

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
ENGINEERING DESIGN STANDARDS

CHAPTER 8

Driveway Approaches and ~~Ditch Enclosures~~ Drainage Ditches

A. Plans and Specifications – Submittal Procedure

1. The plans and specifications shall be prepared in accordance with ~~section~~ **Chapter 1, General Requirements and Submittals.**

B. Requirements for Residential Driveway Approaches

1. Pavement cross-sections shall conform to the following requirements:
 - a. Concrete driveway approaches shall be six inches (6”) 3,500 psi concrete over four inches (4”) 21AA crushed limestone aggregate.
 - b. Asphalt driveway approaches shall be six inches (6”) hot mix asphalt (HMA) over four inches (4”) 21AA crushed limestone aggregate. The cross-section shall consist of two inches (2”) HMA 13A wearing course over four inches (4”) HMA 3C leveling course **(two (2), two (2) inch lifts).**
2. Driveway approach dimensions shall conform to the following requirements:

| Garage Size | Approach Width At ROW | Local/Collector Approach Width at Street | Flare Width | Major Street Approach Width at Street | Radius |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Car | 12 Ft | 18 Ft | 3 Ft | 32 Ft | 10 Ft |
| | 13 Ft | 19 Ft | 3 Ft | 33 Ft | 10 Ft |
| | 14 Ft | 20 Ft | 3 Ft | 34 Ft | 10 Ft |
| | 15 Ft | 21 Ft | 3 Ft | 35 Ft | 10 Ft |
| 2 or More Cars | 16 Ft | 22 Ft | 3 Ft | 36 Ft | 5 Ft to 10 Ft |
| | 18 Ft | 24 Ft | 3 Ft | 36 Ft | 5 Ft to 10 Ft |
| | 20 Ft | 25 Ft | 2.5 Ft | 36 Ft | 5 Ft to 10 Ft |
| | 22 Ft | 25 Ft | 1.5 Ft | 36 Ft | 5 Ft to 10 Ft |
| | 24 Ft | 25 Ft | 0.5 Ft | 36 Ft | 5 Ft to 10 Ft |
| | 25 Ft | 25 Ft | 0.0 Ft | 36 Ft | 5 Ft to 10 Ft |

3. Circular Driveways
 - a. The property shall have a minimum of **eighty feet (80')** of road frontage.
 - b. The minimum spacing between driveway approaches shall be forty-five feet (45') from centerline to centerline.

- c. Entering driveway approach angle from street shall be ninety degrees (90°).
4. Driveway grades shall not exceed eight percent (8%) within the right-of-way. Additionally, the change in grade shall not exceed **ten percent (10%)** within any ten feet (10') of distance.

5. Additional requirements shall be in accordance with the City Standard Details.

C. Requirements for Commercial Driveway Approaches

1. Pavement cross-sections shall conform to the following requirements:
 - a. Concrete driveway approaches shall be **eight inches (8")** 3,500 psi concrete over four inches (4") 21AA crushed limestone aggregate.
 - b. Asphalt driveway approaches shall be nine feet (9') hot mix asphalt (HMA) over six **inches (6")** 21AA crushed limestone aggregate. The cross-section shall consist of two inches (2") HMA 13A wearing course over two inches (2") HMA 3C leveling course over five inches (5") HMA base course (two (2) lifts).
2. Driveway locations and geometrics shall at a minimum meet the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Permit Rules, Specifications & Guidelines, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Administrative Rules Regulating Driveways Banners & Parades and MDOT Access Management Guidebook. City requirements may exceed those of RCOC and MDOT.
3. Driveway grades shall not exceed **six percent (6%)** within the right-of-way. Additionally, the change in grade shall not exceed **eight percent (8%)** within any ten feet (10') of distance.

4. Additional requirements shall be in accordance with the City Standard Details.

D. Drive Culverts and Drainage Ditches

1. Drive culverts shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. Minimum of twelve inches (12") in diameter.
 - b. **Material shall be sixteen (16) Gauge Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP)**
 - c. A minimum of one foot (1') of cover must be provided between top of culvert pipe and **top** of driveway pavement.
 - d. The culvert shall extend a minimum of three feet (3') beyond driveway width and shall meet the minimum side slopes of 1 on 2 for local streets and 1 on 3 for major roads.

2. Ditches shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. The maximum ditch depth shall be two feet (2') from bottom of centerline of ditch to top of road pavement.
 - b. The maximum roadside ditch slope shall be 1 on 4.
 - c. The maximum property side ditch slope shall be 1 on 3.
3. Ditch-enclosures shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. The minimum depth required for enclosure is two and a half feet (2.5') from the top of road pavement to bottom of ditch centerline.