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CITY OF APPLETON DRIVEWAY OPENING POLICY

Permit Required

A Street Excavation Permit from the Department of Public Works is required to construct, repair, replace, or remove any sidewalk, driveway approach, carriage walk, curb and gutter, or surfacing within any public right-of-way.

Location and Dimensions

The location and dimensions of any driveway opening shall be approved by the Engineering Division prior to any building permit being issued by the Inspection Division. For developments subject to site plan review per section 23-171(b) of the Municipal Code, an approved site plan shall be considered a driveway opening approval by the Engineering Division. A Street Excavation Permit is still required prior to constructing the portion of driveway within the public right-of-way.

Anyone denied a driveway opening request administratively may appeal the decision to the Common Council through the Municipal Services Committee.

All driveways must be a minimum of 25 feet from any residential street intersection point of curvature, 100 feet from any collector or arterial street intersection, or 200 feet from any signalized intersection as defined by the property line extended to the curb, perpendicular to the road centerline.

A property owner may be granted a second curb cut if the following conditions are met:

1. A sketch showing proposed location of second driveway is submitted to the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works.
2. The Engineering Division does not object to the request.
3. The Forestry Division does not object to the request.
4. The Inspections Division does not object to the request.

5. The two neighboring properties to each side of the requesting property do not object to the request. (Municipal Services Report, June 18, 1997)

All abandoned or partially abandoned driveways shall be closed when new driveways are constructed. Terrace areas shall be restored to provide uniformity on the street. All construction costs incurred shall be borne by the property owner, except as noted for paving projects below.

Driveways on Paving Projects

Driveways shall be subject to the requirements of the Policy for Special Assessments for the current year. (See section I.A.6)

Residential Driveways

Residential driveway aprons may not exceed 40% of the total width of the side of the property where the driveway is located, or a maximum of 40 feet, whichever is less. In addition, all residential driveways shall conform to Section 19-91 of the City's Municipal Code.

Commercial Driveways

Driveway aprons designed to accommodate truck traffic shall be 7" thick concrete and constructed using a minimum of 15' radii on the flares. (See Exhibit A)

Commercial driveways on streets with average traffic volumes greater than 10,000 vehicles per day shall be constructed with street-type entrances using a minimum of 15' radii on the flares. (See Exhibit A)

College Avenue Driveways

(Street & Sanitation Committee – August 8, 1990)

Resolution 87-R-90-Alderman Rosecky. "Be it resolved, that no curb cuts shall be allowed on College Avenue between Badger Avenue and Linwood Avenue unless approved by the Municipal Services Committee and the Common Council.

Driveways in Non-City of Appleton Streets

If a proposed driveway is located in a right-of-way that does not have City of Appleton jurisdiction (e.g., a County Highway or Town Road), the property owner must submit a copy of the driveway permit (and culvert permit, if applicable) issued by the agency having jurisdiction prior to the issuance of a driveway permit by the City.