



# White Pigeon Township

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Dear Mottville Township Board,

It was discussed at our February Board meeting that there is becoming a problem with lengthy driveways and private access roads in our township. We discovered this problem when discussing what we should consider the width of a private road should be in a township ordinance we were relooking at. We were told that the state fire code requires it to be at least 25 feet wide for the fire departments to gain access in case of a fire.

After talking to one of our very active firemen we discovered that it's not only the road but the trees and brush along these driveways and private access roads. As we talked more it was determined that the clearance opening of these driveways and private access roads should be at a minimum of 13 feet tall and 10 feet wide for a fire truck to gain access. Of course, with the state saying fire code 25 feet wide we then decided 13 feet tall and 25 feet wide.

We were told by the fire department there are numerous very long driveways in your township. Because it is so narrow, they only have 2 trucks that would be small enough to get to the home. It was also brought up about the lanes going down to the river and how over grown some of them are.

So, we are asking if you could inform your taxpayers of the problem and ask that they make sure the accesses are kept clear for emergency vehicles.

Thank you in advance for your help with this issue.

Respectfully,

Jean Tefft, Deputy Supervisor  
White Pigeon Township