



DRIVEWAYS

On Single-Family Residential Properties in the City of Columbus

Driveway: A private access way for vehicles to reach a parking space, garage, dwelling, or other structure.

Did You Know?

Some driveway regulations vary by the type of street being accessed. Vehicles may not back into or maneuver on any Arterial Street.

What is a Variance?

In instances where a requirement cannot be met, owners have the option to apply for a variance from that requirement. Variances are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Zoning Appeals. All variance requests begin with a meeting with the Planning Department staff.

Approved Surfaces

Asphalt
Concrete
Brick
Paving Blocks
Paved Wheel Paths
(with grass or suitable groundcover between)

Not Approved Surfaces

Crushed Gravel
Street Grindings
Stone/ Rock
Dirt
Sand
Grass

Access Limitations:

- Where **alley access** is available, driveway access to all streets is prohibited.
- When there is no alley access, all single-family properties are **permitted one access point** from any Local or Collector Street.
- Access points on **Collector Streets** must be separated by a minimum of 50 feet.
- **Access to Arterial Streets** is not permitted for any lot created after April of 2008.
- For **circular drives** the 2 access points must be separated by a minimum of 50 feet.
- If a single-family property has **frontage on more than one public street**, access must be obtained from the street with the lowest classification.
- A **second drive** is allowed from a second street frontage, if that frontage is a Local Street and 50 feet of separation between the nearest driveways & intersections can be provided.

Standards:

No parking areas or driveways shall be closer than **4 feet** to any side or rear property line.

All driveways are **limited to 24 feet in width** at the property line along the street.

Helpful Hint:

New driveways or changes to the curb, sidewalks, or how the driveway meets the street require approval from the City Engineering Department (812-376-2540).



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For more info: contact Technical Code Enforcement (812-379-1535) or the Planning Department (812-376-2550 or planning@columbus.in.gov).