

**STRIKE-THROUGH**

**Ordinance No. 2023  
City of Madison Heights  
Oakland County, Michigan  
Zoning Text Amendment 24-02**

**An ordinance to amend Ordinance 2198, being an ordinance codifying and adopting a new Zoning Ordinance for the City of Madison Heights, by amending Appendix A, Section 7.03.10– Detached One-Family Dwellings – to modify standards relating to driveway widths.**

The City of Madison Heights ordains:

**Section 1. SECTION 7.03. USE SPECIFIC STANDARDS is hereby amended as follows:**

**Section 7.03.10 – Detached One-Family Dwellings**

**A. DWELLING UNIT DESIGN:**

- (1) Dwelling units that front a public street shall have at least one (1) entrance facing, or visible from, the public street.
- (2) Exterior Finish Materials. Primary materials shall include brick, natural stone, cultured stone, smooth wood siding, or fiber cement siding. Accent materials (up to 25% of the net façade) may include architectural metal, asphalt siding, stucco, aluminum siding, EIFS, reflective glass, vinyl cladding, or concrete. The Planning and Zoning Administrator may consider alternative accent materials.

**B. GARAGES:**

- (1) Detached Garages. Detached garages shall comply with the Accessory Buildings standards, Section 8.03.
- (2) Attached Garages. Garages shall not be the prominent feature of the front elevation of the home or of the street frontage. Attached garages shall comply with the following standards:
  - (a) Attached garages are subject to the minimum building setback provisions for the principal structure.
  - (b) The total width of front-loaded attached garages shall not occupy more than 50% of the total width of the front façade of the house, as measured along any building line that faces the street, which excludes any architectural elements such as bay windows or unenclosed porches. The width of the garage is

measured at the width of the door and not necessarily the space it occupies in the dwelling behind the door. Garage width may be increased to not more than 60% of the total width of the front façade on parcels with a lot width of 40 ft. or less.

- (c) Front-loaded attached garages shall be recessed at least two (2) feet from the front façade of the house. Front porches may be considered the front façade and be used as the point of measurement for those homes where the porch comprises at least 30 percent of the front façade.

### C. DRIVEWAYS

- (1) Minimum driveway width at the right-of-way line: 9 feet.
- (2) All driveways or approaches within the public right-of-way shall be paved with concrete and all other driveways shall be paved with asphalt or concrete.
- (3) Driveways shall be set back a minimum of one (1) foot from side and rear lot lines, except in cases where the driveway is accessed from a rear alley or where a driveway is shared between two or more properties. Driveways shall not be permitted ~~within the front yard~~ in front of the residential dwelling, except as permitted within this Section.
- (4) Driveways leading to an Attached Garage: A driveway providing access to an attached garage shall be no wider than 20 feet at the front or street side lot line but may taper to ~~the~~ a width up to, but not to exceed, eighteen inches beyond the exterior edges of the garage door opening; ~~beginning at a distance of~~ the taper shall begin a minimum of 5 feet from the property line adjacent to the street and shall be angled no greater than 45 degrees. However, in no case shall any part of the driveway be located directly in front of the residential dwelling, with the exception of living spaces above the garage. ~~exceed the width of the garage door, except where an additional parking pad is permitted, below.~~
- (5) Driveways leading to a Detached Garage: A driveway that provides access to a detached garage shall be no wider than twelve (12) feet in width at the property line but may taper to a width up to, but not to exceed, eighteen inches beyond the exterior edges of the garage door opening; the taper shall begin in the side or rear yard and shall be angled no greater than 45 degrees. ~~the width of the garage in the side and rear yard. However, i~~ In no case shall any part of the driveway be located directly in front of the residential dwelling, with the exception of accessory dwelling living spaces above/within the detached garage. ~~exceed the width of the garage, except where an additional parking pad is permitted, below.~~

On a corner property, a driveway leading to a detached garage facing a side street shall be no wider than 20 feet at the side street property line but may taper to ~~the~~ a width up to, but not to exceed, eighteen inches beyond the exterior edges; the taper shall begin a minimum of the garage door opening at a distance of 5 feet from the side street property

line. However, in no case shall any part of the driveway be located directly in front of the residential dwelling, with the exception of accessory dwelling living spaces above/within the garage. ~~exceed the width of the garage, except where an additional parking pad is permitted, below.~~

- (6) Driveways on Properties without a Garage: Where no garage exists, a driveway shall be no wider than twelve (12) feet in width at the property line but may taper to a maximum of twenty (20) feet in the side and rear yard. In no case shall any part of the driveway be located directly in front of the residential dwelling.
- (7) Circular Driveways: A circular driveway with two approaches on the same street, or one per street on a corner lot, is permitted on parcels containing 200 feet or more of combined lot width.
- (8) Ribbon Driveways: Ribbon driveways are permitted for residential driveways, subject to the same dimensions and paving standards for standard driveways. Individual ribbons shall only be permitted within the boundary of the lot and shall not be less than eighteen (18) inches or more than thirty (30) inches wide.
- (9) Additional Parking Pad: One (1) additional parking pad for parking and turnarounds, no greater than 18 x 20 feet, is permitted adjacent to a permitted driveway within a side or rear yard. Parking pads shall be set back a minimum of one (1) foot from side and rear property lines.

For properties fronting an arterial or collector street, as denoted within the Master Plan, one (1) parking pad, no greater than 18 x 20 feet, may be located within a required front or street side yard setback to allow for safe vehicular turnaround. Such parking pad shall be screened from the abutting street with plant materials or an alternative screening method approved by the Planning and Zoning Administrator, and shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from the street right-of-way line.

## **Section 2. Repealer**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

## **Section 3. Severability**

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

**Section 4. Savings**

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This ordinance as ordered shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption and upon publication.

**Section 6. Enactment**

A copy of this ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the City Clerk’s office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days.

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Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor

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Cheryl Rottmann, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Cheryl Rottmann, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Madison Heights, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Madison Heights City Council at their Regular Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Cheryl Rottmann, City Clerk

**ZOTXT 24-02 (Ordinance 2023)**

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