

70.01 Highway Setback and Access Provisions.

- A. For the purpose of determining the distance buildings and other structures shall be set back from streets and highways, the highways of the County are divided into the following classes:
 - 1. All State and Federal highways are hereby designated as Class A highways.
 - 2. All county trunks are hereby designated as Class B highways.
 - 3. All town roads, public streets and highways not otherwise classified, are hereby designated Class C highways.
- B. The minimum setbacks from the various Class highways are as follows:
 - 1. The setback from a Class A highway shall be one hundred ten (110) feet from the centerline of the highway or fifty (50) feet from the right-of-way line, whichever is greater.
 - 2. The setback from a Class B highway shall be seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of the highway or forty-two (42) feet from the right-of-way line, whichever is greater.
 - 3. The setback from a Class C highway shall be sixty-three (63) feet from the centerline of the highway or thirty (30) feet from the right-of-way line, whichever is greater.
- C. Driveway/Access Permits shall be required prior to the issuance of building permits for all new construction and for all new access points on Class A, B and C highways.
 - 1. Permit applications for access to Class A highways shall be made with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, for Class B and C highways shall be made with the County Highway Dept.
 - 2. The agency which issues the permit shall conduct inspections of the point of access to determine compliance with the Chapter and shall maintain permanent records of data submitted, staff recommendations and permits issued.
 - 3. The authority to approve, conditionally approve or reject an application is delegated to the agency which issues the permit, except if the proposed access does not conform to the access provisions of the Zoning or Subdivision Chapters. Requests for nonconforming access shall be subject to review and approval by the Highway Committee prior to the issuing agency granting the permit.
- D. Access driveways from abutting properties shall comply with the following requirements:
 - 1. Class A

The minimum distance between access points shall be one thousand (1,000) feet and minimum distance between access and the centerline of an intersecting highway shall be one thousand (1,000) feet.
 - 2. Class B

The minimum distance between access points shall be six hundred (600) feet and minimum distance between access and the centerline of an intersecting highway shall be six hundred (600) feet.
 - 3. Class C

The minimum distance between access points shall be one hundred (100) feet and minimum distance between access and the centerline of an intersecting highway shall be one hundred fifty (150) feet.
- E. Where strict application of spacing standards would deny access to lots in existence prior to adoption of access regulations, new access shall be spaced to provide safe access.

- F. More restrictive spacing standards may be applied for safety reasons.
- G. Where spacing standards permit, driveways shall be located opposite each other.
- H. Where the option exists, access should be granted to a highway with a lower classification than one with a higher classification.
- I. The new driveways needed to serve new residences shall not divide existing farm fields but instead shall be beyond the farm field or as far as practical towards the edge of a farm field. (Farmland Preservation Zoning)
- J. The maximum number and traversable width of access driveways per land use to highways and service roads shall be as follows: Overall width may be wider to accommodate sloping requirements.
 - 1. Commercial and Industrial.

The maximum number of accesses shall be two (2) and the maximum width shall be thirty-five (35) feet.
 - 2. Residential.

The maximum number of accesses shall be one (1) and the maximum and minimum width shall be thirty-five (35) feet and twelve (12) feet, respectively.
 - 3. Agricultural.

The maximum number of accesses shall be one (1) and the maximum and minimum width shall be thirty-five (35) feet and twenty-four (24) feet, respectively.
 - 4. Field Access.

Maximum of 2 accesses per quarter mile of road frontage and the maximum and minimum width shall be thirty-five (35) feet and twenty-four (24) feet respectively, if required.
- K. All new driveways shall comply with the following minimum design standards in addition to meeting any other provisions of the access permits issued by the Department of Transportation or the County Highway Department.
 - 1. Culverts, if needed, shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) inches in diameter and be constructed of corrugated metal, concrete, or dual wall high density polyethylene (HDPE) if sufficient cover exists. Minimum depth of cover is 6" for steel or 12" for HDPE, concrete cover depth is per manufacturer specifications.
 - 2. Driveway height shall not exceed the level of the outside edge of the road shoulder to the ditch line. Elevations of the adjoining approaches must be kept below the adjoining roadway surface in order to avoid obstructions and potential damage from road maintenance activities.
 - 3. Driveways shall be sloped in such a way that runoff is diverted into the roadside ditch and not onto the adjoining roadway.
 - 4. The side slopes of the driveway shall equal or be flatter than the side slope of the main highway but shall not be steeper than 3:1. Side slopes shall be of earthen material, covered with topsoil, and seeded.
 - 5. No rigid vertical end walls such as concrete, stone, timber, or bituminous, shall be permitted. No concrete approach aprons will be permitted, except within a curb and gutter area.
- L. Conversion of an access point from one type of use to another shall be treated the same as opening a new access point.

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