

Driveway Ordinance:

§ 110-1. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

DRIVEWAY - Any permanent or temporary access for vehicles from a public highway or roadway to private property.

DESIGN ENGINEER - An engineer licensed as a professional engineer by the State of Connecticut.

PAVING - Bituminous concrete or portland cement concrete.

TOWN ENGINEER - An employee of the Town of Barkhamsted or an individual or firm which is under contract to provide engineering services to the Town of Barkhamsted.

§110-4 Specifications.

- A. Angle of intersection. Every driveway shall meet the edge of the highway pavement at an angle of no less than 75E and shall adhere to this to this angle to a distance of 40 feet measured from the centerline of the highway.
- B. Grade of intersection. Every driveway shall have a finished grade of not more than 4% extending a distance of 20 feet from the edge of the highway pavement (travelway).
- C. Maximum Grade. No driveway shall contain any portion having a grade greater than 12% along the length. No driveway shall contain any portion having a grade of more than 5% across its width. ~~A grade survey may be necessary under questionable circumstances as determined by the Town Engineer at the owner's expense.~~ An as-built survey to include driveway and embankment grades and associated drainage may be required under questionable circumstances as determined by the Town Engineer.
- D. Drainage. No driveway shall be constructed or maintained so as to discharge water into any roadway. No driveway shall be constructed or maintained so as to allow roadway water to enter the main portion of the driveway. Driveway design shall provide low impact development techniques,

best management practices, and erosion & sedimentation control measures. All best management practices and erosion & sedimentation control measures shall be maintained by the property owner/ permittee. No driveway shall be constructed so as to allow untreated water to enter an inland wetland or watercourse.

- E. Minimum width. All driveways shall have a minimum width of 10 feet and shall be at least 14 feet across where joining any highway.
- F. Pavement at intersection. All driveways must be paved to streetline or for a length of ten (10) feet; which ever is greater, from the point that they meet the existing road pavement. This pavement will be two-inch bituminous concrete on a six (6) inch gravel base approved by the Highway Foreman.
- G. Where pavement is not required the driveway shall be stabilized to prevent material from being washed onto or otherwise deposited on the highway.
- H. Public or commercial driveway width. No public or commercial driveway shall be more than 30 feet in width unless permitted with the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- I. Sight lines. A minimum of 200 feet shall be provided at the intersection of a driveway and a Town road. The measurement of the sight line distance shall be based ~~an~~ on a three-and-five-tenths foot (3.5') height of eye and a four-and-twenty-five-hundredths-foot (4.25') height of the approaching vehicle. The sight line shall be measured ten (10) feet minimum from the edge of the Town road.
- J. Separation from intersection. No driveway shall be located within 20 feet of a street intersection or within five feet of an established or proposed crosswalk.
- K. Culverts. Where determined necessary to control drainage a culvert may be required for a driveway entering a street. Such culvert shall be a minimum of 18 feet long or two feet wider than the driveway ~~an~~ on each side. The First Selectman or his/her designated agent shall be responsible for determining when a culvert is necessary and also the type and diameter.

- L. Intersection with state highway. All driveways entering state highways must also conform to the specifications set forth by the Department of Transportation.
- M. Erosion control. All erosion & sedimentation control measures shall conform to the 2002 Department of Environmental Protection Connecticut Guidelines for Erosion & Sedimentation Control Manual as amended. The Highway Foreman shall consult with the Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding erosion control. Every reasonable precaution shall be exercised throughout the period of driveway construction to prevent, control, and abate siltation, sedimentation and pollution of all waters. Unless a specific type of sedimentation control system is ordered by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the type of system will be as designed by a Design Engineer on the Site plan or at the contractor's option, in that order. Geotextile silt fence and/or [h]ay bale systems will be allowed to remain at the toe of slope areas unless ordered removed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- N. Restoration. All earth slopes and areas of disturbed soil shall be ~~stabalized~~ loamed, seeded, and stabilized with hay or straw mulch. Erosion control blankets may be required in areas deemed critical by the Zoning and/or Wetlands Enforcement Officer or the Town Engineer. All erosion & sedimentation control measures shall remain in place until all disturbed areas have established permanent cover.