



COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Exception to Driveway Length: Cable

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Property Owner(s):

Cable, Logan N; Cable, Mariah L

Property Location:

Located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Town 12 North, Range 10 East

Town:

Wyocena

Parcel(s) Affected:

664.01

Site Address:

State Highway 22

Background:

Logan N and Mariah L Cable, owners, request the Planning and Zoning Committee review and approve an exception to the maximum driveway length for residential driveways. Section 12.140.05(1) d. of the Columbia County Zoning Code states that, "...No private residential driveway shall exceed a length of 1,000 feet as measured from the principal structure on the parcel to the point of access to a public road, unless otherwise approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee following a recommendation or approval of a Certified Survey Map by the town board of the affected town..."

The property owner is proposing to construct a single-family residence on the property. The current parcel, 664.01 does not have road frontage. Instead, it is accessed through an existing easement to State Highway 22 in the southwestern corner of the property. The owners are proposing to use an existing utility access road directly to the north of the parcel to access a new RR-1 lot. The proposed RR-1 lot lies in the northeastern corner of the property. The driveway is proposed to be approximately 1,875' in length to reach the location of the single-family residence. The owner has identified this location to be best suited for a single-family home due to the proximity of available utilities, and desirability of seclusion from highway traffic and neighbors for their proposed hobby farm. The owners will need to secure a separate easement to utilize the existing utility access road, as well as secure proper approvals from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Town Board Action:

The Wyocena Town Board met December 19, 2024 and recommended approval of the driveway exception, along with the associated access variance and rezone.

Recommendation:

If the Planning and Zoning Committee chooses to grant the driveway exception, Staff recommends including the condition that it shall become effective upon DOT review, easement execution, and recording of the Certified Survey Map.