
Sec. 86-191. Requirements for driveways.

(a) *Minimum requirements for all driveways.*

- (1) No driveway shall be located closer than 20 feet from a right-of-way line of an intersection of two streets.
- (2) The angle of intersection between the driveway and the street pavement shall be between 75 and 90 degrees.
- (3) Except for permitted joint driveways, the outside edge of the driveway must be at least three feet from the side property line.
- (4) Property line clearance: Driveway approaches shall be located so that the required curb return lies entirely within the property lines extended of the zoning lot served by the driveway approach unless the driveway is being shared with the adjacent zoning lot.
- (5) New driveways shall be constructed of one of the following: Concrete, asphalt, brick or other surface approved by the director of public works. Driveway approaches, between the edge of the pavement and the right-of-way line, shall be constructed of concrete pavement.
- (6) Driveways constructed in areas with curb and gutter shall include a flared section between the curb and gutter and the street side of existing or future sidewalks. The flared section shall be flared 0.5 times the distance between the back of the curb and nearest edge of an existing or future sidewalk, but no greater than 2.5 feet, for a total combined apron flare of five feet. The curb head shall be saw cut or the curb and gutter shall be neatly removed at the driveway opening location and replaced with concrete gutter and driveway approach head.
- (7) All driveways shall be designed to accommodate future or existing sidewalks. All paved driveway entrances and aprons shall provide for concrete sidewalks in accordance with city standards.
- (8) The construction of driveways shall not impede the drainage of the street or off street areas. In areas with existing curb and gutter, the driveway shall not extend further into the street than the face of the gutter. In areas without curb and gutter, or in areas with ditch sections for the drainage of the roadway, a culvert of the size or capacity required by the public works director shall be installed at the time of driveway construction at the property owner's expense.
- (9) Any person, firm or corporation constructing a driveway is responsible for repairing any damage to adjacent property such as sidewalk, bike path, street and/or curb and gutter.
- (10) No person shall install, alter, change, replace or extend any driveway without first obtaining a permit from the building inspector.

(b) *Additional requirements for residential driveways.*

- (1) There shall be no more than one driveway per lot or two driveways per multi-family residential lot per street frontage. One additional drive may be permitted per street frontage when that frontage exceeds 200 feet.
- (2) A driveway shall not exceed 24 feet in width except if the building has a three-car garage. If a building has a three-car garage, the driveway width may be increased an additional 12 feet for a total width not to exceed 36 feet.
- (3) There shall be no residential driveway access to any collector or arterial street unless such street provides the only available access.
- (4) Joint driveways are not permitted on lots that were platted after January 1, 2004. Joint driveways constructed prior to January 1, 2004 may be repair and replaced.

(c) *Additional requirements for commercial and industrial driveways.*

- (1) There shall be no more than two driveways per commercial or industrial lot per street frontage. Driveways on each street frontage shall meet the requirements for each street frontage separately. Driveways may be prohibited or restricted in size, number, or direction of traffic flow, if in the opinion of the public works director, the proposed access will present a hazard to the safety and general welfare of the public. Driveways on one street frontage may be prohibited, only if alternate access can be provided on another frontage.
- (2) Driveways for commercial or industrial lots shall be not wider than 32 feet, measured at the property line.
- (3) Driveways for commercial or industrial lots shall be paved with asphalt or concrete pavements.
- (4) Streets, sidewalks, alleys, and/or public rights-of-way shall not be used for internal traffic circulation or maneuvers into and from off-street parking spaces. Driveways shall be located to promote good internal traffic circulation with minimal disruption of on-street traffic.

(d) *Exceptions to requirements.*

- (1) The common council may waive the requirements for residential drives where, in its opinion, the waiving of the requirements will not have detrimental effect on the safety of the general public.
- (2) The common council may waive the requirements for commercial and industrial driveways if the applicant submits an engineered alternative plan that will effectively permit ingress and egress with a minimum of hazard or congestion to pedestrian and vehicle traffic both on and off the street.

(Code 1978, § 8.10(1); Ord. No. 596-04, §§ 1, 2, 8-17-04; Ord. No. 750-19, § 1, 9-9-19)