

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

ADAMS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Reminder

Chapter 86.04 Wisconsin Stats Highway Encroachments Ordinance #39-2000 Adams County Signs & Rights of Way Ordinance

Due to increased activity by individuals or organizations involved in placing encroachments within the Right of Way on County roads in Adams County, the Highway Department would like to remind everyone of the restrictions on the right of way in Adams County. As a general rule the right of way can be determined by measuring the distance from the centerline of the road to a point 33 feet from the centerline.

Chapter 86.04 Wisconsin Stats Highway Encroachments - Authorizes and "Order for Removal" be issued for any right of way encroachment on the county road right of way. An encroachment is any fence, stand, building or any other structure or object.

Ordinance 39-2000 Adams County Signs & Rights-of-Way Ordinance - prohibits the following without express written consent of the Highway Department:

- Planting, cultivating or harvesting crops or other vegetation.
- Place or erect any fence, building or other structure than a mailbox that complies with standards promulgated by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- Engage in filling, grading, lagooning, dredging, ditching, or excavating, except to the extent that such activity is covered by a permit issued pursuant to the Adams County Driveway Policy Ordinance or the Adams County Utility Policy.
- Engage in any other activity that can be reasonable expected to hinder, obstruct, or interfere with the proper use of the highway or right of way by the public or by the Highway Department.

Violations of any of either of these laws will result in an order for removal letter being sent out to the property owner by certified mail. The property owner will have 30 days from receipt of the order for removal letter to contact the Highway Department to make arrangements regarding the violation. If the property owner disputes the order they have 15 days to request a review by the Highway Committee from the date of receipt of the letter. In all circumstances the Highway Department will do its best to work with the property owner whenever and however possible and reasonable.