drawing depicting the location and orientation of the proposed culvert in relationship to the real estate involved and the adjacent road, street, or highway.
  - (3) **Review.** The Town Engineer or his representative shall review all applications using this Chapter and the data and findings from the Driveway Inspection Report as shown in Section 6-4-2 in issuing driveway and culvert permits.
  - (4) **Fee.** At the time of making application for a driveway permit, the applicant shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Upon installation of a culvert in full compliance with the requirements of this Section, the Town Clerk or Building Inspector may refund to the applicant up to seventy-five percent (75%) or the fee amount, after deductions deemed necessary by the Town for administrative and inspection costs.
- (d) **Application Provisions.** All driveway permit applications shall contain the applicant's statement that:
  - (1) The applicant represents all parties in interest, and that such proposed driveway is for the bona fide purpose of securing access to his property and not for the purpose of parking or servicing vehicles, advertising, storage or merchandising of goods within the dedicated portion of the Town road or street, or for any other purpose.

- (2) The Town, notwithstanding the construction of such driveway, reserves the right to make any changes, additions, repairs or relocations within the dedicated portion of the Town road or street at any time, including relocation, reconstruction, widening and maintaining the street without compensating the owner of such private driveway for the damage or destruction of such private roadway.
- (3) The permittee, his/her successors or assigns, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Amberg, its officials, officers, agents or employees, against any claim or any cause of action for personal injury or property damage sustained by reason of the exercise of such permit.
- (4) The Town does not assume any responsibility for the removal or clearance of snow, ice or sleet or the opening of any windrows of such material upon such portion of such driveway within the dedicated portion of the Town road or street.

**SEC 6-4-2 DRIVEWAY AND CULVERT LOCATION, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.**

- (a) **General Requirements.** The location, design and construction of driveways shall be in accordance with the following:
  - (1) **General Design.** Private driveways shall be of such width and so located that all of such driveways and their appurtenances are within the limits of the frontage abutting the street of the property served. Driveways shall not provide direct ingress or egress to or from any street intersection area and shall not encroach upon or occupy areas of the street right-of-way required for effective traffic control or for street signs or signals. A driveway shall be so located and constructed that vehicles approaching or using it shall have adequate sight distance along the street. Driveway approaches shall be at least ten (10) feet apart except by special permission from the Town Board, and driveways shall in all cases be placed wherever possible as not to interfere with utilities in place.
  - (2) **Number.** The number of driveways to serve an individual residential or commercial property fronting on a street shall be one (1), except where deemed necessary and feasible by the Town Board for reasonable and adequate service to the property, considering the safety, convenience and utility of the street, and driveways may be approved for commercial and other use areas where deemed reasonable.
  - (3) **Island Area.** The island area in the street right-of-way between successive driveways or adjoining a driveway and between the highway shoulder and right-of-way shall constitute a restricted area and may be filled in and graded only as provided in Subsection (5).
  - (4) **Drainage.** The surface of the driveway connecting with street cross sections shall slope downward and away from the highway shoulder a sufficient distance to preclude ordinary surface water drainage flowing onto the street roadbed. No driveway apron shall extend out into the street further than the road edge or face of the curb, and under no circumstances shall such driveway apron extend into the gutter area where there is curbing. All driveway entrances and approaches shall be so constructed that they shall not interfere with the drainage of streets, side ditches, or roadside areas or with any existing structure on the right-of-way. All driveways and parking lots shall be graded in such way that no storm water reaches the roadway.

- (5) **Restricted Areas.** The restricted area between successive driveways may be filled in and graded only when the following requirements are complied with:
  - a. The filling or draining shall be to grades approved by the Town Engineer and, except where highway drainage is by means of curb and gutter, water drainage of the area shall be directed away from the street roadbed in a suitable manner.
  - b. Culvert extensions under the restricted area shall be of the same size and of equivalent acceptable material as the culvert under the driveway. Intermediate catch basins are required where the total culvert length is greater than three hundred (300) feet and/or where a bend or curve in the pipe is required
  - a. Where no street side ditch separates the restricted area from the street roadbed, permanent provision may be required to separate the area from the street roadbed to prevent its use for driveway or parking purposes by construction of a border, curb, rail or posts as may be required by the Town Board.
- (6) **Relocation of Utilities.** Any costs of relocating utilities shall be the responsibility of the properly owner with approval of the Town Board necessary before any utility may be relocated and the driveway installed.
- (7) **Variances.** Any of the above requirements may be varied by the Town Board in such instances where the peculiar nature of the property or the design of the street may make the rigid adherence to the above requirements impossible or impractical.
- (b) **Special Requirements for Commercial and Industrial Driveways.** The following regulations are applicable to driveways serving commercial or industrial establishments:
  - (1) **Width of Drive.** No part of a private driveway located within the dedicated area of a public street shall, except as hereinafter provided, have a width less than thirty (30) feet measured at right angles to the center line of said driveway, except as increased by permissible radii. In instances where the nature of the commercial or industrial activity or the physical characteristics of the land would require a driveway of greater width than herein specified, the Town Board in its discretion may permit a driveway of additional width.
  - (2) **Angular Placement of Driveway.** The angle between the center line of the driveway and the curb line or road edge shall not be less than 70°.
- (c) **Special Requirements for Residential Driveways.** The following regulations are applicable to driveways serving residential property.
  - (1) **Width.** Unless special permission is first received from the Town Board, or committee thereof, a residential single-type driveway shall be at least twenty-six (26) feet wide at toe curb line or pavement edge and eighteen (18) feet wide at the outer or street edge of the sidewalk; residential double-type driveways shall be no greater than twenty-six (26) feet wide at the curb line and twenty-four (24) feet wide at the outer or street edge of the sidewalk, when they are allowed by the town board.
  - (2) **Angular Placement.** The center line of the drive may be parallel to the property line of the lot where access is required or at right angles to the curb line or pavement edge.
- (d) **Appeal from Permit Refusal.** Any person feeling himself aggrieved by refusal of the Town Board to issue a permit for a private driveway may appeal such refusal to the Town Board within twenty (20) days after such refusal to issue such permit is made.



**(e) Prohibited Driveways and/or Filling.**

- (1) No person, firm or corporation shall place, construct, locate in, or cause to be placed, constructed or located in, any obstruction or structure within the limits of any public road, highway or street in the Town of Amberg except as permitted by this Section. As used herein the word "structure" includes private driveways, a portion of which extends into any public road, highway or street, and which is in non-conformance with this Chapter.
- (2) No driveway shall be closer than twenty-five (25) feet to the extended street line at an intersection. At street intersections a driveway shall not provide direct ingress or egress to or from the street intersection area and shall not occupy areas of the roadway deemed necessary by the Town for effective traffic control or for highway signs or signals.
- (3) The grade of that portion of any private driveway located within the limits of any public road, highway or street shall be such as shall meet the grade of the existing public roadway at its edge and not cause an obstruction to the maintenance or clearing of such public roadway.
- (4) Drainage from driveways shall run into adjacent ditches and not onto the road pavement.
- (5) Filling of ditches and/or culverts located within a public right-of-way is prohibited without written approval from the Town.
- (6) The placement of lawn sprinkler pipes in a road right-of-way is prohibited.

**(f) Culvert Construction Standards.**

- (1) Size. Culverts shall be installed prior to construction being completed on the property served. All culverts shall be of size deemed suitable by the Town Engineer. All culverts shall be constructed of suitable plastic, galvanized steel or reinforced concrete. And shall be of new manufacture, unless specifically exempted by the Town Engineer.
- (2) Type. All pipe used for culverts whether plastic, galvanized steel or concrete, shall be Dedicated culvert pipe, installed to manufacturers specifications.
- (3) Drainage. The culverts shall be placed in the ditch line at elevation that will assure proper Drainage.
- (4) End walls. Culverts shall when necessary be provided with an end wall as directed by the Town Engineer.
- (5) Backfill Material. Materials used for backfill shall be of a quality acceptable to the Town Engineer and shall be free from frozen lumps, wood, or other extraneous or perishable materials. The minimum cover, measured from the top of the pipe to the top of the sub grade, shall be six (6) inches.
- (6) Erosion Control. Erosion control measures shall be implemented as necessary to control erosion, or as directed by the Town Engineer.
- (7) Cost. The property owner shall install the culvert and be responsible for the cost thereof.
- (8) Appeal. Persons may request a variance from the culvert requirements of this Section by filing a written appeals request with the Town Clerk, who shall place the matter as an agenda item for the Town Boards next meeting. The Town Board may only waive the requirement for a culvert upon a finding that unique physical characteristics of the location in question render a culvert unnecessary. The Town Engineer may be asked to render an opinion on the request.

**(g) Enforcement.**

All costs incurred by the Town related to the enforcement of this Chapter or in making the determinations or inspections necessary hereunder shall be paid by the property owner, including, but not limited to, Town administrative costs and engineers and attorneys fees. Such costs shall be payable from the permit fee established in Section 6-4-1 (C) (3) above. If property owner refuses to comply with the Chapter, the Town may install the culverts and charge back the cost or additional cost thereof as a special charge pursuant to Sec.66.60(16), Wis. Stats.