

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 17.174 *OFF-STREET PARKING AND TRAFFIC CIRCULATION STANDARDS*

WHEREAS, The Town of Rib Mountain is authorized to prepare, amend and adopt a zoning ordinance under Wis. Stats. §§60.62, 61.35 and 62.23; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rib Mountain adopted Chapter 17 on February 1, 1994, to serve as the Town's zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission reviewed a request by a Town Supervisor who wanted standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities in off-street parking facilities added and directed staff to propose an amendment at their August 26, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission held a public hearing on this ordinance, on August 26, 2020, in compliance with Wis. Stat. §62.23; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Town Plan Commission has recommended enactment of the zoning ordinance amendment contained herein for applicability within the Town limits; and

WHEREAS, following such hearing the Town Board of Supervisors considered public comments and the recommendation of said Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Supervisors finds the proposed amendment contained herein is reasonable, consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and in the public interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of Rib Mountain, Marathon County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 17.174 *Off-Street Parking and Traffic Circulation Standards* is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Section 17.174 - Off-Street Parking and Traffic Circulation Standards.

(1) *Purpose:* The purpose of this Subsection is to alleviate or prevent congestion of public rights-of-way so as to promote the safety and general welfare of the public by establishing minimum requirements for the provision of off-street parking and circulation in accordance with the utilization of various sites.

(2) *Depiction on Required Site Plan:* Any and all parking and traffic circulation areas proposed to be located on the subject property shall be depicted as to their location and configuration on the site plan required for the development of the subject property. Each and every parking space designed to serve as required parking shall not be located farther than 500 feet from the access to all of the various areas it is designated to serve. A garage stall, meeting the access requirements of Subsection (6)(d), below, shall be considered a parking space. Parking spaces for any and all vehicles exceeding 18 feet in length, shall be clearly indicated on said site plan.

(3) *Use of Off-Street Parking Areas:* The use of all required off-street parking areas shall be limited to the parking of operable vehicles which are not for lease, rent, or sale. Within residential zoning districts, said parking spaces shall only be used by operable cars and trucks.

(4) *Traffic Circulation and Traffic Control:* Site circulation shall be designed to provide for the safe and efficient movement of all traffic entering, exiting, and on the site. Circulation shall be provided to meet the individual needs of

the site with specific mixing of access and through movements, and where required, shall be depicted on the required site plan. Circulation patterns shall conform with the general rules of the road and all traffic control measures shall meet the requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

(5) *Maintenance of Off-Street Parking and Traffic Circulation Areas:* All off-street parking and traffic circulation areas shall be maintained in a dust-free condition at all times. In no instance or manner shall any off-street parking or traffic circulation area be used as a storage area.

(6) *Off-Street Parking and Traffic Circulation Design Standards.*

(a) *Surfacing and Marking:* All off-street parking and traffic circulation areas (including all residential driveways—except those within the A/R District) shall be paved with a hard, all-weather surface (blacktop or concrete), to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator. Said surfaces intended for 6 or more parking stalls shall be marked in a manner which clearly indicates required parking spaces.

(b) *Reserved.*

(c) *Lighting:* All off-street parking and traffic circulation areas serving 6 or more cars shall be lit so as to ensure the safe and efficient use of said areas during the hours of use. An outdoor illumination level of between 0.4 and 1.0 foot candles is required for said areas.

(d) *Access:* Each required off-street parking space shall open directly upon an aisle or driveway that is wide enough and designed to provide a safe and efficient means of vehicular access to the parking space without backing or maneuvering a vehicle into a public right-of-way. All off-street parking and traffic circulation facilities shall be designed with an appropriate means of vehicular access to a street or alley, in a manner which least interferes with traffic movements. No driveway across public property, or requiring a curb cut, shall exceed a width of 35 feet. (See also Table 17.174(6)(j))

(e) *Fire Lanes:* A fire lane shall be required to provide access to any portion of any structure equal to or less than 40 feet tall which is more than 150 feet from the nearest street right-of-way, and to any portion of any structure greater than 40 feet tall which is more than 50 feet from the nearest street right-of-way. The Zoning Administrator may also require the provision of a fire lane or lanes to any part of any structure upon a determination that the distance of the structure from the nearest hydrant, the configuration of development on the site, or other special characteristics of the site otherwise inhibit effective fire extinguishment. All fire lanes shall: provide clear, unobstructed access for vehicles and apparatus at all times through a combination of pavement marking and signage; shall be a minimum of 18 feet wide; and shall be surfaced as an all-weather roadway.

(f) *Signage:* All signage located within, or related to, required off-street parking or traffic circulation shall comply with the Sign Regulations.

(g) *Handicapped Parking Spaces:* Parking for the handicapped shall be provided at a size, number, location, and with signage per State and Federal regulations.

(h) *Parking Space Design Standards:* Other than parking required to serve the handicapped, every and all provided off-street parking space shall comply with the minimum requirements of Table 17.174(6)(j). The minimum required length of parking spaces shall be 17.0 feet, plus an additional 1.5 foot vehicle overhang area at the end of the stall. All parking spaces shall have a minimum vertical clearance of at least 7 feet.

(i) *Snow Storage:* Required off-street parking and traffic circulation areas shall not be used for snow storage.

(j) *Parking Lot Design Standards:* Horizontal widths for parking rows, aisles, and modules shall be provided at widths no less than listed in Table 17.174(6)(j), and shown on the following page.

(k) *Bicycle Parking.* Except for reconstruction, resurfacing, reconfiguration, or restriping of a parking lot, driveway, or vehicle circulation area legally constructed before September 1, 2020 which serves a single-use non-

residential, multi-use non-residential, and multi-family development, a number of off-street bicycle parking spaces shall be provided equal to five percent of the automobile parking space requirement, with no fewer than two bicycle parking spaces provided for all uses requiring 20 or more vehicular parking spaces. The site plan approval authority shall make the determination of what counts as bicycle parking; examples of acceptable bicycle parking would range from non-permanent bike racks to permanent inverted 'U' fixtures. All bicycle parking shall be on a hard-surfaced area in a location accessible to building entrances.

(i) *Pedestrian Facilities.* Except for reconstruction, resurfacing, reconfiguration, or restriping of a parking lot, driveway, or vehicle circulation area legally constructed before September 1, 2020 which serves non-residential, multi-use non-residential, and multi-family development, the following shall apply:

1. The site shall provide for safe, ADA compliant pedestrian and bicycle access to all uses, and connections to existing and/or planned public pedestrian and bicycle facilities as shown on the Official Map and facilities located on adjacent properties as described herein.
2. Pedestrian walkways shall be provided from all building entrances to existing or planned public sidewalks and/or pedestrian/bike facilities. The minimum width for sidewalks adjacent to buildings shall be five feet.
3. Sidewalks other than street sidewalks or building aprons shall provide landscaping adjacent to said sidewalk at a rate of 10 points per 25 feet with a minimum of 10 points provided.
4. Crosswalks shall be distinguished from driving surfaces to enhance pedestrian safety by using different materials, or colors, or textures, or raised surfaces and signage.

SECTION 2: The amendment effectuated by this ordinance shall apply within the municipal limited of the Town.

SECTION 3: SERVABILITY. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. If an application of this Ordinance to a particular structure, land or water is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not be applicable to any other structure, land or water not specifically included in said judgement. If any requirement or limitation attached to an authorization given under this Ordinance is found invalid, it shall be presumed that the authorization would not have been granted without the requirement or limitation and, therefore, said authorization shall also be invalid. Any other ordinance whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication.

Dated the 1st day of September 2020

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Allen Opall, its Chair

ATTEST:


Joanne Ruechel, its Clerk

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