



City of Oregon  
Department of Public Service

## Rules and Regulations for the Construction of Driveways, Sidewalks, and Curb Cuts

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- 1) A permit shall be obtained through the Building and Zoning Inspection Department prior to starting any work upon a driveway or sidewalk within the public right of way. No concrete shall be poured nor asphalt placed until an inspection has been made of subgrade and any formwork by the City of Oregon.
- 2) Driveways shall have a width at the curb line of not less than the curb opening and a minimum width of 8 feet at the street side of the sidewalk. No curb opening shall be less than 12 feet nor more than 40 feet in length.
- 3) No driveway shall be constructed or reconstructed on a main thoroughfare to have the nearest edge of such driveway less than 65 feet from the intersecting curb line on the right hand side approaching an intersection unless approved by Council.
- 4) Prior to the removal of any existing drives or curbs, contractor shall make a full depth saw cut between the adjacent roadway pavement and the driveway or curbs that are to be removed. Any roadway pavement damaged in the process of removing an existing driveway or curb must be neatly saw cut and replaced in kind.
- 5) The placement of decorative, stamped, and/or colored concrete within the public right of way shall not be permitted without the prior approval of the Director of Public Service. The City of Oregon shall not be responsible for the replacement of such decorative, stamped, and/or colored concrete placed within the public right of way in the event the concrete needs to be removed for the installation, repair or replacement of any public infrastructure. Any additional cost of the replacement of the decorative concrete to match existing concrete stamping and/or coloring shall be the responsibility of the property owner.
- 6) All driveways abutting streets without curbs shall have a culvert laid to a grade and be of a size and material to be determined by the Service Director but in no case less in size and strength than 12" reinforced concrete.
- 7) All residential driveway approaches within the public right of way shall be constructed of a minimum of 6-inch thick plain Portland cement concrete on 2-inches of compacted aggregate base or a minimum of 2-inches of asphalt concrete over a 6 inch minimum compacted aggregate base.
- 8) All commercial driveway approaches shall be constructed of a minimum of 8-inch thick plain Portland cement concrete on 2-inches of compacted aggregate base or a minimum of 4-inches of asphalt concrete over an 8 inch minimum compacted aggregate base.
- 9) Contractor to construct all concrete drives and walks according to the requirements of ODOT CMS Item 608. No wire or steel rebar reinforcement is permitted within the right of way. Fiber-reinforced concrete is permitted.
- 10) Concrete driveways abutting streets without curbs shall terminate at least two feet from the edge of the pavement. Alternately, a concrete joint can be placed 2 feet from the edge of pavement, parallel to the road.
- 11) Sidewalks abutting residential property shall have a width of 4 feet. Sidewalks in all other areas shall have a minimum width of 5 feet. Sidewalks shall be constructed of plain concrete a minimum of 4 inches thick except that within the limits of the driveway and for a distance of one foot on each side, they shall have a thickness of 6 inches, this section to be isolated from the adjoining sidewalk or driveway by standard ½ inch pre-molded expansion joints. Additional expansion joints of ¼ inch thickness shall be provided at 25-foot intervals and at intersections with cross walks.
- 12) All sidewalks shall slope toward the street not less than ¼ inch per foot nor more than ½ inch per foot and shall slope in the direction of travel not more than ½ inch per foot.
- 13) Sidewalks shall be constructed on the public right-of-way and shall be one foot from the property line unless otherwise authorized by the Director. They shall have a grade above the curb such that the slope from the sidewalk to the curb is ½ inch per foot. This space between the sidewalk and curb shall be properly filled and graded so as to provide a substantially uniform slope from the sidewalk to the curb.
- 14) All sidewalks shall be provided with 1-1/2 inch deep notches at 5-foot intervals, perpendicular to the line of travel.
- 15) Any curb box for gas or water, or gas drip, manhole covers or sidewalk gratings shall be installed or reinstalled to be exactly level with the surface of any walk or driveway.
- 16) No driveway or sidewalk shall be constructed when the temperature is below 40 degrees Fahrenheit unless such work is protected from freezing in a manner approved by the Director of Public Service.