

Town of Plainfield Driveway Ordinance 2002

Entrances and Exits on Town Highways

The Town of Plainfield acting through its duly constituted Town Board and pursuant to authority conferred by Section 130, subd.7a of the Town Law of the State of New York maintains as follows:

Section 1: No person, firm or corporation shall after the effective date of this ordinance cut, construct or locate any driveway entrance or exit into a highway of the Town of Plainfield without having first received permission to do so from the superintendent of highways of said town.

Section 2: Any person, firm or corporation desiring to make, construct or locate a driveway entrance or exit into a town highway of the Town of Plainfield shall make an application for a permit to do so to the highway superintendent of said town. In addition to the general "Standard Driveway Entrance and Exit Crossing Requirements" set forth herein below the highway superintendent may impose any "Special Requirements" which the particular situation at the location where such driveway is to be located requires in his judgment under the circumstances. Any judgments rendered by the Highway Superintendent may be appealed to the Board of Appeal, Town of Plainfield.

Section 3:

a: The applicant shall furnish all materials and bear all costs of construction within the town right-of-way, pay the cost of all work done and materials furnished as required to meet the conditions of any permit issued by the highway superintendent.

b: No alteration or addition shall be made to any driveway heretofore or hereafter constructed nor shall any such driveway be relocate without first securing a new permit from the highway superintendent.

c: the maximum width for a single combined entrance or exit shall be not more than 50 feet for commercial use and a minimum of 30 feet for residential use. The maximum width for each driveway when two or more are permitted shall not be more than 35 feet.

d: The angle of the driveway with respect to the pavement shall be as close to 90 degrees as possible.

e: No driveway will be permitted within 150 feet of any public highway intersection except at the discretion of the highway superintendent but never closer than 50 feet.

f: No driveway shall be permitted where sight distance is less than 250 feet in each direction. g: A fully dimensioned plan of the proposed driveway shall be attached to each application for a permit.

h: Any culvert pipe required to be installed at such driveway entrance or exit shall be of corrugated steel metal pipe or N12 plastic with a smooth interior, with minimum of 12 inch diameter, with a minimum of 15 inches of fill over the plastic, and a minimum of 30 feet in length.

i: Driveways not level to the road may present a hazard in the form of ice from runoff during cold weather (either on the public road or in the driveway). To avoid this hazard such driveways shall have a reasonably flat entrance of 20 feet where they enter the road. Drainage may also be necessary to correct the problem.

j: Banks fronting ditches along the road that are graded or have their vegetation removed by some other means are to be reseeded within a reasonable time (weather permitting) to prevent erosion into the ditches.

k: Shrubs, stone, fences, or other landscaping shall not block the 250 foot sight distances from driveways or hinder removal of snow from the highway.

Adopted unanimously by the Town Board at the Public Hearing Dated 9/12/02.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Plainfield

Town Clerk

