TREMPEALEAU COUNTY DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of requirements and considerations when constructing new driveways in Trempealeau County.

Driveway requirements

(1) Every lot upon which uses permitted under this code may take place shall have access to a public highway.

(2) For all uses, except agricultural uses, as listed in Section 2.05, no more than 2 access points per lot shall be permitted.

(3) For all uses, except agricultural uses, as listed in Section. 2.05, access shall not be allowed directly to a state highway if access to a town or county public highway is available.

(4) Driveway width.

(a) For all single family residential and duplex residential uses, driveways shall be at least 12 feet wide and not more than 24 feet wide extending 50 feet back from the highway centerline.

(b) Driveways for all other uses, except agricultural uses, shall be at least 20 feet wide and not more than 35 feet wide extending a minimum of 50 feet back from the highway centerline. Such drives may be reduced to 12 feet wide if they are enter-only or exit-only drives.

(5) Setback. All driveways shall be placed such that the driveway edge nearest to an adjoining property owner's lot line is at least 5 feet from the lot line, unless driveways are shared by adjoining property owners.

(6) All driveways, except those to farm fields, shall be surfaced with gravel or paved and pitched to prevent ponding.

(7) Location. Driveways shall be located opposite median crossover where present.

(8) Grade. All driveways shall accommodate emergency vehicles. The maximum grade for driveways serving dwelling units constructed after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be 20%. Any applicant seeking to construct a driveway, any portion of which shall contain a grade in excess of 20%, may seek a Conditional Use Permit from the Zoning Committee, and present any plans and information which demonstrate that the steeper grade satisfies driveway requirements.

(9) Intersection with highway. All driveways shall intersect a public highway at a 90 degree angle. All driveways shall be sloped down from the highway edge for at least 20 feet

from the highway edge so the elevation of the driveway is at least 6 inches below the level of the highway at a point 20 feet from the edge of the highway.

(10) Culverts. All driveways shall have a minimum 24 foot culvert with a 15 inch minimum diameter, the culvert requirement shall remain in effect unless the highway agency with jurisdiction grants an exception.

(11) Clearance. All driveways shall have a minimum elevation clearance of 18 feet.

(12) Emergency Access. Driveways shall be of adequate design to allow for emergency vehicle ingress and egress.

(13) Sight Distance. Driveways shall be so located to have a minimum 400 foot sight distance in either direction. A greater sight distance may be required at the discretion of the highway agency with jurisdiction.

COUNTY AND STATE HIGHWAYS: For all driveways exiting and entering onto a State or County Highway, a driveway permit must be obtained from the Trempealeau County Highway Dept. The Highway Department can be contacted at 715-538-4799.

TOWNSHIP ROADS: For all driveways exiting and entering onto a Township Road, contact that Township regarding driveway requirements.