

## **Town of Schleswig**

Manitowoc County

### **Driveway/Culvert**

Ordinance No, 2017-1

1. **Authority** This ordinance is adopted under authority of the Town Board as specified in state statutes 66.0425 and 86.07
2. **Purpose** The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate, for public health and safety reasons, the establishment, repair, construction, improvement, modification, and reconstruction of private driveways to assure that the methods of repair, construction, improvement, modification and reconstruction practices used in any driveway will protect property the public health, safety and general welfare of persons in the Town of Schleswig.
3. **Applicability** This ordinance applies to all new driveways being constructed after the effective date of this ordinance.
4. **Permit Required** No person may establish or construct a driveway or reconstruct, reroute, or alter an existing driveway, culvert, or temporary access with in the Town of Schleswig, without first obtaining a Town Permit to be issued by the town board or it designee. The permit fee shall be \$25.00. Culvert permit shall expire after 30 days, if not compete and/or in compliance with town specification, a new permit is required. Permit for temporary culvert or access to property off Town Rd, shall require a separate permit of \$25.00, Length of time allowed shall be 30 days unless extended by town board.

**5. Specifications** All driveways within the Town of Schleswig

Shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- a. When a driveway permit is issued, the property owner will be notified if a culvert will be required and the size of such culvert, if required. Any required culverts shall be 30 feet minimum length and shall include end walls.
- b. Culvert end walls shall be backfilled with topsoil and seeded. No concrete, asphalt, stone or other solid materials which could cause damage to passing vehicles if they should leave the roadway will be allowed as backfill.
- c. The finished grade of the driveway above a culvert shall be a minimum of 4 inches below the edge of the adjacent road pavement so that the water either from the roadway or the driveway will be diverted into the ditch
- d. The driveway shall be constructed of solid material covering a sub base suitable for supporting a fire truck year round. Topsoil should be removed prior to placement of any sub base.
- e. The minimum driveway width shall be 10 feet and the maximum slope shall be 10 percent
- f. Trees/shrubs adjacent to a driveway shall be kept trimmed to provide a passageway 15 feet wide and 15 feet high
- g. Driveways longer than 300 feet should include a turnaround space at the end for emergency vehicles.

**6. Penalty** Anyone failing to comply with the terms and requirements of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a forfeiture of \$50.00 for each day a violation exist or continue.

**7. Severability** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to anyone is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions of this ordinance

**8. Effective Date** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and posting or publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017

Joseph Meyer  
**Town Chairman**

Richard Glowski

**Supervisor**

J. M. Neil

**Supervisor**

Debra J. Hoepfner

**Town Clerk**