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**CHAPTER 131**

AN ACT to renumber 86.31 (2); to amend 86.31 (1) (d); and to create 86.26 and 86.31 (2) (a) of the statutes, relating to uniform minimum standards for town road improvement.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 86.26 of the statutes is created to read:

**86.26 TOWN ROAD STANDARDS.** The following uniform minimum geometric design standards as recommended by the highway advisory committee in consultation with officers of the county highway committeemen's

association, the county highway commissioners association and the Wisconsin towns association are established for improvements on town roads initiated after January 1, 1964:

Annual Average 24-hour Traffic (ADT)	Minimum Design Standards
(1) Local service, intermittent traffic	
(a) Right of way -----	3 rods
(b) Roadway width -----	20 feet
(c) Surface width -----	16 feet
(d) Bridge design load -----	H-15
(e) Bridge width -----	24 feet
(2) Under 100 ADT	
(a) Right of way -----	3 rods
(b) Roadway width -----	24 feet
(c) Surface width -----	18 feet
(d) Maximum grades -----	9%-11%
(e) Bridge design load -----	H-15
(f) Bridge width -----	24 feet
(3) 100 to 250 ADT	
(a) Right of way -----	4 rods
(b) Roadway width -----	26 feet
(c) Surface width -----	20 feet
(d) Maximum grades -----	8%-11%
(e) Bridge design load -----	H-15
(f) Bridge width -----	26 feet
(4) 251 to 400 ADT	
(a) Right of way -----	4 rods
(b) Roadway width -----	32 feet
(c) Surface width -----	22 feet
(d) Maximum grades -----	6%-8%
(e) Curvature -----	6°-12.5°
(f) Bridge design load -----	H-20
(g) Bridge width -----	30 feet
(5) 401 to 1,000 ADT	
(a) Right of way -----	4 rods
(b) Roadway width -----	34 feet
(c) Surface width -----	22 feet
(d) Maximum grade -----	5%-8%
(e) Curvature -----	5°-12.5°
(f) Bridge design load -----	H-20
(g) Bridge width -----	30 feet
(6) 1,001 to 2,400 ADT	
(a) Right of way -----	4 rods
(b) Roadway width -----	44 feet
(c) Surface width -----	24 feet
(d) Maximum grades -----	5%-7%
(e) Curvature -----	4.5°-7.5°
(f) Bridge design load -----	H-20
(g) Bridge width -----	44 feet-30 feet
(7) Over 2,400 -----	State trunk standards

SECTION 2. 86.31 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

86.31 (1) (d) The amounts allotted to cities, towns and villages under this subsection shall be paid into their respective treasuries. The sums allotted may be used for snow clearance, ice prevention \* \* \* and dust

alleviation purposes. *Funds under this section may be expended on existing public roads and streets and on any other public roads and streets which the towns are authorized to construct, improve or maintain. The amounts allotted to the towns and villages shall be expended by the town and village officers, subject to the supervision and approval of the county highway committee, but the town and village boards may authorize the work to be done by the county. If the work is done by the county, the amount allotted for towns and villages shall be paid into the county treasury. The amounts allotted to towns, together with such other amounts as the towns or counties may appropriate or obligate for improvements or construction on town roads, shall be expended in conformance with the minimum design standards for construction established pursuant to s. 86.26. Before beginning any improvement the towns shall submit project statements therefor to the county highway committee for review and recommendation and thereafter the county highway committee shall make such inspections of town road construction and improvements as it deems necessary to secure compliance with minimum design standards hereinbefore referred to. Construction and improvements as used in this paragraph shall not be deemed to include normal routine maintenance.*

SECTION 3. 86.31 (2) of the statutes is renumbered to be 86.31 (2) (b).

SECTION 4. 86.31 (2) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

86.31 (2) (a) On or before December 1 each year the county highway committee shall file with the commission a report for each town within the county certifying whether any and all amounts expended or obligated for improvement or construction on town roads has been in conformance with uniform minimum design standards for town roads established pursuant to s. 86.26. A copy of the certification shall be sent to the town clerk. The certification shall be on forms prescribed by the commission. If any town has not complied with the approved standards the certification for that town shall so state setting forth the noncomplying improvements. When any noncomplying improvements have subsequently been made to comply with the standards, the county highway committee shall so certify to the commission. If on July 1 of any year there are any previously certified noncomplying improvements which have not been made to comply as certified by the highway committee, 20 per cent of the final allotment for that year under s. 20.420 (83) (b) and (84) (b) shall be withheld by the state to the credit of the town. At any time that all prior noncomplying improvements have been made to comply, as certified by the county highway committee, the amounts previously withheld shall be paid to the town. This paragraph shall not apply to any town road improvement or construction which was begun prior to January 1, 1964.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1964.

Approved June 24, 1963.