

Town of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin

Resolution No. 2026-2

Establishing a Fee Schedule for Driveway and Right-of-Way (ROW) Permits

WHEREAS, the Town of Columbus regulates the construction and modification of driveways and activities within the public right-of-way pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §§ 82.03, 86.07, and 66.0425; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Town to recover administrative, inspection, and maintenance costs associated with the review and permitting of such activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin, that the following fee schedule is hereby adopted and shall remain in effect until modified by the Town Board.

Section 1 – Driveway Permit Fees

Type of Driveway Work	Fee	Notes
New Residential Driveway Permit	\$75.00	Includes one pre-construction and one final inspection.
New Agricultural / Field Entrance	\$50.00	Culvert may be required per town standards.
New Commercial / Industrial Driveway	\$150.00	Includes plan review and two inspections.
Modification or Reconstruction of Existing Driveway	\$50.00	Includes widening, relocation, or resurfacing affecting ROW.
Culvert Replacement Only	\$25.00	Must meet town culvert specifications.
Reinspection Fee	\$25.00	For failed or incomplete inspections.

Section 2 – Right-of-Way (ROW) Permit Fees

Type of Work in ROW	Fee	Notes
Utility Installation (underground or overhead)	\$100.00 per crossing	Each crossing or segment within town ROW.
Open Cut or Roadway Disturbance	\$200.00 minimum	Additional costs may apply for pavement restoration.
Boring / Trenching in ROW	\$100.00	Per segment. Restoration required to town standards.
Temporary Road Closure or Obstruction	\$50.00	Requires advance notice and approval.
Annual Blanket Permit (utilities/contractors)	\$250.00	Covers routine maintenance not involving road cuts.

Section 3 – Performance Security / Escrow

Type	Amount	Notes
Driveway Installation Bond	\$500.00	Refundable upon satisfactory final inspection.
Right-of-Way Work Bond	\$1,000.00 minimum	May be increased based on project size or potential damage risk.

Section 4 – General Provisions

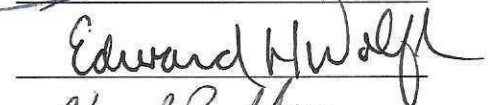
1. All permit fees are **non-refundable** once work has commenced.
2. The **Town Board or its designee** may adjust fees by resolution as needed to reflect actual administrative costs.
3. Work conducted without a valid permit shall be subject to a **double permit fee** plus any applicable penalties under Wisconsin Statutes §86.07.
4. The Town may charge **actual costs** for extraordinary inspection, engineering, or repair work necessitated by non-compliance.

5. This fee schedule supersedes any previous driveway or ROW fee schedules adopted by the Town.

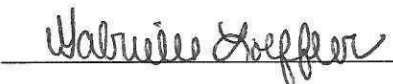
Adopted this 8th day of June, 2026 by the Town Board of the Town of Columbus,
Columbia County, Wisconsin.

TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF COLUMBUS


Town Chairperson


Town Supervisor


Town Supervisor

Attest:  Town Clerk