

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-25

AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTERS 17 AND 21 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 17 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and [~~stricken through~~] and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 17
ARTICLE I: DRIVEWAYS, APPROACHES AND ENTRANCES**

§ 17.13 RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY APPROACHES.

(b) *Widths and locations.* Residential driveway approach dimensions must comply with the applicable city construction detail for driveway approaches and the following.

(4) *Second curb cut and connecting driveway:* a permit for a second curb cut to a single-family site must not be issued unless the site has at least 120 feet of frontage along a single public street or is a corner lot and complies with the standards of this Chapter 17 of this code. For corner lots, when two curb cuts are present, each curb cut must be to a separate street unless the site has at least 120 feet of frontage along a single public street. More than two curb cuts are prohibited for single- or two-family residential sites. In the event a second driveway is installed to serve a second garage, the second driveway must meet all driveway standards. If a second driveway is installed to serve as a circular driveway, the secondary driveway is limited to 12 feet in width and must meet all other driveway standards. A minimum of 18 feet (one parallel parking space) must separate each driveway approach.

(5) *Circular Driveways without second curb cuts.* If a circular driveway does not require a second curb cut the secondary driveway not leading to a garage is limited to 12 feet in width and must meet all other driveway standards.

Section 2. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and [~~stricken through~~] and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21

ARTICLE III: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Division A: General Standards

§ 21.301.06 PARKING AND LOADING.

(i) *Single-family and two-family residential driveways and off-street parking.*

(7) *Second curb cut and connecting driveway.* A permit for a second curb cut to a single-family site must not be issued unless the site has at least 120 feet of frontage along a single public street or is a corner lot and complies with the standards of Chapter 17 of this code. For corner lots, when two curb cuts are present, each curb cut must be to a separate street unless the site has at least 120 feet of frontage along a single public street. More than two curb cuts are prohibited for single- or two-family residential

sites. In the event a second driveway is installed to service a second garage, the second driveway must meet all driveway standards. ~~If [In the event]~~ a second driveway is installed to serve as a circular driveway, the secondary driveway is limited to 12 feet in width and must meet all other driveway standards. See Figure 21.301.06(i)(12)(B) below.

(10) *Driveway and off-drive parking area setbacks.* Driveways and off-drive parking and turnaround areas must meet the following setback requirements.


(F) Variances. Variances to driveway setbacks from property lines may be processed as administrative variances, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2, Article II of this code.

(11) Circular Driveways without second curb cuts. If a circular driveway does not require a second curb cut the secondary driveway not leading to a garage is limited to 12 feet in width and must meet all other driveway standards.

(1[1]2) Permit required. A driveway permit is required for construction, replacement, overlay or alteration of a residential driveway or off-drive parking or turnaround area, with limited exceptions for repairs as set forth in this section of this code. If the driveway approach is modified, appropriate permits must be obtained as required in Chapter 17, Article I of this code.

(1[2]3) *Graphic illustrations.*

Passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2022.


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