

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDINANCE NO. 39.04

PREAMBLE

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS; TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVCE DATE HEREOF.

The Township of Aurelius, Ingham County, Michigan, ordains:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be know and cited at the Aurelius Township Private Driveway Ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose and Intent. It is the intent and purpose of this Ordinance to provide uniform minimum standards for permitting, location and construction of private driveways within the Township to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons utilizing said driveways and persons occupying public roadways, and to protect persons served by such driveways, by requiring unobstructed and continuous access to such premises and to public roadway by providing a means of reasonable access by emergency vehicles of various types.

Section 3. Permits for Construction of Driveway. All persons constructing or contracting for the construction of a driveway within Aurelius Township shall obtain a driveway permit from the Ingham County Board of Road Commissioners (Ingham County Road Commission) prior to commencement of construction. The term "driveway," as used in this Ordinance, shall mean that portion of the property utilized to provide a means of ingress and egress to a lot or parcel within the Township to and from a public roadway for use by motor vehicles. "Driveway" shall not include private roadways which provide a means of ingress and egress to more than one lot or parcel or more than residential structure.

Section 4. Construction Standards. Driveways shall meet or exceed the following construction standards and such other requirements as may be imposed by the Ingham County Road Commission.

1. Minimum width to be twelve (12) feet.
2. Minimum overhead clearance to be fourteen (14) feet above the driveway grad at all points.

3. Driveway location shall avoid wetlands and unstable soils where possible. Construction within such areas shall mitigate or compensate for such conditions and shall meet all requirements imposed by agencies having jurisdiction.
4. Adequate drainage structures and materials shall be utilized to meet or exceed requirements of agencies having jurisdiction.
5. Driveway surface and subsurface shall require removal of topsoil to a depth of ten (10) inches, backfilled with six (6) inches of sand or bank run gravel; driveway surface shall be topped off with at least six (6) inches of processed road gravel, crushed stone, asphalt, or a combination thereof.

Section 5. Financial Guarantees: Zoning/Occupancy Permits.

Property owners constructing driveways over one hundred twenty-five (125) feet in length from a County road or highway will present a signed bid for construction, and a bond in the form of bank check or a money order made payable to the driveway contractor and deposit such with a designated Township representative. For property owners desiring to construct such driveways themselves, no zoning or occupancy permit will be issued until completion of the driveway in accordance with the standards of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately unit its adoption and publication as required by law.

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Larry Silsby, Supervisor

By: _____
Donna Lawson, Clerk

I, Donna Lawson, Clerk of the Township of Aurelius, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted on the 14th day of October, 2003 and published on the 19th day of October, 2003.

Donna Lawson, Clerk