

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF LEBANON
REVISED DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the electors of the Town of Lebanon at a duly warned Special Town Meeting to be held on August 30, 2004;

Any person who proposes to establish, alter, change, improve or relocate an access onto any town road shall:

A. Procedure

1. Applicant shall make application for a driveway or access permit from the Selectmen on a form provided for this purpose.
2. Accompanying the permit application shall be a plot plan showing the exact location of the proposed access including all pertinent measurements and materials to be used.
3. Applicant shall post a bond with the Selectmen in the amount of **\$5,000** as a guarantee that the work will be done as specified. The Selectmen may require a bond in a greater amount if, in their opinion, the cost of the installation exceeds **\$5,000**.
4. All accesses onto a Town road shall meet the following specifications:

B. Construction Specifications

1. Aprons shall be required for all driveways; paved aprons shall be installed on paved roads, gravel aprons on gravel roads.
2. The paved driveways apron shall consist of a minimum 2" completed depth of class 2 bituminous concrete (asphalt) compacted with a minimum of a 2 ton roller. Paved apron shall be placed on a 6" compacted course of processed aggregate. Base course shall be placed on a **12"** compacted bank run gravel subgrade.
3. The gravel driveway apron shall consist of a 6" course of compacted processed aggregate placed on a **12"** of compacted bank run gravel subgrade.
4. Apron dimensions: the apron shall be a minimum of **28'** wide at the edge of the traveled portion of the town road, narrowing at not less than a **8'** radius on each side of the driveway to a width of not less than 12', and to a distance of not less than 15' from the edge of the traveled portion of the town road or the property line, whichever is greater. Driveway width at the edge of the road shall not exceed **45'**.
5. The apron is to meet the road at an elevation no higher than the existing pavement so that a snow plow blade will pass without catching.
6. Maximum change in elevation from the edge of the road pavement to a point of 15' back shall be 9".

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7. For driveways lower than the roadway, a high point shall be provided near the end of the driveway to prevent water from flowing onto the lot from the road. The high point shall be 4" higher than the road edge, but no higher than the center of the road.

8. Apron may not extend into the traveled roadway.
9. Apron is to be constructed at the owner's expense; the owner is responsible for repairing any and all damage done to the existing road. Apron and repairs shall be completed and approved by Town staff before the driveway bond is released or the certificate of occupancy is issued, whichever may apply.
10. Maximum grade for any driveway shall be 15%.
11. Any driveway, or portion thereof, whose grade exceeds 10% shall be paved to a uniform minimum width of 10' to minimize erosion and sedimentation problems. Contiguous portions where grade exceeds 5% shall also be paved.

C. Sight Lines

1. Any trees, brush, stonewalls, fences, and/or other obstructions impeding sight lines shall be removed or lowered. Sight lines shall be determined from a point 10' from the edge of the traveled way portion of the town road using a height of 3.5' for both eye and object, in both directions.

Minimum sight distance shall be: (both directions)

Posted Speed (MPH)	30	40	50
Sight Distance (feet)	200	275	400

D. Drainage Piping

Edges of the driveway and gutter area shall be graded so that water will pass the driveway without running into the street or onto the lot. Driveways and aprons shall be graded so as not to direct drainage onto the road. To insure that this provision is satisfied, the Town may require that drainage pipe be provided in accordance with the following:

1. Interruption of gutter or roadside swale flow will require piping. Piping shall be sized for a 25 year storm, and shall be a 15" minimum diameter. Flared ends and riprap shall be required to reduce erosion and sedimentation, and to present a neat appearance.
2. Pipe may be reinforced concrete (RCP), asphalt coated corrugated metal, (ACCM), or high density polyethylene (HDPE). All pipe shall be installed according to manufacturer's installation recommendations. Installation trench shall have a minimum 6" bedding and minimum 1' cover. Bedding and cover shall be **1" process gravel or 3/4" stone.**

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3. Pipe shall be located as far from the edge of the road as possible to minimize the hazard to errant vehicles. Existing swales shall be graded as appropriate to provide a smooth transition to and from the pipe. Disturbed swales shall be protected with riprap or other appropriate measure to minimize erosion.

4. Piping installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by Town Staff. All deficiencies shall be approved before the driveway bond is released or the certificate of occupancy is issued, which ever may apply.

E. Figures

The driveway shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements shown on Figure (Plate) 1 "Driveway Apron Construction Details".

The minimum lengths of transition (vertical) curves for driveways shall follow the values shown on Figure (Plate) 2 "Minimum Transition Curve Lengths For Driveways".

F. Inspection and Approval Procedure

1. **No permit shall be issued without prior approval of said access by the Selectmen.**
2. **Inspection is required before and during pipe installation, and prior to paving.**
3. **Final inspection will consist of the approval of paving of apron/driveway, and of sight lines as per Town of Lebanon Driveway Ordinance.**
4. **After all requirements of said Town of Lebanon Driveway Ordinance are satisfied, bond shall be released.**

This ordinance shall supersede all previous ordinances related to driveways.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication, in accordance with the General Statutes.

Dated at Lebanon, Connecticut this 8th day of September 2004

Effective date is September 23, 2004

Leslie Wertam
Acting Town Clerk