

**RESOLUTION 16-02**  
**Ida Township**

**ESTABLISHING A ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board (“Board”) of Ida Township (“Town”) is the road authority and provides maintenance for approximately 60 (sixty) miles of road in the Town;

**WHEREAS**, the Board determines it is in the best interest of the Town to develop a policy explaining what is and is not allowed in the road right-of-ways along the town roads;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board hereby adopts the following as the road right-of-way policy for the Town;

**Illegal Use of Right-of-Way**

Ida Township asks you to help them prevent the misuse of the Township roads as a dumping ground. Specifically, the only things that can legally be put into the right-of-way are mail boxes, traffic signs and driveways.

An owner can likely engage in activities that have minimal impact on the maintenance and safety of the right-of-way. For example, an owner likely can, within reason, plant and maintain grass and flowers, in the town right-of-way. But likely not place fences, landscaping boulders and crops, particularly corn.

Everything else is prohibited by law, including the placement in the right-of-way of:

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| Leaves and rakings                    | Yard debris                                  |
| Trees (any size)                      | Structures, (stone, wood, concrete or other) |
| Yard clippings                        | Garbage and waste                            |
| Bushes and hedges                     | Terraces and flower beds                     |
| Branches and brush                    | Construction debris                          |
| Shrubbery                             | Lawn-watering systems                        |
| Lake weeds                            | Oil and petroleum                            |
| Fences or walls                       | Plantings                                    |
| Miscellaneous debris or ANYTHING ELSE |  |

**BURNING ANYTHING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS ALSO PROHIBITED.**

Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.42 (traffic regulations) and, also, Minnesota Statutes, Section 609.68 (criminal offences) both make the above practices a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$700 or imprisonment for up to 90 days for each offense.

The Township has a good road system and it takes taxpayer funds to clean up after violators. Also, the Township could held liable for damage claims of road users if it knowingly permits these illegal acts. Landowners can also be held liable.

For the good of the Township and your neighborhood, please obey these laws. And if you observe any violations by others, please report them to your Township Supervisors.

Adopted by the Ida Town Board on this 16th day of February, 2016.

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Michael Steidl \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Peterson \_\_\_\_\_

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Daniel Diedrich, Township Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Kilgore, Clerk