



City of Meadville Pennsylvania

DRIVEWAYS – Residential

A lawful service drive must meet several parameters, including width, surfacing materials and curb cut access. It must be constructed with a street occupancy permit and the curb cut must be inspected to ensure compliance with the city's regulations.

- Each parking space shall be not less than 162 square feet, being at least nine feet wide and 18 feet long.
- No portion of a parking space shall include a portion of an access drive, sidewalk, lawful service drive, or public right-of-way of a street or alley.
- Where an existing lot does not abut on a public or private street, alley or easement of access, there shall be provided a lawful service drive leading to the parking or storage areas or loading spaces. Such lawful service drive shall not be less than 10 feet wide.
- Access to off-street parking areas shall be limited to well-defined locations, and in no case shall there be unrestricted access along a street. Specifically, single-lane driveways shall be at least 10 feet wide but shall not exceed 12 feet. Double lane drives (for ingress and egress) may be up to 24 feet wide.
- All lawful service drives must comply with standards and specifications adopted from time to time by the city.
- With the exception of lawful service drives and approved parking spaces in parking lots, no motor vehicles shall be stored in front yard areas, or between a building and the public right-of-way.
- The portion of a driveway over a sidewalk must comply with the City's sidewalk requirements on thickness of slab, cross-slope and other specifications.
- Submit two copies of the site plan, showing distances from property lines, location of curb cuts and size and location of the proposed driveway.
- Submit proof of workers compensation insurance or affidavit of exemption.
- Work involving new driveways or reconstruction of driveway aprons requires a street occupancy permit. The fee for a street occupancy permit is \$75.
- Work involving reconstruction of or new sidewalks requires a sidewalk permit. The fee for a sidewalk permit is \$20.