

**BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Highway Facility and Grounds – Public Access**

**The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows**

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2       **WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Highway Committee that due to  
3 safety and security concerns that pedestrian and vehicular access to the gated areas of the  
4 Highway Facility be designated as “Limited Access”; and  
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6       **WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Highway Committee that such access  
7 to the gated areas of the Highway Facility for pedestrian traffic, vehicular traffic and/or  
8 parking be limited to Highway Department employees or individuals that have a need and  
9 permission to access those areas; and  
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11       **WHEREAS**, it is the further recommendation of the Highway Committee that  
12 public access inside the Highway Facility be limited to members of the public, businesses  
13 and/or representatives of other agencies or counties for conducting official business or with  
14 permission granted; and  
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16       **WHEREAS**, the Highway Committee and the Property Committee recommend the  
17 following addition to the General Code as Chapter 26, Article IV, Section 26-70:  
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19       26-70 Highway Facility Access and Parking

20       (1) That pedestrian access, vehicular access and parking shall be limited to the  
21 designated front parking lot along State Highway 25. The access and parking  
22 in any fenced or gated and posted area at the Highway Facility shall be limited  
23 as follows:

24       (A) Highway Department employees.

25       (B) County employees that have a need for such access and permission.

26       (C) Law Enforcement.

27       (D) Contracted vendors with permission granted.

28       (E) Individuals granted permission such as representatives from other agencies  
29 or counties.

30       (F) With permission granted by the Highway Commissioner.

31       (2) Signage shall be posted at the entrances to fenced and gated areas indicating  
32 that parking and pedestrian access is prohibited without permission granted.

33       (3) Any person found to be in violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be  
34 subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-13 of the Barron County General  
35 Code.  
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37       26-71 Public Access Inside Highway Facility Buildings

- 38 (1) Access to areas inside the Highway Facility Buildings shall be limited to only  
39 those areas necessary for conducting official business by members of the public,  
40 businesses or representatives of other agencies or counties.  
41 (2) Restricted areas inside the Highway Facility Buildings which are limited only  
42 to Highway employees, county employees with permission, or individuals with  
43 permission and such areas shall be so posted stating "No Public Access or  
44 "Employees Only".  
45 (3) Any person found to be in violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be  
46 subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-13 of the Barron County General  
47 Code.

48 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Highway Committee on \_\_\_\_,  
49 2023, on a vote of \_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_ voting in favor and \_\_\_\_ against.

50 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Property Committee on \_\_\_\_,  
51 2023, on a vote of \_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_ voting in favor and \_\_\_\_ against.

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53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Barron County Board of  
54 Supervisors creates Chapter 26, Article IV., Sections 26-70 & 26-71 of the Barron County  
55 General Code entitled: Highway Facility and Grounds – Public Access

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**OFFERED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.**

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other (X) Details : N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted ( ) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by County Administrator:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel:</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Marv Thompson, Highway Committee Chair</p> <p>_____ Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p>
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Tony Tangwall &lt;tony.tangwall@co.barron.wi.us&gt;

## Fwd: WisDOT parcel - USH 8 roundabout, Turtle Lake

1 message

Mark Servi <mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us>  
 To: Tony Tangwall <tony.tangwall@co.barron.wi.us>

Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 8:54 AM

We should update the Committee on this in August. Please print the email and put it on your list.

Mark Servi

Barron County Highway Commissioner

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jeff French** <jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us>  
 Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 7:37 AM  
 Subject: Re: WisDOT parcel - USH 8 roundabout, Turtle Lake  
 To: Selissen, Ashley - DOT (DTSD Consultant) <ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov>  
 Cc: Servi, Mark <mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us>, bachwy@co.barron.wi.us <bachwy@co.barron.wi.us>

Thank you for keeping us posted.

On Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 3:00 PM Selissen, Ashley - DOT (DTSD Consultant) <ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov> wrote:

Hello all,

WisDOT took your comments into consideration and discussed. It had been decided we will not lease the requested lands to Paula Wherley of the New Frontier Restaurant.

Thank you for your review and feedback.

I have not discussed the results with Paula but will contact her next week.

Thank you and have a nice weekend,  
 Ashley

Ashley Selissen  
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From: Selissen, Ashley - DOT (DTSD Consultant) <ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov>  
 Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 12:54 PM  
 To: French, Jeffery S <JEFF.FRENCH@CO.BARRON.WI.US>; Servi, Mark <mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us>  
 Cc: [bachwy@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:bachwy@co.barron.wi.us) <bachwy@co.barron.wi.us>  
 Subject: Re: WisDOT parcel - USH 8 roundabout, Turtle Lake

Thank you so much for the detailed email below. This is helpful. I will take this information back to the team so they can review, discuss the concerns and make a final decision.

It does not seem advantageous to WisDOT to lease but not my call 😊

I will let you know if there are any questions from WisDOT.

Thanks again,  
 Ashley

Ashley Selissen

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From: Jeff French <[jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us)>  
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 1:17 PM  
To: Servi, Mark <[mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us)>  
Cc: Selissen, Ashley - DOT (DTSD Consultant) <[ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov](mailto:ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov)>; [bachwy@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:bachwy@co.barron.wi.us) <[bachwy@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:bachwy@co.barron.wi.us)>  
Subject: Re: WisDOT parcel - USH 8 roundabout, Turtle Lake

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I agree with you.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 1:16 PM Mark Servi <[mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us)<mailto:mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us>> wrote:

Ashley,

We discussed this at length today at the Highway Committee meeting. The County does not support leasing any of this property for the following reasons:

- 1)The area is used in winter to store snow from the roundabout. If the area were allocated to parking, it would be more costly for DOT winter operations as we would most likely have to move snow from the area by truck and loader.
- 2) In plowing operations, vehicles parked in this area could be hit by flying ice and snow, potentially opening the county to liability claims
- 3) The use of this area would mean it would get plowed, and the business would most likely take the snow storage area needed for the snow from the road and sidewalk.

If the state were to move forward with a lease, we would request:

- 1) the area between the state and county right of way be delineated and fenced so that no traffic can go from the lot out to CTH K. The curb cut on CTH K was not meant as a vehicle access, as it is too close to the intersection.
- 2)The county WOULD NOT be responsible for any ongoing repair of the fence due to snow removal. The snow has to go away from the roundabout and this area is the only way it can go.

Please let us know how the DOT will proceed with the request from the landowner.

Mark Servi  
Barron County Highway Commissioner

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On Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 10:56 AM Mark Servi <[mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us)<mailto:mark.servi@co.barron.wi.us>> wrote:

Ashley,

This will need to be discussed by the Highway Committee, and the next meeting is July 6.

We have concerns about the use of the existing "ramp" as a driveway as it is very near to the stop sign on CTH K. It does appear that currently there are people driving across the parcel, as evident in the attachment you provided. One course of action the committee might take is to ask that the DOT, as part of the lease, require a fence to be erected along the state's south property line to prevent people from driving south back onto CTH K across the county property.

We will let you know the county's position/thoughts after the July Highway Meeting.

Mark Servi  
Barron County Highway Commissioner

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 9:53 AM Selissen, Ashley - DOT (DTSD Consultant) <[ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov](mailto:ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov)<mailto:ashley.selissen@dot.wi.gov>> wrote:

Hi Mark!

Following up on the below email I sent to you to last week and wondering if you had a chance to review.

Thank you and have a nice weekend,  
Ashley

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From: Selissen, Ashley - DOT (DTSD Consultant)  
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:15 AM  
To: [bachwy@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:bachwy@co.barron.wi.us)<mailto:bachwy@co.barron.wi.us> <[bachwy@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:bachwy@co.barron.wi.us)<mailto:bachwy@co.barron.wi.us>>  
Subject: WisDOT parcel - USH 8 roundabout, Turtle Lake

Hello Mark,

WisDOT received a request from the owner of The New Frontier restaurant (Paula Wherley) located along USH 8 in the Village of Turtle Lake to purchase WisDOT lands nearby the restaurant.  
See WisDOT lands outlined in red in the below screenshot from GIS. Blue triangle is The New Frontier. There is a small rectangle owned by the Village south of the WisDOT parcel - I don't know the story on this. The other lands between the WisDOT parcel and CTH K/Martin Ave. are where old CTH K use to be - still owned by the county I assume.

WisDOT reviewed the request and determined we will not sell the lands as there are potential future needs. We are looking at leasing a portion (retaining some for maintenance needs) to the restaurant. The reasoning for the restaurant wanting to buy is the limited parking they have.

I have not been to the property, but it is my understanding people currently travel from CTH K through this land. It is probably unlikely there is permitted access.

I guess my question to you is, if we lease the land to the restaurant does anything need to be done regarding the access along CTH K. Does the county have any concerns?

I appreciate your time in reviewing this.

Thank you,  
Ashley

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