THE CITY OF ROCKFORD ILLINOIS, USA

DRIVEWAYS, CURBCUTS, & SIDEWALKS

for 1 & 2 Family Dwellings

Construction & Development Services
Bulletin No. 1

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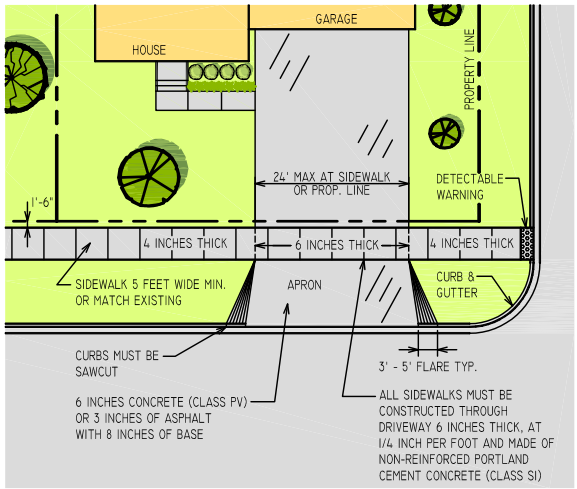
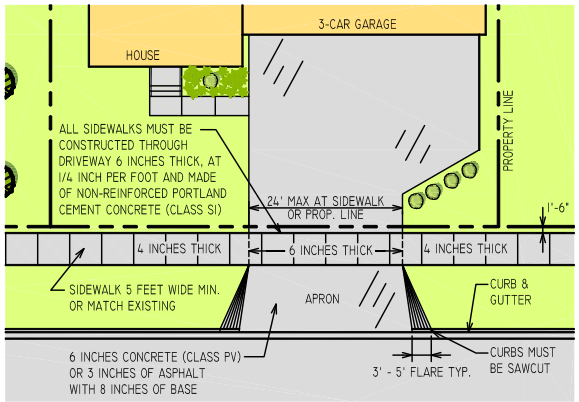
Construction Requirements



TYPICAL SITE PLAN



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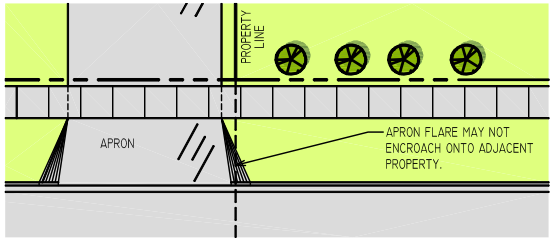
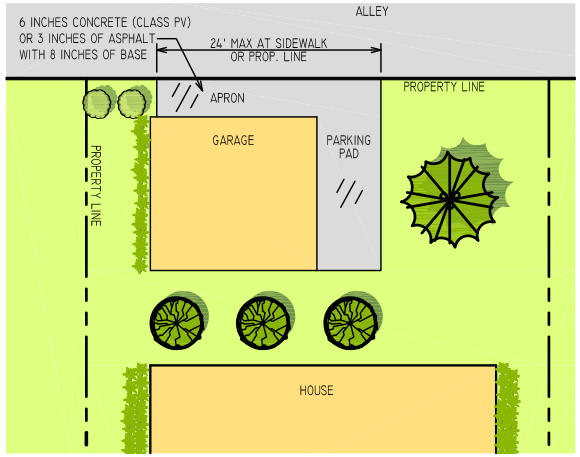


APRON @ PROPERTY LINE

Approaches from Alleys

- The same construction standards for Driveways apply to approaches off of alleys
- A permit is required and the same application for driveways, curbcuts, and sidewalks must be used.



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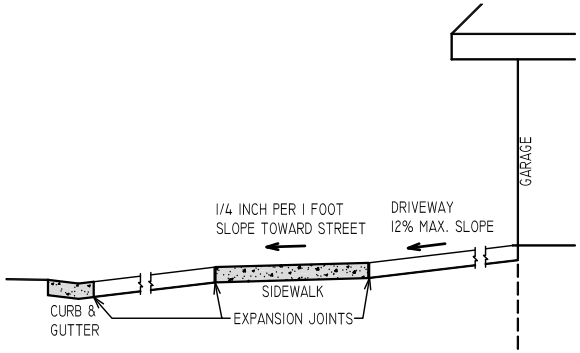

SIDEWALK/DRIVEWAY CROSS SECTION

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Driveway/Curbcut/Sidewalk Permit

Information contained herein is intended to serve as a reference guide, for specific information and permit application process, please call Construction and Development Services at (815) 987-5550.

When Is A Permit Required?

- A permit is required if any work is to be completed on the property such as **resurfacing a driveway**, **removal and replacement of a driveway** and **widening a driveway** or **creating a parking pad**. Including but not limited to **driveway aprons, sidewalk, curb and gutter construction**.
- No Permit is required for seal coating an asphalt driveway.

The Following Is Required For Submittal Of A Permit:

- Completed driveway / curb cut / sidewalk permit application.
- An accurate scale drawing of the site showing existing and proposed locations of streets, property lines, setback lines, uses, structures, driveways, and pedestrian walks is required as part of the permit application.
- The site plan shall also include all impervious surfaces with dimensions reflecting the layout of the property. Typically for residential property the maximum impervious surface ratio is 40%.
- Contractors working within the City right-of-way (the area from the sidewalk to the street), are required per Ordinance Chapter 26-309 to provide proof of $3,000,000.00 insurance and a $50,000 surety bond. This must be on file with the Public Works Department. The contractor is responsible for traffic control if necessary in accordance with Chapter F of the IL Highway Standards Manual.

Fee:

- The fee for a driveway, curb cut and/or sidewalk permit is $25.00 for one or two family residential properties.

Processing Time:

- Permits may take up to one (1) business day for approval, provided all the required information has been submitted.

Things To Know:

- If there is sidewalk on the property or on an adjacent neighbor's property, sidewalk must be installed through the driveway (if it does not already exist) when a driveway is resurfaced or reconstructed to the street.
- Sidewalk shall be installed with concrete (Class SI) that is a minimum of 6 inches thick and 5 feet wide.
- Driveways shall be concrete, asphalt or other approved material designed in compliance with Engineering Design Criteria.
- Driveway aprons shall be installed with concrete (Class PV), however if the apron is currently asphalt then the driveway apron may be replaced with asphalt.
- The maximum width of a driveway for residential properties is 24 feet at the property line.
- Driveway aprons shall be a minimum of 6 inches thick if it is concrete (Class PV) or a minimum of 3 inches thick of asphalt with 8 inches of stone base.
- No water run-off into neighboring properties and maintain natural (existing) drainage patterns. No damming of water on adjoining properties.
- Only one access allowed per lot.
- Call the Public Works Department for a Final Inspection upon completion at (815) 967-6744.