

TOWN OF CHILTON, CALUMET COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
MANURE TRANSFER EQUIPMENT  
PERMIT ORDINANCE #2019-01

The Town of Chilton is in charge of public highways within its jurisdiction;

and the Town Board is aware of the agricultural practices related to land application of manure involving the use of frac tanks and dump station and the need for their temporary location on public highways near the receiving fields; and

the Town deems it in the public interest to allow the temporary location of such manure transfer equipment in the right-of-way of public highways under limited conditions and subject to specific requirements as a cost-effective method of manure removal and application; and

it is necessary and in the public interest to regulate this procedure for purposes of the public health and safety;

Therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Chilton, Calumet County, Wisconsin, pursuant to Section 60.22, Wis. Stat. and its village powers and its statutory authority over the regulation of the public highways, do ordain as follows:

1. **PERMIT REQUIRED**

- (A) No person shall Locate Manure Transfer Equipment within the right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the Town Highway Supervisor.
- (B) An annual permit application shall be completed by the owner or operator of the Manure Source. The permit application can be obtained by contacting the Highway Supervisor. The application fee of \$100.00 is due per calendar year and prior to review. The Highway Supervisor may also require additional information including, but not limited to, Certificates of Insurance from one or more of the parties involved in the Manure Transfer meeting the insurance requirements as stated below.
- (C) The minimum insurance requirements to obtain a permit are:
  - (1) Farm or general liability - \$1,000,000 aggregate, \$500,000 per occurrence.
  - (2) Farm and/or business automobile coverage - \$500,000 each person/\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury and \$1,000,000 for property damage, or \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage for each accident.
  - (3) Pollution liability coverage - \$1,000,000 general aggregate/\$1,000,000 each occurrence limit.
  - (4) All insurance policies shall name the Town of Chilton as an additional insured. All insurance policies shall be issued by companies licensed to sell insurance in the State of Wisconsin. All insurance policies shall contain the provision requiring 30 days advanced notice cancellation.
- (D) Each Permit shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of issuance.

2. **RULES OF OPERATION**. The Owner and Operator of the Manure Transfer Equipment for a Manure Source subject to a permit issued under this Ordinance shall comply with the following rules:

- (A) Notify the Town Highway Supervisor by phone at least 24 hours before each hauling event and within 3 days after a hauling event.
  - (B) At the Highway Supervisor's request, the Operator shall have a listing and a road map of the locations of all possible manure transfer sites (i.e. where Manure Transfer Equipment may be placed before, during, and after transport) for review by the Town Highway Supervisor to determine if any changes or restrictions are necessary. Such required changes may include, but are not limited to establishing and approving a transport route for loaded and empty trucks and combining as many fields to one transfer site to keep repairs and inconvenience to a minimum. Such restrictions required by the Town Highway Supervisor shall focus on improving traffic safety or road conditions. Such restrictions will be determined on a site by site basis.
  - (C) Follow the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for work zone signage and installation within the work zone. All sign shall be at least 48 inches x 48 inches with prismatic sheeting or higher-grade intensity or such alternative signage approved by the Town Highway Supervisor.
  - (D) Day and night Location operations will be permitted as long as all requirements of the MUTCD are met, as well as the proper usage of signage and flashing lights. However, night (i.e. one-half (1/2) hour before sunset until one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise) Location operation privileges may be restricted, suspended or revoked by the Town Board, as its sole discretion.
  - (E) Manure Transfer Equipment may be Located on the right-of-way when not in operation as long as it is properly marked and such equipment does not extend into the roadway. However, no Manure Transport Equipment may be placed closer than 250 feet from an intersection unless proper MUTCD procedures for flagging are followed.
  - (F) No more than four (4) manure transfer trucks, including the unloading truck, shall be located at a transfer site at any given time.
3. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES.** The Owner, Operator and Owner of the Manure Source shall be jointly and severally liable to the Town for all damages to the highway, right-of-way, including the travelled surface, edge of roadway, shoulder, and ditch for slope and back slope pursuant to s. 86.02 and s. 96.021, Wisconsin Statutes. Prior to utilizing the right-of-way under the Permit, the Owner and/or Operator shall notify the Town Board with photographs of any existing highway and/or right-of-way damage. By failing to provide such notice, or satisfactory evidence of existing highway and/or right-of-way damage, all damages shall be presumed to be caused by the operating of the Manure Transfer Equipment pursuant to the Permit.
4. **PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN PERMIT AND/OR FAILURE TO FOLLOW RULES.** The enforcement of the ordinance and all other laws and ordinances relating to Manure Transfer Equipment may be by means of one or more of the following: 1) the withholding of permits; 2) imposition of forfeitures; and/or 3) injunctive action. Forfeitures shall be not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$1,000 for each day of noncompliance.
5. **PERMIT FEE AMENDMENT.** The amount of the permit fee may be changed by resolution of the Town Board.

6. **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of the Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be void or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which will be deemed in full force effect.
7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be deemed adopted on May 13, 2019 and is effective upon publication according to law.
8. **DEFINITIONS.**
- (A) LOCATE means to park or stop the Manure Transfer Equipment in any portion of the right-of-way, except for emergency purposes.
  - (B) MANURE TRANSFER EQUIPMENT includes frac tanks and/or dump stations used for the application of manure on fields. Frac tank is a large heavy gauge steel tank pulled by a tractor to a site for the temporary storage of manure.
  - (C) MANURE SOURCE is the farm that produces the manure subject to transfer.
  - (D) MUTCD means the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices located at <http://muted.fhwa.dot.gov/kno-millennium.htm>
  - (E) OPERATOR means the person in charge of operation of the Manure Transfer Equipment.
  - (F) OWNER means the legal owner of the Manure Transfer Equipment.
  - (G) RIGHT-OF-WAY means the right-of-way of all public highways under the jurisdiction of the Town of Chilton.
  - (H) TOWN means the Town of Chilton, Calumet County, Wisconsin.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

TOWN OF CHILTON – TOWN BOARD

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila Koehler-Oakley, Town Clerk

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John J. Schwarz, Chairman