

# **Access Management and Private Road Standards**

## **SECTION 1701. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The intent of this Chapter is to establish standards for driveway spacing and the number of driveways for application during the site plan review process. The procedures standards of this Chapter are intended to promote safe and efficient travel within the township; minimize disruptive and potentially hazardous traffic conflicts; separate traffic conflict areas by reducing the number of driveways; provide efficient spacing standards between driveways, and between driveways and intersections; implement recommendations of the Master Plan; protect the substantial public investment in the road system; and to ensure reasonable access to properties, though not always the most direct access.

The standards of this Chapter apply to areas outside the right-of-way, which are under Township jurisdiction through site plan review. The driveway standards herein may be more restrictive than the standards of the Huron County Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation, which have jurisdiction within the right-of-way. Construction within the public right-of-way under the jurisdiction of Huron County must also meet the permit requirements of the County. Where conflicts arise the more stringent standard shall apply.

Lake Township generally discourages the establishment of private roads. However, standards for private roads are provided for instances where severe topography or important natural features, such as wetlands and woodlands, would be compromised by construction of roads to public standards. The owners accessing private roads assume full liability and maintenance responsibilities for private roads.