

Zoning Ordinance Language

(Section 2316)

STORAGE OF VEHICLES

1. Location: Residential parking areas for boats, trailers, motor vehicles, and recreation equipment shall not be located in any front yard. This section shall not prohibit direct access drive parking of automobiles on paved, established driveways. [amended 10/02]
2. Size Limit/Screening: Recreational equipment, trailers, motor vehicles, boats, and other equipment or materials stored for more than forty-eight (48) hours outside of a garage, shall be placed behind the front building line of any main structure on the lot. No more than one recreational or utility vehicle under twenty-five (25) feet in length may be stored outside a garage on a residential lot. Stored recreational vehicles must be screened for side and rear property owners with a screen of at least five feet in height.
3. Special Circumstances: If a motor vehicle is to be stored outdoors for a long period because a family member is in the military service, is ill, or some other similar reason and the vehicle does not have an appearance detrimental to the area, the Zoning Administrator may grant the right to store the vehicle for said period, without a license, under the best conditions available, which conditions shall be stated in writing.
4. Size Limits: No vehicle with a rated hauling capacity in excess of two (2) tons shall be located on any property within any residential district, provided however, that this section shall not prevent the temporary location of such vehicle on such property while engaged in a delivery, pick-up or service call to the property.

Any further questions can be directed to:

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DRIVEWAYS & PAVED PARKING AREAS

In Residential Zones



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Driveways

Installing a new driveway requires a permit. A *Development Permit* from the Planning Department is required for paved areas on the homeowner's property. Check with the Engineering Department for work done in the City right-of-way (see diagram at right).

NOTE: Existing driveways may be "grandfathered", or subject to regulations under a previous ordinance. Call the City prior to starting any work.

► New parking areas, including driveways must be paved (concrete, asphalt, or concrete pavers). Crushed and/or milled concrete or asphalt cannot be used.

► Driveway must extend at least 18 feet past the front of the house.

If there is a garage, the driveway must go all the way to the garage.

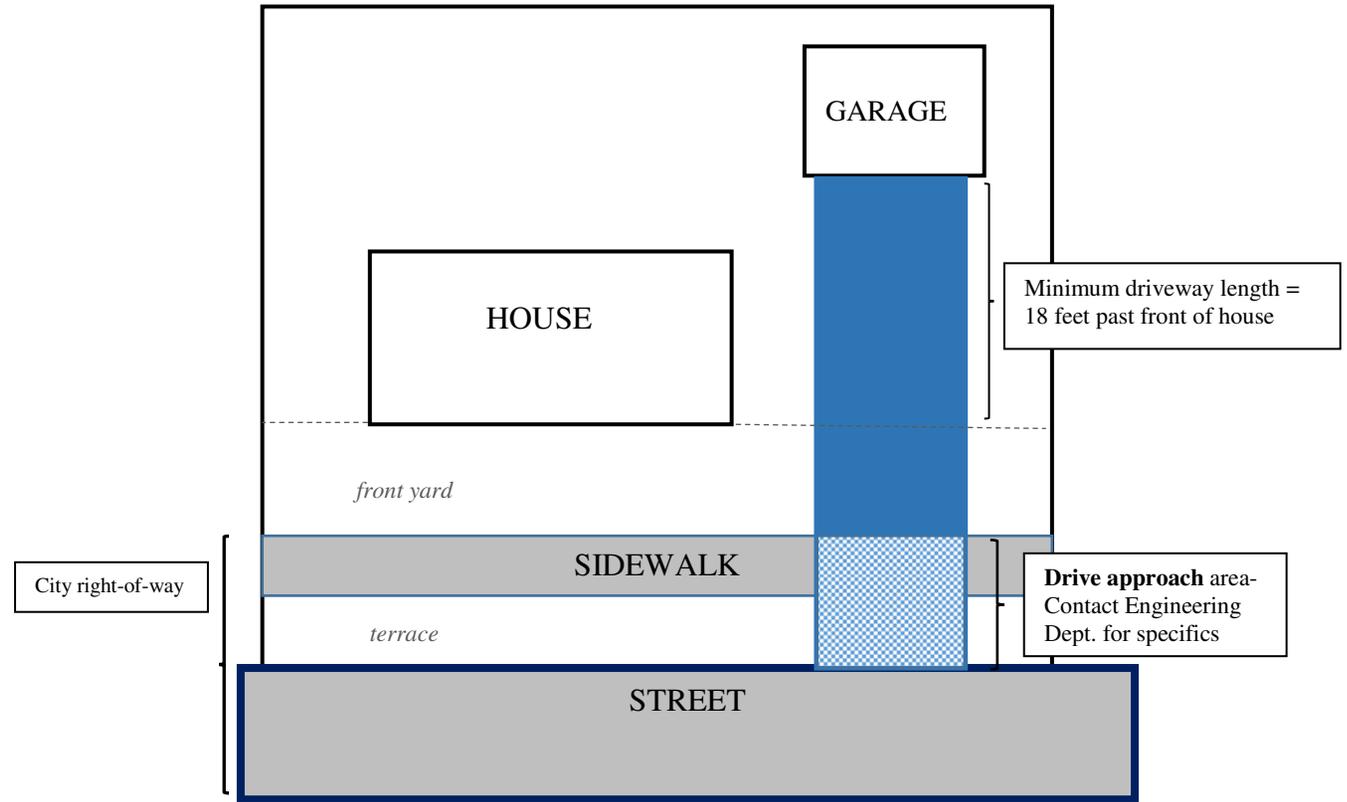
► The minimum driveway width is 8 feet; minimum width of the drive approach is 10 feet.

► Driveways and/or parking areas are not allowed in a front yard (no circle drives).

► A driveway can be placed up to the lot line. However, no driveway or paved parking area shall cause water runoff onto a neighboring property.

The property owner is expected to know where their property line is before installation.

► No more than 10% of your lot may be paved, including driveways, sidewalks, patios and parking pads.



Requires a Development Permit from Planning



Requires a Right-of-Way Permit from Engineering

Driveways for *new construction* (i.e. a new home) do not require a separate Development Permit -- the driveway should be included on the site plan for the home. However, you will still need to check with the Engineering Department if a curb cut is required, or work is to be done in the City right-of-way (see diagram above).