

Town of Gardner  
Door County  
Ordinance 03-06  
Ordinance for Minimum Highway Design Standards

Whereas, It is in the public interest for the Town of Gardner, Door County to establish minimum highway design standards for highways being constructed in the town to accommodate traffic and afford satisfactory access to police, firefighting, snow removal, sanitation, and road maintenance equipment; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN OF GARDNER, DOOR COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1: Definitions and Minimum Standards.**

In order to clarify this ordinance the following definitions are applicable:

- A. Approach--that portion of road extending 100 feet on each side of a culvert or bridge.
- B. Base Course--the supporting base material of the roadway, including shoulder (12") in depth.
- C. Drainage--the gradual drying of highway by system of ditches, trenches, channels, etc.
- D. Grade--the rate of ascent or descent of roadway.
- E. Highway--the road or way over which the public generally has a right to pass, to include the complete right-of-way (66 ft.).
- F. Road Bed--the whole material laid in place and ready for travel.
- G. Roadway--the traveled portion of the highway.
- H. Surface 1/2--the top of the roadway, or traveled surface (2 1/2") asphalt.
- I. Shoulder--the section supporting the paved surface (2 ft) in width.
- J. Driveway--access to a town road used for residential or commercial purposes.
- K. Field Entrance--access to a town road used for agricultural or recreational purposes.

**SECTION 2: Applicability.**

This ordinance shall be applicable to all highways laid out by the Town Board after adoption of this ordinance, including any highways dedicated in plats for proposed subdivisions submitted for review pursuant to Chapter 236 of Wisconsin Statutes, any private highways being donated to the town, and any other highways being accepted by the town as public highways in the town. State Statutes 82 shall be used in determining the layout, altering or discontinuance of all town highways.

**SECTION 3: Minimum Road Design Standards.**

The following minimum design standards shall apply under this ordinance: All town highways shall be classified as local roads unless designated by the town board as collector or arterial. The classification of all roads under this ordinance shall be within the complete discretion of the town board considering such factors as traffic count, character of anticipated traffic, and relation of highway to traffic patterns within the town and other highway systems. It is intended that local be the lowest traffic count, with access to private property as principal function. Collector highways are intended to be highways acting as collectors from local roads

to higher priority roads or developed areas. Arterials are intended to serve as corridors through the town serving intra-regional and inter-area traffic movement.

	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
	With C/G*	w/o C/G*	with C/G*	w/o C/G*
<u>Minimum R.O.W.</u>	66'	66'	66'	66'

Minimum width of Base Course (including curb, gutter or shoulders)

Local	30'	28'	32'	32'
Collector	32'	32'	40'	50'
Arterial	40'	34'	40'	50'

Minimum Width of Surfacing – with 2.2% slope at centerline

Local	30	20	32	24
Collector	32	22	40	30
Arterial	40	24	48	48
Minimum width of shoulder		2		4

Maximum Grade (percent)

Local**	10	10	8	8
Collector**	8	8	6	6
Arterial**	6	6	6	6

\*\*Minimum Grade .5

Minimum Radius of Horizontal Curve (in feet)

Local	100	100	200	200
Collector	100	100	200	200
Arterial	300	300	400	400

Corner Radius at Intersections

	15	30	15	30
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Minimum Length of Vertical Curve

Local	--100', but not less than 20' for each algebraic difference in grade
Collector	--200', but not less than 50' for each one percent
Arterial	--300', but not less than 50' for each algebraic difference in grade

Minimum Length of Tangents Between Reverse Curves

Local	100	100	200	200
Collector	100	100	200	200
Arterial	200	200	300	300

With C/G means with curb/gutter  
 Without C/G means without curb/gutter

	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
	With C/G*	w/o C/G*	with C/G*	w/o C/G*
<u>Minimum Sight Distance (in feet)</u>				
Local	200	200	200	200
Collector	250	250	250	250
Arterial	300	300	300	300
<u>Design Speed (miles per hour)</u>				
Local	30	30	30	30
Collector	35	35	35	35
Arterial	40	40	40	40

CUL-DE-SACS (permanent)

Maximum Length

Maximum desirable length of roads with cul-de-sacs is 1,000 feet. Through roads are most desirable.

Minimum R.O.W. Radius at Cul-de-sacs (80' preference)

Local	60	60	60	60
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Minimum Base Course Radius

Local	40	42	40	42
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Minimum Pavement Radius

Local	40	40	40	40
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Base Course

Base Course must be of a quality, thickness, and composition suitable for the location. Minimum of 12" non compacted thickness. Minimum width per Section 3. Base course shall be ¾" gravel, limestone or other approved material.

Surface Course

Surface Course must consist of bituminous concrete composition suitable for anticipated traffic loads. The minimum amount of pavement necessary for acceptance must be at least 2 ½" in thickness and be Type .03 PG58 28HMA.

Ditching, Culverts and Driveways

The ditching of the roadway must be complete and have proper elevation to provide for adequate drainage. Any culverts necessary for proper drainage shall be installed after elevation and location is obtained from the Town Board. The diameter and length will be subject to the

approval of the Town Board after the amount of the flowage is determined. In no case shall the culvert be less than 15” in diameter. The town driveway permit must be used on all culvert installations, driveway installations and changes from field entrances to driveways. Driveways are limited to one per resident not including field entrances. All ditches (disturbed areas) shall be restored with topsoil and grass seeding.

### Bridges

All bridges shall meet the minimum requirements of state and federal law. In the event it is decided by the Town Board, that the construction of a bridge would be of a size and cost; that is would create a hardship to the owner of land, required to build said bridge, then the Town Board may proceed to accept the road, complete as required above, except that part extending 100 feet on each side of said bridge. This portion of the road shall be known as the approach. The approach will be accepted uncomplete, with the reservation that the town will bill back the owner a portion of the cost of construction of such bridge. The Town will proceed to build said bridge and approach with the help of bridge aid if available, and billing the balance not covered by the aid or portion to be billed back to the owner.

### **Section 4: Authority for Higher Standards**

The road design standards in Section 3 as stated above are intended to be minimum design standards. The Town Board shall have the discretion to impose higher design standards where in the opinion of the Town Board local conditions require higher standards or anticipated traffic in quantity or quality will require higher standards; using State Statute 82 and Trans 204 as a guide.

### **Section 5: Application for Determination of Applicable Standards**

Any person may apply to the town board to determine what design standards should apply in a particular location, giving the description of the proposed highway and proposed design standards being requested to be approved for any proposed highway being proposed to be built. No person shall commence construction of any highway anticipated to be turned over to the town without having written approval of the proposed highway design by the town board. The town board may require a performance bond, construction schedule and material testing with application for standards.

### **Section 6: Final Inspection and Acceptance by the Town Board**

Upon completion of the proposed highway, the Town Board will proceed to make final inspection, accepting or rejecting the highway as the case may be in the discretion of the Town Board. If the highway is rejected, then corrections must be made as stated by the Town Board before final inspection will be made again. If final acceptance is made by the Town Board, the owner or owners will turn over to the Town, a warranty deed free and clear of any liens necessary to convey free and clear title to the town for the highway.

### **Section 7: Miscellaneous**

- A. Truck weight limits--when appropriate, the Town Board shall cause the maintenance crew to post weight limit signs, not to exceed 7 tons.
- B. No person shall cause a driveway to be built to a Town road without first obtaining a driveway permit and by abiding with such conditions, including

culverts, as the Town Board shall direct.

- C. Billboards are not permitted within public roadway. Application for signs And billboards should be made to Town Board
- D. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall pay a forfeiture of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100, plus cost of prosecution. Each day that an individual is in violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate violation for which a separate penalty may be applied.

Adopted by the Town Board this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

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Paul DeWitt-Chairman

Filed in the Office of Town Clerk

This   6   day of    September   , 2006

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Amy Sacotte, Clerk

In Favor:   5  

Opposed:   0