

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMOBILE DRIVEWAYS

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Sections 715, 716, 717, and 718 of the Public Works Code, provide certain regulations for the construction of automobile runways commonly called "drop curbs" or "driveways." Except as provided in paragraph 14 hereof, the Department of Public Works, in the interests of public safety and convenience, will observe the following procedures and standards in the approval of applications for driveway permits

1. No building permit will be issued until the driveway permit required by Section 716 of the Public Works Code had been issued.
2. Driveway length is exclusive of the 18-inch end slopes.
3. No driveway shall exceed 30 feet in length.
4. There shall be no less than 5 feet of standard curb height between adjacent driveways in R-1-D, R-1, and R-2 zoning districts as set forth in the City Planning Code.
5. In all other zoning districts, there shall be no less than 20 feet of standard curb height between adjacent driveways.
6. The total length of driveway for any single frontage of 100 feet or more shall not exceed 70% of the frontage.
7. No driveway shall be constructed within 5 feet of adjacent property for gas stations, parking lots, etc., or buildings that are set back.
8. The nearest driveway, on either street at an intersection, shall be at least 5 feet from the normal angular corner; shall not encroach on the prolongation of the sidewalk of the other street; and shall not encroach on more than one-eighth of the arc of the curb return.
9. No driveway shall be permitted opposite "right turn" traffic islands.
10. No application will be approved for a driveway which contemplates vehicles encroaching on any portion of the sidewalk area for loading, unloading, or waiting.
11. No application will be approved which requires a driveway area cross-warp within the official sidewalk area.
12. Driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the details shown on Bureau of Engineering Plan No. L-19,689.1 entitled "Driveway Construction."
13. The property owner shall arrange for and bear the entire cost of moving poles, signs, hydrants, catchbasins, city owned pull boxes, and other existing installations which may interfere with the proposed driveway.
14. Exceptions to these standard requirements will be considered by the Director of Public Works only upon written request, which request shall include a sketch and plot plan featuring the requested exceptions.