

**TOWN OF OXFORD**  
**ORDINANCE # 3**  
**ROADS IN SUBDIVISIONS**

The Town Board of the Town of Oxford, Marquette County, Wisconsin, pursuant to its powers do ordain as follows:

All ordinances and orders of the Town Board now existing and specifically the ordinance enacted on September 6, 1974 and August 14, 1980 which set standards and provisions for the laying or improving of town highways, streets, and roads is hereby repealed and substituted therefore is the following town ordinance:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION**

1.1 The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Town; to facilitate uncongested and safe transportation over town highways, roads, and streets; and to promote the orderly development of a town highway system.

1.2 The jurisdiction of this ordinance shall include all lands within the Town of Oxford outside the limits of Villages and such extraterritorial jurisdictions as they have exercised. its provisions shall apply to any subdivision, which is defined as a division of land creating three (3) or more parcels or building sites of less than five (5) acres each, at one time or separately within a five (5) year period. The ordinance shall not have jurisdiction over those transactions and lands excepted from jurisdiction by Wisconsin Statutes 236.45.

**SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2.1 No subdivision shall be made in the Town until the Town Board has acted to approve the subdivision according to the provisions of this ordinance.

2.2 No highway, road, or street shall hereafter be accepted by the Town as a town highway until the Town Board has acted to accept the same in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

### SECTION 3. PUBLIC STREETS

3.1 A subdivider may be required to dedicate land for and improve public streets to the satisfaction of the Town Board, which shall take into consideration:

- a) Existing and planned streets;
- b) Topographic conditions including the bearing capacity and erosion potential of the soil;
- c) Public convenience and safety, particularly in regards to fire protection, snow plowing, pedestrian traffic, and vehicle traffic volume;
- d) The proposed use of the land adjoining land to be served; and
- e) Future subdivision and development possibilities.

3.2 A petitioner or petitioners to the Town Board who request the Town to accept any planned or existing highway, road, or street owned by the petitioner or petitioners as a town highway may be required to improve such highway or street to the satisfaction of the Town Board in accordance with the consideration enumerated in Section 3.1.

3.3 The Town Board shall not approve a subdivision nor accept a town highway which does not meet the minimum requirements of Section 4.

### SECTION 4. MINIMUM STREET STANDARDS

4.1 All highways, roads, and streets shall have a minimum right-of-way of sixty-six (66) feet; a minimum of twenty-eight (28) feet of roadway width from shoulder edge to shoulder edge; and a minimum of twenty-two (22) feet surface width.

4.2 All highways, roads, and streets shall at a minimum have a sub-surface of six (6) inches of three-quarter (3/4) inch limestone or six (6) inches of three-quarter (3/4) inch crushed gravel and shall at a minimum have a top surface of blacktop of three (3) inches over twenty (20) feet of surface width.

4.3 All highways, roads, and streets shall be covered initially with the sub-surface of crushed gravel and then be allowed to settle for a period of one (1) year prior to application of the blacktop surface. During such time, the builder of said highway, road, or street, shall be responsible for the repair and maintenance of any holes or other hazards which may develop from time to time upon said roadway. The builder shall also post a bond with the Town Board of the Town of Oxford sufficient to cover the expense of such repair and maintenance as may be needed.

4.4 All highways, roads, and streets shall have ditches adequate to the drainage needs and no side slope of such ditch shall exceed a slope of two (2) feet per foot of decline. All ditches and slopes on the right-of-way shall be seeded with grass.

4.5 All highways, roads, and streets shall include culverts thereunder as required to drain water from the right-of-way and adjoining lands.

4.6 Where a highway, road, or street terminates in a dead end, there shall be a cul de sac having a minimum outside radius of sixty (60) feet.

4.7 All state or county requirements for minimum road standards, where they are greater than the minimum standards herein, shall supersede the requirements of this ordinance, or where there are no minimum standards herein the state and county rules shall apply. Said roadway must meet with the approval of both the Highway Commission and the Town Board of the Town of Oxford.

#### SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 The Town Board may require a subdivider or petitioner to provide frontage roads which meet the minimum requirements of Section 4 where a subdivision or development borders on or contains a railroad right-of-way or limited access highway.

5.2 The Town Board may require a subdivider or petitioner to make road designs and construction as necessary to obtain clear visibility along roads, safe and convenient curvatures, safe and convenient intersections, and alley ways, or any other necessary road design and construction.

#### SECTION 6. SECURING PERFORMANCE

6.1 The Town Board may approve a subdivision or conditionally accept a town road prior to full compliance with the minimum standards set by the town Board. When so approving a subdivision or conditionally accepting a road, the Town Board shall require the subdivider or petitioner to sign a written contract for performance of the additional work within a time period set by the Town Board.

6.2 The Town Board may require a subdivider or petitioner to file with the Town Clerk a performance bond which guarantees compliance with the conditions set herein and by the Town Board in accepting the subdivision or road. The Town Board shall set the amount and with sureties it deems necessary to secure performance.

ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Oxford this 12th day of December, 1990.

Amended Section 4 (4.2) on May 12, 1999.