

**TOWN OF BARNES**  
**TOWN ROADS & RIGHT-OF-WAY POLICY**

Created April 2007  
Adopted June 2007  
Amended June 2021

## **Town Road Standards, Right of Way Clearing & Tree Policy**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy will be to meet public safety standards and maintenance of the town roads in the most cost-efficient and uniform manner.

### **POLICY**

#### Minimum Geometric Standards

Minimum standards will be those as authorized in State Statute Chapter 82, Trans 204 and Automobile Daily Traffic (ADT) guidelines with the use of qualified engineering assistance if needed for any new and/or re-construction of town roads.

#### Validations of Town Roads

Town roads are validated as public roads pursuant to Wis. Stat §82.31. The right of way should be maintained to a width of 66 feet. The Town Board may approve a minimum width of 49.5 feet if necessary and/or required. The Town shall consider traffic count and safety before allowing the lesser width. The Town may pursue abandonment of roads where the cost of upgrading to meet current geometric standards, and/or adequate right of ways or turnarounds to meet the requirements for safety and maintenance cannot be justified as a public expense.

#### Safety and maintenance of roads

All town roads shall be maintained within the guidelines of Chapter 82 and Trans 204 to provide maximum safety to users of the town roads and to allow for proper maintenance of all town roads.

#### Trees and Vegetation

Fallen trees shall be removed pursuant to Wis. Stat. §86.03(1). No person shall be permitted to plant trees or shrubs except as provided in Wis. Stat. §86.03(3).

#### Clearing of Right of Way

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.1037, the Town shall remove, cut, or trim or consent to the removing, cutting, or trimming of any tree, shrub, or vegetation in order to provide safety to users of the highway. The Town shall remove all trees and mow vegetation within ten (10) feet of the edge of the surface of the roadway.

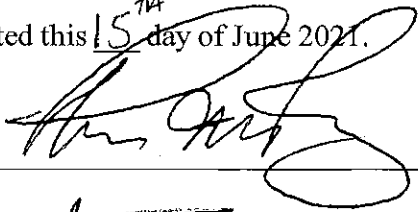
#### Public Utilities

Public utilities shall follow Wis. Stat. §86.16.

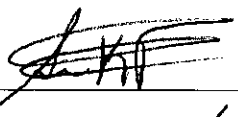
#### Public Notification

Notification of laying, altering, or discontinuing a road or roads shall follow Wis. Stat. §82.10 with additional procedures as deemed necessary by the Town Board. At a minimum the proposed work be posted on the Town of Barnes website.

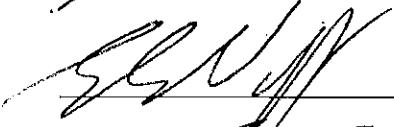
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Tom Renz, Chairman



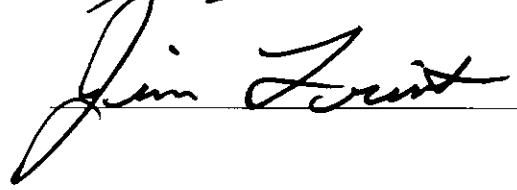
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