



Residential Driveway Requirements

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Am I required to get a permit for my driveway?

Yes. Driveways require a permit so the City can check that the location, materials used, setback requirements and stormwater requirements of the City Code. Permits give you assurance that what you are building is to code and will not need to be removed later because it is in violation.

Where on my property can I place my driveway?

- Only one access will be permitted for each parcel zoned single family residential. ([KEDM 3.01](#))
- Driveways providing access to local streets must be spaced a minimum of 5 feet from the nearest property line and 10 feet from the nearest adjacent driveway ([KEDM 3.01](#)).
- The distance from the driveway to an intersection will be determined by the type of intersection, street and speed limit. ([KEDM 3.02](#)).
- Driveways must have 6' clearance from any structures, power poles, fire hydrants, street trees, etc. ([KEDM 3.02](#))

How wide should my driveway be?

- A single-family driveway shall have a minimum width of ten (10) feet and maximum width of twenty-four (24) feet ([KEDM 3.02](#))
- The driveway approach shall comply the Standard Design requirements of the Kelso Engineering Design Manual (KEDM). [KST-080-21 \(Cement\)](#) or [KST-090-21 \(Asphalt\)](#) depending on the current street conditions.

What materials can my driveway surface be made of?

Surfacing for driveways on private property shall be hard surfaced with permanent materials such as asphalt, concrete or unit pavers. ([KEDM 3.02](#)). Use of permeable pavement for residential driveways is encouraged where feasible in accordance with City of Kelso stormwater requirements. ([KEDM 3.02](#))

What documents need to be submitted for a permit?

You will need to submit the completed following documents to the Community Development Department to obtain a permit:

- [Building Permit Application](#) for the driveway
- [Civil Engineering Permit Application](#) for the driveway approach, and
- A [site plan](#).

If the volume of combined cut and fill is over 50 cubic yards of material and/or if the area of land disturbance is more than 5000 Square feet, a Grading Permit will be required and you will need to fill out the forms listed below:

- [Grading Worksheet](#)
- [Civil Engineering Permit Application](#)

If the impervious surface area is over 2000 square feet you will be required to submit a stormwater site plan which includes the forms below:

- [Stormwater Thresholds Handout](#)
- [Abbreviated Stormwater Site Plan](#)
- [Civil Engineering Permit Application](#)

After getting my permit Is there anything I need to do before beginning construction?

You should always call 811 for locates before digging on your property. Also be sure that you can accurately locate your property lines.

When do I need to call for inspection for my driveway?

Prior to placing concrete or the driveway surface you should call for inspection. Civil permits require notifying the Engineering Department 24 hours prior to any construction activities. If at any time you have questions feel free to call for a courtesy inspection and we can meet you on site to answer your questions.