



Village of Scarsdale Engineering Department

Local Driveway Design Standards and Guidelines

The Village Engineering Department provides the following list of minimum design requirements where applicable for all proposed, realigned, or substantially improved local driveways.

1. Plans shall include a sight distance analysis for new intersections formed by proposed and/or realigned driveways. All existing and proposed objects and visual obstructions within the Village right-of-way shall be included (utility poles, trees, bushes, mailboxes, etc.).
2. Driveways shall meet the required visual obstruction sight distances as stated in Chapter 294 of the Village Code.
3. Plans shall include a profile for all proposed and/or realigned driveways including slope. Driveway designs shall include adequate platforms at garage and street levels.
4. Driveways are limited to a maximum width of eighteen feet (18') at the intersection of the roadway. Minor allowance for flared curbs may be allowed at the discretion of the Village Engineer.
5. Angle of ingress and egress for all driveways shall be perpendicular to the direction of road travel.
6. All gravel driveways and porous asphalts shall be considered impervious with respect to drainage properties and shall be accounted for in stormwater modeling and design.
7. Gravel driveways are not permitted within the Village right-of-way. The portion of the driveway in right of wall shall contain a suitable apron or pavement.
8. Gravel driveways shall be properly maintained throughout the year. Driveway gravel must not leave the property at any time. Prudence of care shall be provided by owner during all snow removal activities. Any gravel that does make its way onto the Village roadway shall be removed by the homeowner immediately.
9. A maximum of two driveway curb cuts may be allowed per property. All proposed circular driveways shall require approval from the Board of Architectural Review prior to permitting.
10. Properties with less than 130 feet of street line frontage are limited to one driveway cut.
11. Driveways on corner lots must be at least 125 feet (125') from the intersecting roadway (100 feet in A-4 and A-5 zones). The Village Engineer may approve driveways that do not meet this standard at his/her discretion should extenuating design circumstances exist.
12. Grade of driveway through the Village Right-of-Way should be limited to two percent (2%).
13. The maximum grade through any portion of the driveway should not exceed twelve percent (12%).
14. To minimize or deter road runoff, driveways and aprons shall have a one and one-half inch (1½") reveal at the curb line and have a minimum of a six inch (6") elevation rise toward the residence where possible.
15. Where public sidewalks and pathways exist, driveway shall meet the existing elevation of such pedestrian infrastructure.
16. Garages below street grade shall contain sufficient drainage capable of handling the 25 year design storm for the surface area of said driveway.
17. All off street parking shall meet local Zoning Code.
18. The owner, contractor and/or design professional shall be responsible to obtain the necessary approvals prior to construction.