

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES CONCERNING THE ABANDONMENT OR
MAINTENANCE OF SINGLE – PURPOSE ROADS**

Ch. 4 Town Roads, Section 20 – Single Purpose Roads

WHEREAS, The Town of Springfield faces financial challenges as the result of the growing gap between the increasing costs of road maintenance and the flat or diminishing revenues for road maintenance received from federal and state governments;

WHEREAS, in the early 1950's, the Town added more than 5 miles of single purpose roads to the Town Road system, acting on recommendations then designed to maximize the Town's state road aids;

WHEREAS, there are many miles of Town roads which formerly were driveways, and which do not need to be Town Roads for the property to have legal access;

WHEREAS, the Town is obligated to provide full snow removal and maintenance of these roads, even though they are the functional equivalent of driveways, which the Town does not maintain;

WHEREAS, the Town consulted with the Town Engineer and legal counsel to determine an effective and efficient course of action to reduce Town expenditures and liability;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Springfield, by its Town Board of Supervisors, do hereby Ordain as follows:

PART ONE. Additional definitions are added to section 4.01 of the Town Code of Ordinances as follows:

Single Purpose Road means a street, road or highway which is not a thoroughfare and a limited number of residence, commercial building, or institutional use.

Abandonment Date - August 1, 2012 means that the town agrees to pay 100% of the vacating charges of SPR by willing land owners.

Road Maintenance Agreement means a written agreement between the Town and the owner of a property served by a Single Purpose Road which defines the obligations of the Town to repair, plow snow and otherwise maintain a Single Purpose Road.

PART TWO. The Town's Street Design Standards in sec. 4.09 of the Town Code of Ordinances are amended by adding the following changes.

(2) Single Purpose Road Standards. The Town Board may establish a different set of standards applicable to Single Purpose Roads. The standards which are in effect at the time a property owner enters into a Road Maintenance Agreement shall apply to that road during the term of the Agreement. The Town shall adopt its Single Purpose Road standards by resolution and post them on the Town's web site.

PART THREE. Section 4.20 of the Town Code of Ordinances is created to read:

4.20 Single Purpose Roads. (1) It is declared to be the policy of the Town of Springfield that Single Purpose Roads impose a disproportionate expense and burden on the Town. Further, the Town finds that continued maintenance of these Single Purpose Roads at Town expense is inequitable, in that these roads are functionally equivalent to driveways, which the Town does not maintain.

(2) On or before the Abandonment Date [August 1, 2012], the Town of Springfield shall vacate and abandon all Single Purpose Roads unless the owner of the property served by the Single Purpose Road has entered into a Road Maintenance Agreement with the Town.

(3) In order to implement subsection (2), on or before June 30, 2012, the Town shall send a written notice to each owner of a Single Purpose Road ("Notice"). The Notice shall inform the owner that the Town intends to vacate the Single Purpose Road serving the Owner's property unless the Owner enters into a Road Maintenance Agreement with the Town.

(4) The Road Maintenance Agreement shall specify:

(a) The improvements to be made to the Single Purpose Road to bring it up to the standards established by the Town Board;

(b) The Owner's obligation to pay for any improvements above the Town's standards;

(c) Future road cost may be charged to the SPR owners in 2013 depending on future budget issues.

(d) The timeline for maintenance and improvements on SPR will be determined by the Town Board.

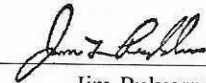
(e) Moneys for improvements above the Town's SPR standard will be secured by the Town from all parties before work proceeds.

(5) If the owner of a Single Purpose Road does not enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with the Town within six months of the date of the Notice provided for in subsection (2) above, the Town shall commence proceedings to vacate the Single Purpose Road.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2012, per approved meeting minutes of the Town Board.

Readopted at a town board meeting this 5th day of January, 2021.

TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD



Jim Pulvermacher, Chair

Attested by:



Dianah Fayas, Clerk-Treasurer

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