


CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER POLICY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		
Subject: RESIDENTIAL CIRCULAR DRIVEWAYS		
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PURPOSE:

The following is the policy on residential circular driveway approvals only.

Zoning approval must be met regarding access ordinance if there is an alley, hardscape of front setback and any parking in the front of the house (720/865-3000). Owner must start the process with Zoning and get an approved, stamped site plan from the Zoning front counter before Development and Engineering Services (DES) Construction Engineering will review the plan (Zoning will determine if Landmark Preservation Commission approval is necessary).

All residential circular drives must be approved by DES Construction Engineering (303/446-3469). Streets classified as collector or arterial will require additional review information.

All work must conform to current City and County of Denver Standards.

No trees may be removed for the construction in the City right-of-way except with approval of the City Forester (720/913-0651).

Owner should determine if the drive will be functional; based upon the following minimum criteria:

- Turning vehicle should not damage right-of-way or neighboring property.
- Minimum outside turning radius is 48 feet. Owner should allow for 2 feet of additional clearance on each side of driveway in order not to encroach on adjacent property.
- Vehicle must be able to stop in drive without interfering with sidewalk and pedestrians.
- Five foot driveway flares are required and may not encroach beyond the extended property line (flare may be altered under approval of the construction engineering inspector).

A permit is required from DES Construction Engineering prior to any work on the public right-of-way. Right of way includes, but is not limited to the sidewalk, curb and gutter and driveway. The permit requires the following:

1. A contractor that is licensed and bonded by the City and County of Denver must do all work.
2. All fees will be in accordance with the current City schedule of inspection fees.
3. DES Construction Engineering must be notified at least 48 hours prior to the start of work, so that necessary inspections can be arranged. 303-446-3469
4. DES Construction Engineering Inspector will notify Public Works Traffic Engineering Services that a circular drive is being constructed and Public Works Traffic Engineering Services will determine if the City will install "No Parking" signs for the new driveway.
5. Applicant may be required to place conforming signage within right-of-way.

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