

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF DRIVEWAYS
AND DRIVEWAY CULVERTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLAINE

1. A driveway is defined as an access route from a town road serving only one residential or commercial building or structure. This driveway ordinance does not apply to temporary and removable structures, or vehicles, i.e., campers, motorhomes, road trailers, 5th wheels, etc. However, a permit will be required if the driveway impedes the flow of water in a drainage ditch on the side of the road where a culvert will be required. See culvert requirements below.
2. No driveway may be constructed within the Town of Blaine, Burnett County, Wisconsin, without the issuance of a permit by the Town of Blaine.
3. No driveway permit shall be issued without a properly completed application signed by the property owner where the driveway is intended to be constructed.
4. All driveways constructed shall meet the following minimum standards and shall be completed within 60 calendar days of issuance of the permit.
 - a. Driveways shall be constructed and maintained to a minimum width of 20 feet.
 - b. Curves in the driveway must be constructed with no less than a 100-foot radius.
 - c. Driveway overhead clearance of a minimum height of 13 feet shall be established and maintained.
 - d. A sketch or drawing of the driveway layout clearly showing dimensions shall be included with the application for a driveway permit.
 - e. Driveways over 150 feet in length must provide an adequate turnaround area that will accommodate a 30-foot long fire truck. This space can be provided by one of the following methods and shall be within 75 feet of the primary structure.
 - i. If a circle driveway is to be constructed, it must have a radius of no less than 35 feet to the centerline; or
 - ii. A turnaround space free of trees and other obstructions may be provided if it has the dimensions of not less than 60 feet by 50 feet; or
 - iii. A turnout may be provided with the following dimensions: the length shall be a minimum of 30 feet; the width at the entrance shall also be a minimum of 30 feet. The turnout may be trapezoidal in shape, thereby tapering down to a minimum of 20 feet at the rear. In addition, a minimum of 40 feet of driveway must be provided between the structure and the turnout to allow room to back a 30-foot long fire truck into the turnout.

5. New driveway culvert requirements.

- a. A representative of the Blaine Town Board shall determine the necessity of installing a steel culvert beneath every new driveway in order to provide proper ditch drainage to protect the driveway as well as town roads.
- b. If a culvert is deemed necessary, a representative of the Blaine Town Board shall determine the diameter and length of any culvert that is required to be installed.
- c. The Town of Blaine purchases all required culverts, and bills the owner of the property for only the cost of the culvert where the driveway is intended to be constructed. If this bill is not paid within 90 days, the cost of the culvert will be added to the property taxes, plus 10%.

Note: In 2015 the approximate cost for an 18 inch diameter steel culvert for a typical driveway was between \$600 and \$675 depending upon length required.

- d. The Town of Blaine will install the new culvert at no cost to the property owner.

6. Replacement culverts.

Note: Most steel culverts last a minimum of 30 years, and some have been in place for over 50 years, but from time to time they need to be replaced. Also, if a town road is being reconstructed and the old driveway culverts are functioning but in poor condition, this is an opportune time to replace them.


- a. The Town of Blaine purchases and installs replacement culverts at no cost to the property owner for culverts replaced due to new or reconstructed town roads.
- b. At any other time, the cost for culvert replacements are paid for by the resident.

This ordinance, #02-2015, was adopted and approved by the Board of the Town of Blaine on the 14th day of July, 2015 and supersedes ordinance #01-09.

The Town Clerk shall properly publish this Ordinance #02-2015 as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Vern Drake, Chairman 

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