

WEST FAIRLEE DRIVEWAY ACCESS ORDINANCE SPECIFICATIONS DESIGN, LAYOUT AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION

It is the intent, where reasonably possible to implement these driveway access standards for any driveway, residential or commercial, in the Town of West Fairlee. Vermont Agency of Transportation Standard B-71A as amended August 20, 1992 is hereby made a part of this ordinance. The Standard may be modified by the Selectboard, or its agent, when it is considered unreasonable to adhere to the Standard B-71A in total.

This ordinance applies to driveways within the Town of West Fairlee, and driveways intersecting any highway, shall be governed by this ordinance. Any modifications made to an existing driveway may require a permit under this ordinance.

- A driveway access permit shall be obtained prior to the construction of any driveway, logging access, farm drive, or any other vehicular access to a highway.
- An access driveway shall intersect any highway at a minimum angle of 75 degrees; a 90 degree angle is preferable.
- Grades shall conform to Standard B-71A (amended) at the intersection. Grades shall not exceed 15% within the access area.
- Ditches shall be provided where necessary, and shall be constructed to conduct storm drainage. Excessive water shall not be added to Town ditches from the driveway when possible, No runoff from the drive shall discharge onto the traveled portion of the highway.
- Culverts shall be installed in the existing ditch line of the highway. Where necessary, driveways shall be equipped with a culvert. Minimum culvert size shall be 18 inch ID round pipe, or equal. Should the Selectboard, or their agent, deem a larger culvert necessary, the applicant shall install specified culvert at the applicant's expense. Culvert sections shall be properly joined with couplings supplied by the manufacturer, and shall extend at least 2 feet beyond the driveway shoulder unless a header is installed. Culverts shall be of corrugated or helical galvanized steel or other material approved by the Selectboard, or their agent. Should it be necessary to reshape a portion of the highway ditch to accommodate installation of a driveway culvert, such work shall be done at the applicant's expense, under the supervision of the Selectboard, or their agent. Headwalls, boxes, stone fill or other protection necessary either in the driveway or highway ditches shall be provided at the applicant's expense.
- The minimum approach area shall begin at the edge of pavement or on gravel roads, at the edge of the traveled way. A minimum 20 foot approach area with a 7inch depression shall be provided on any driveway in a fill section. A minimum 20 foot approach area with a 9 inch depression shall be provided in any cut section.
- Minimum driveway width within the highway right of way shall be 15 feet and maximum width shall be 30 feet within the highway right of way.
- Vertical or sharp cut faces, excepting ledge, shall not be permitted. Slopes or banks shall not exceed 1 on 1 ½ . Slopes or banks shall not interfere with snow removal or sight distances as provided in B-71A (amended). Slopes or banks shall be seeded and mulched prior to final inspection. Cribbing or other structures may be used where needed. However, snow removal and sight distances shall be maintained at a maximum where reasonably possible.
- No driveway culvert shall discharge within 10 feet of a highway culvert unless specifically exempted by the Selectboard, or their agent.
- A final inspection is required by the Town, or its agent, prior to the use of any access. An approved final certificate shall be issued by the Town, or its agent, if all requirements of this ordinance have been met to the Town's satisfaction.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PRIVATE ROAD ACCESS PERMITS

1. Please attach to this application:
 - A plan or sketch of the intersection of the private road or Town highway including
 - a. An elevation drawing of the private road as it intersects with the Town highway.
 - b. Diameter, length, and location of any culverts.
 - A locator map of where the access will be in relation to an intersection of two Town highways
2. The exact location of the proposed access must be staked to be visible from the road.
3. The application form and plans should be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office.
4. The proposed access site and plans must be reviewed by the Selectboard, or their agent, prior to construction. **Please call 802-333-9696 for an appointment.**
5. A final inspection is required before the permit will be issued. Please arrange for the final inspection while the contractor is still available to correct any problems.

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Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zipcode:** _____

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Daytime Telephone: _____ **Evening Telephone:** _____

Landowner (if different): _____

Map #: _____ **Lot #:** _____ **Town**

Road: _____

Location of Private Road:

Distance _____ (feet/miles) from: _____ (known landmark)

The Private Road will access:

_____ A single residential lot

_____ Two or more residential lots. How many? _____

_____ Commercial or Industrial Logging _____ Gravel Extraction _____ Agriculture _____

Width of Private Road: _____ **Length of Private Road:** _____ (feet/miles)

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Landowner (if different): _____ **Date:** _____

This permit is issued in accordance with Title 19, Section 1111, V.S.A. relative to all highways within the control and jurisdiction of the Town of West Fairlee. The issuance of this permit DOES NOT release the applicant from any requirements of the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations administered by other governmental agencies. The permit will be effective upon compliance with these requirements as are applicable and in effect for as long as the present land use continues. Any change of the present land use will require a new permit. This permit is issued subject to the directions, restrictions, and conditions contained herein and any attachments, hereto, and covers only the work described in this application, and then only when the work is performed as directed. Violations are subject to the penalties set forth in Title 19, Section 111, V.S.A., for fines of not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$10,000.00 for each violation.

Inspections:

Preconstruction Inspection:

Date: _____ Performed by: _____

Directions, Conditions and Restrictions: _____

Final Inspection:

Date: _____ Performed by: _____