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DATE: February 8, 2001  
TO: Council, Mayor Shaw  
FROM: Randall Nelson  
RE: 2-12-01 Informational Committee Agenda Item No. 3, Residential  
Driveway Standards  
CC: Dan Bjerke, Ted Vore, Larry Chilstrom

Attached for your information is an outline summarizing the recommendations from the Residential Driveway Task Force for modifications to the residential driveway standards.



# Residential Driveway Requirements

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## 1. Number of Openings

- 1.1. One access point for mid-block lots with less than 200 ft. frontage.
- 1.2. Two access points may be permitted if no traffic operation or safety problems result for:
  - 1.2.1. Corner lots with 300 ft. or more of combined frontage on two residential streets. Second accesses will not be permitted on collectors or arterials.
  - 1.2.2. Mid-block lots with 200 ft. or more frontage accommodating circular driveways which meet standards listed in Section 4 below, or having severe terrain prohibiting a normal and standard 2 or 3 stall side-by-side garage.

## 2. Width of Curb Opening & Driveway in ROW

- 2.1. 20 ft. maximum throat opening and driveway in ROW plus 3-5 ft. tapers for following situations:
  - 2.1.1. One & two stall (side-by-side) garage, all setback distances;
  - 2.1.2. Three stall (side-by-side) garage, with garage setback 30 ft or more;
  - 2.1.3. On bulb of cul-de-sacs, all cases.
- 2.2. 30 ft. maximum throat opening and driveway in ROW plus 3-5 ft. tapers for following situation:
  - 2.2.1. Three stall (side-by-side) garage, with garage setback less than 30 ft.
  - 2.2.2. Shared driveway for townhouses and duplexes with adjoining two or three stall garages with setbacks 30 ft. or more.
- 2.3. 40 ft. maximum throat opening and driveway in ROW plus 3-5 ft. tapers for following situation:
  - 2.3.1. Shared driveway for townhouses and duplexes with adjoining two or three stall garages with setbacks less than 30 ft.

## 3. Minimum Spacings

- 3.1. From property line: 5 ft.
- 3.2. Between driveways: twice the taper length
- 3.3. From street corner: no change from current standards

## 4. Circular Driveways

- 4.1. Circular driveways may be permitted if the following conditions are met:
  - 4.1.1. The lot has 200 ft. or more frontage;
  - 4.1.2. Inside radius of driveway is no less than 20 ft.
  - 4.1.3. Radius point is located at or inside the property line;
  - 4.1.4. Minimum acute angle, measured from edge of pavement, is 80 degrees;
- 4.2. Width of curb openings and driveways in ROW: 16 ft. maximum plus 3-5 ft. tapers