

Town of Washington Planning Board
Minimum Development Guidelines for Private and Common Driveways

The following notes must be placed on the plan for development approval as applicable.

For All Private Driveways:

1. Finished grades for all parts of the driveway shall not exceed 12 percent.
2. The minimum driveway width shall not be less than 16 feet with a travel way width of not less than 12 feet.
3. A development plan for the driveway together with road profiles and other information as may be required by the Town Building Inspector, shall accompany plans for construction on the property at the time an application for a building permit is made. The development plan and profiles shall show conformity of the proposed driveway construction with these standards. These plans shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer and shall bear the seal and signature of such engineer.
4. Upon completion, the applicant's engineer shall certify to the Town that the driveway has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and with these specifications. Such certification shall accompany the application for issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the improvements. Such certification shall be in the form of an as-built survey of the driveway and other improvements to the property.
5. The driveway construction requirements as shown on the final development plan or plat approved by the Planning Board shall be referenced in the deed for the property upon transfer.

For driveways in excess of 500 linear feet:

1. Finished grade for all parts of the driveway shall not exceed 12 percent.
2. The cleared and graded width of the driveway shall not be less than 16 feet, and travel-way width of not less than 12 feet and 2-foot shoulders to each side.
3. Shoulders shall be top soiled, seeded with an appropriate grass or grass blend, and mulched.
4. Passing turnouts measuring not less than 40' x 10' shall be placed at not more than five hundred foot intervals along the length of the driveway. The passing turnouts shall have an additional 2 feet of shoulder width.
5. All roots and stumps shall be grubbed, excavated and removed from the travel way and shoulders.
6. All unsuitable and unstable materials shall be completely excavated and removed and all rocks or boulders larger than 6 inches across shall be excavated to at least 8 inches below finished grade.

7. The foundation course of the driveway shall be a minimum of 6 inches of clean, run of bank gravel.
8. Final course of the driveway shall be a minimum of 4 inches of item 4 or processed gravel.
9. The travel way, passing turnouts, shoulders and flow line of drainage ditches and swales shall be maintained in satisfactory condition to assure safe and continuous, year-round access for all vehicles.
10. Trees and shrubs shall be trimmed and maintained so as not to hang into or obstruct the travel way, passing turnouts and shoulders. Overhead branches shall be trimmed to a height of not less than 13 feet.
11. A development plan for the driveway, together with road profiles and other information as may be required by the Town Building Inspector, shall accompany plans for construction on the property at the time an application for a building permit is made. The development plan and profiles shall show conformity of the proposed driveway construction with these standards. These plans shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer and shall bear the seal and signature of such engineer.
12. Upon completion, the applicant's engineer shall certify to the Town that the driveway has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and with these specifications. Such certification shall accompany the application for issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the improvements. Such certification shall be in the form of an as-built survey of the driveway and other improvements.
13. The driveway construction requirements as shown on the final development plan or plat approved by the Planning Board shall be referenced in the deed for the property upon transfer.

For Common Driveways

1. Finished grade for all parts of the driveway shall not exceed 12 percent.
2. The cleared width of the driveway shall be not less than 24 feet. The graded width of the driveway shall be not less than 24 feet. The travel way width of the driveway shall not be less than 16 feet with 4 foot shoulders to each side.
3. Shoulders shall be top soiled, seeded with an appropriate grass or grass blend, and mulched.
4. Passing turnouts (see attached detail) shall be placed at not more than five hundred foot intervals along the length of the driveway. The passing turnouts shall have 4 feet of shoulder width.
5. All roots and stumps shall be grubbed, excavated and removed from the travel way and shoulders.
6. All unsuitable and unstable materials shall be completely excavated and removed and all rocks or boulders larger than 6 inches across shall be excavated to at least 8 inches below finished grade.

7. The foundation course of the driveway shall be a minimum of 8 inches of clean, run of bank gravel.
8. Final course of the driveway shall be a minimum of 4 inches of item 4 or processed gravel.
9. The travel way, passing turnouts, shoulders and flow line of drainage ditches and swales shall be maintained in satisfactory condition to assure safe and continuous, year-round access for all vehicles.
10. Trees and shrubs shall be trimmed and maintained so as not to hang into or obstruct the travel way, passing turnouts and shoulders. Overhead branches shall be trimmed to a height of not less than 13 feet.
11. Each lot accessed by a common driveway shall be subject to a Driveway Maintenance and Improvement Agreement which shall run with the land and be binding on each owner of the lots accessed from the common driveway, and upon their heirs, successors and assigns. Such Agreement shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk and shall be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney prior to such recording.
12. A development plan for the driveway, together with road profiles and other information as may be required by the Town Building Inspector, shall accompany plans for construction on the property at the time an application for a building permit is made. The development plan and profiles shall show conformity of the proposed driveway construction with these standards. These plans shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer and shall bear the seal and signature of the engineer.
13. Upon completion, the applicant's engineer shall certify to the Town that the driveway has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and with these specifications. Such certification shall accompany the application for issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the improvements. Such certification shall be in the form of an as-built survey of the driveway and other improvements.
14. The driveway construction requirements as shown on the final development plan or plat approved by the Planning Board shall be referenced in the deed for the property upon transfer.