

Cannon Township
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Single and Shared Driveways

Minimum standards for driveways 75 feet or more in length (as measured from edge of pavement to the closest portion of house or attached garage):

- 1) The area in which the driveway or shared driveway is to be located shall have a minimum cleared width of 20 feet. Said cleared width shall be maintained by the property owner or if a shared driveway by those persons having a legal right to use the driveway.
- 2) Overhead branches shall be trimmed to a height of 14 feet above the ground. Said trimmed height shall be maintained by the property owner or if a shared driveway by the persons having a legal right to use the driveway.
- 3) A shared driveway shall be located within an easement not less than 33 feet wide. Only one driveway is permitted within this easement.
- 4) The driving surface of a driveway shall be at least **12 feet wide**. For shared driveway, the driving surface shall be at least **16 feet wide**.
- 5) The driving surface of a single and shared driveway shall have a sub-base of stable soil and a **minimum of 6 inches of MDOT 22A compacted gravel on the top thereof**.
- 6) The driving surface of the driveway or shared driveway shall be crowned to facilitate drainage.
- 7) The longitudinal slope of the driveway or shared driveway shall not exceed 10 percent unless a steeper driveway is specifically approved by the Township Fire Chief.
- 8) The driving surface of the driveway or shared driveway shall be adequately maintained by the property owner or by those persons with a legal right to use the driveway to ensure the safe passage of private and emergency vehicles.
- 9) When a driveway crosses any natural stream or drainage course, adequate provisions shall be included to maintain the surface water flow to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator and any other agency having jurisdiction thereof. The method used in crossing any natural stream, drainage course, or similar feature shall have a sufficient load capacity to safely support Fire Department equipment.

In constructing the crossing, Best Management Practices (as contained in the Cannon Township Storm Water Management Ordinance) shall be used to prevent soil from entering the stream or drainage way. Such measures shall also be used to ensure soil does not enter the stream or drainage way after construction of the crossing is completed. Such measures shall be approved the Township Engineer.

- 10) Except where the driveway crosses a natural stream or drainage course, the driveway shall be no closer than 25 feet from the stream or drainage course or other body of water.
- 11) The street address shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the property so it is visible from a public or private road.
- 12) The inside radius of any driveway curve shall be a minimum of 50 feet.
- 13) A shared driveway which extends from a private road may be permitted by the Minor Land Division Committee if the Committee finds that such approval would satisfy the intent of the Minor Land Division regulations of this Ordinance and would allow for adequate access by emergency vehicles.
 - (b) The application for a building permit for a building, dwelling, or structure that is to be served by a driveway or shared driveway shall include a driveway permit as issued by the Road Commission.
 - (c) A shared driveway that intersects a public road shall be a minimum of 125 feet from another shared driveway or a private or public road that is on the same side of the road. This distance shall be measured between centerlines. Where compliance with such separation distance cannot be achieved because of existing lot widths, location of other shared driveways or private or public roads, or topographical factors, the separation distance may be reduced to the minimum extent possible.
 - (d) An easement for shared driveway that provides the sole means of access to a lot of record as of April 10, 2000 shall comply with the provisions of this section, except that the provisions of subsections (a)(1), (3), (4), (10), and (12) shall be satisfied to the extent that the existing limitations of the easement permit compliance with these provisions.
 - (e) For a shared driveway existing as of April 10, 2000, which thereafter becomes a private road by extension or lot division, the existing portion of the shared driveway shall be treated as an existing private road under Section 21.A22 of Private Road Chapter of the Zoning Ordinance.

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Residential Driveway Permit

Applicant _____

Property Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Parcel Number _____

Please circle:

Private Road

Public Road

Single Driveway

Shared Driveway—Attach easement agreement

Length _____

Length _____

Width _____

(Minimum 12 feet)

Width _____

(Minimum 16 feet)

Paved YES NO

Gravel YES NO

Minimum 6" MDOT 22A

Easement width _____

Minimum 33 feet for shared driveway

Degree of slope _____

No greater than 10%

Trees/Overhang _____

Cleared a minimum of 14 ft high

Does driveway cross stream or drainage course? YES NO

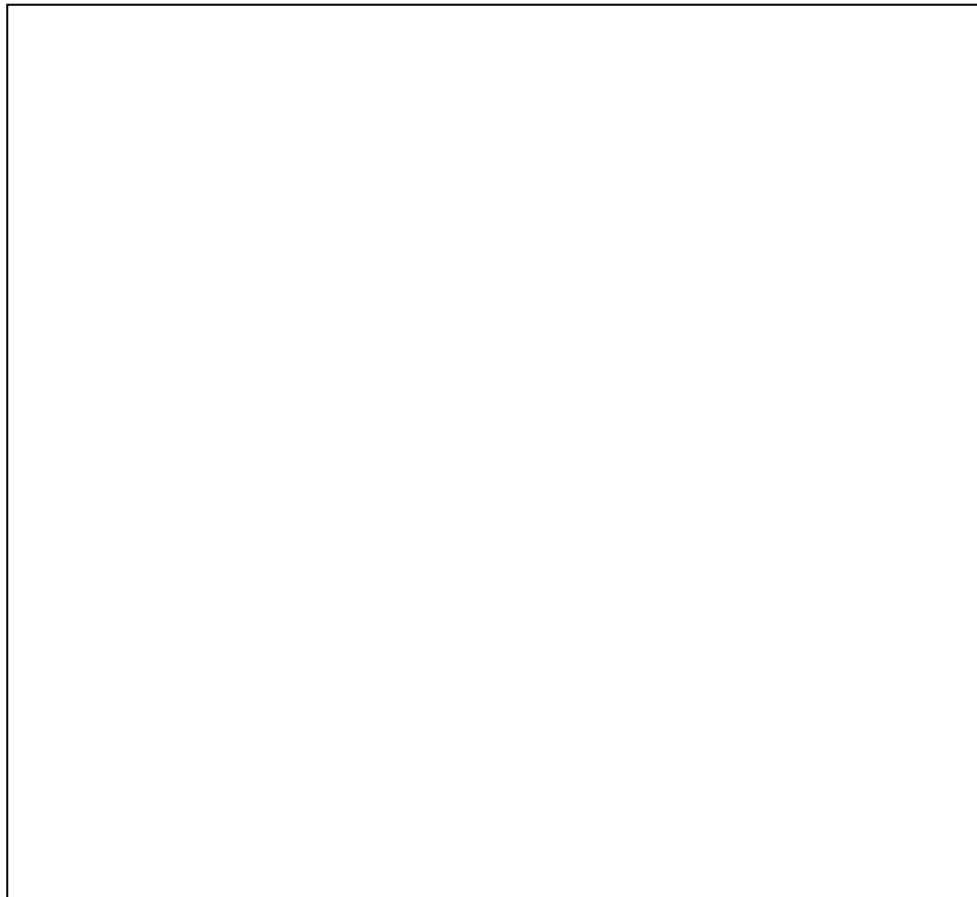
ATTACH: COPY OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT, COPY OF SHARED DRIVEWAY AGREEMENT, ALL RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, AND A COPY OF THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

DRAW BELOW the location of entrance, driveway, house, culverts, slope, trees, utility lines, water bodies (wetlands, streams, lakes), and any other site information regarding a driveway. Please include north-facing arrow.

Address _____

Cross Streets _____ and _____

Fire Department Approval _____



I have been given a copy of the minimum requirements for a driveway/shared driveway 75' or more in length. I understand that the above proposed driveway must meet the minimum requirements of the Zoning Ordinance before a certificate of occupancy will be issued.

Signature of applicant