

SUMMARY OF LAWS GOVERNING THE WIDTH
OF STATE AND COUNTY ROADS

(State roads)

From 1824 to 1831 all state roads are 66 ft. wide.

From 1831 to the present time--60 ft. wide.

(County Roads)

From 1792 to 1804 any width necessary.

From 1904 to 1906 any width necessary--not over 66 ft.

From 1806 to 1809 any width necessary-- not over 60 ft.

From 1809 to 1816 any width necessary--not over 66 ft.

From 1816 to 1820 any width necessary--not over 60 ft.

From 1820 to 1824 any width between 30 ft. and 60 ft., with
specified width to be set forth in Commissioners' order.

From 1824 to 1844 all county roads shall be 60 ft. wide.

From 1844 to 1853 any width between 40 ft. and 60 ft., the
width to be recorded when established. The Act of 1844
also permits any road previously established to be reduced
to a width not less than 40 ft. upon petition to the
Commissioners.

From 1853 to 1915 any width between 30 ft. and 60 feet to be
determined by viewers.

From 1915 to the present time any width over 30 ft.

Between 1867 & 1880 the Co. Commissioners had the power
to increase or reduce the width of any Co. or Twp. road
provided that they were not increased or decreased more than
the limits allowed by law.

Where a road has been established and all records have been
lost and if the Co. Commissioners have in accordance with Section
R.C. 2729.13 properly advertised for such record and there are
no reproductions the road shall be 60 ft. wide.

Width of Roads. -

The width of all Roads in the State of Ohio was left to Justices of Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace from August 1st 1792 to January 1st 1800
not over 66 ft from January 1st 1800 to March 10 1806.
not over 50 ft from April 1st 1806 to April 1st 1809.
not over 66 ft from April 1st 1809 to May 1st 1816.
not over 60 ft from May 1st 1816 to June 1st 1820.
not over 60 ft nor less than 30 ft from June 1st 1820 -
to June 1st 1824

All county Roads 60 ft wide from
June 1st 1824 to Feb 15th 1844
not over 60 ft nor less than 40 ft from
Feb 15th 1844 to March 11th 1853 except in
Counties of Hardin Van Wert Allen Paulding
Putnam Williams Henry + Lucas

State Roads 66 ft wide from
June 1st 1824 to Oct 1st 1831, 60 ft wide
after Oct 1st 1831

See Chase's Statutes
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