

ORDINANCE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



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DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY

August 25, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

AMENDING SECTION 3.104 OF THE ROCK COUNTY ORDINANCES

1 The Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting this 28th day of
2 September, 2017, does ordain as follows:

4 I. Section 3.104 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follow
5 (new language underscored, deleted language crossed out);

7 3.104 Parking Prohibited in Certain Specified Places

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11 (2) Janesville Township Parking

13 (a) No person shall park any vehicle on the east side of County Trunk Highway "E" from a
14 point 100 feet southeasterly of the southern-most intersection of County Trunk Highway
15 "E" and North Hackbarth Road to a point 100 feet northwesterly of the intersection of
16 County Trunk Highway "E" and West Hilltop Drive, a distance of 1,060 feet, in Janesville
17 Township.

19 (2)-(3) Plymouth Township Parking

21 (a) No person shall park any vehicle on either the east or west sides of County Trunk Highway
22 "H" from Front Street to South Street, a distance of 1,350 feet, in Plymouth Township.

24 (3) (4) Any person violating county ordinances 3.104 (1) or through (2) may be required to
25 forfeit not less than \$3.00 nor more than \$50.00.

27 (4) (5) Any person violating those county ordinances incorporating and set out fully in
28 Wisconsin Statutes 346.50 to 346.55 shall be subject to the forfeiture as provided in s.
29 346.56, Stats.

31 II. Section 3.104 shall be effective upon publication.

Respectfully Submitted:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Brent Fox, Vice-Chair

Eva Arnold

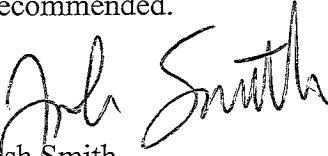
Brenton Driscoll

Rick Richard

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

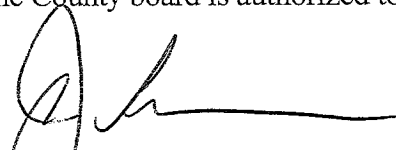
Minimal fiscal impact.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County board is authorized to take this action by Wisconsin Statutes section 59.02(2).



Jodi Timmerman
Interim Corporation Counsel

Executive Summary
Amending Chapter Three of Ordinances
Parking Prohibited in Certain Specified Places - CTH E

County Trunk Highway (CTH) "E" is located between USH 14 and the city limits of the City of Janesville. In the area proposed for no parking, there is a residential area on the east side of the road and commercial/residential area on the west side of the roadway.

Concerns were raised from local residents related to challenges and safety issues caused by patrons of a commercial property (tavern) parking on both sides of CTH E, primarily during events held by the tavern. The concerns were 1) vision issues related to entering/exiting residential driveway, 2) patrons crossing CTH E, and 3) impacts to mail delivery (mailboxes are located on the west side of the roadway), with the primary concern being the vision issue.

This issue has been brought to and discussed by the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission, the Rock County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) and the Rock County Department of Public Works (DPW).

From those discussions, the DPW evaluated this area for compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes. Based on Wisconsin State Statute 346.51, the parking of vehicles along a highway is allowed as long as the following criteria is met; 1) an unobstructed width of 15 feet upon the roadway allows free passage of other vehicles and 2) parked vehicles are capable of being seen from a distance of 500 feet in each direction along the highway. Both criteria are capable of being met.

The RCSO has responded to calls of concern regarding the parking of vehicles in this area and each time the vehicles were parked in compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes.

The Rock County Driveway Access Policy states "Driveways shall have a minimum of 650 feet of clear sight distance in both directions along the intersection public road to promote safe ingress and egress from the access." Clear sight distance can be impeded when vehicles are parked along the highway even if those vehicles are parked in compliance with statutory requirements.

Wisconsin State Statute 346.53(6) allows for parking to be prohibited, limited, or restricted by official traffic signs.