



What Is a Driveway?

A driveway is typically a small private road providing access to a building or land.



Driveway Requirements

Driveway Length

Any building into which a vehicle may enter shall have a driveway at least 6m (20 ft.) in length, except where the driveway enters a lane directly from a detached garage, where it shall either be 1m (3.3 ft.) or at least 6m (20 ft.).

A lane is typically a narrow or lesser road intended for a single line of vehicles such as back alleys.

DRIVEWAYS



Corner Parcel Driveways

For corner parcels, driveways shall be setback from the boundaries that form the intersection by:

- 6m (20 ft.) for those that serve 4 or less dwelling units; or
- 15m (49 ft.) for all other uses.

Distance between Driveways

The minimum distance between driveways shall be:

- 0m for those that serve a single dwelling unit; or
- 6m (19.7 ft.) for all other uses

Residential Driveway Width

Within a residential district driveways shall not exceed:

- 8m (26 ft.) width for those that serve a single dwelling unit.
- 10m (33 ft.) width for those that serve multiple dwelling units.

Commercial and Industrial Driveway Width

Within commercial, industrial or public use districts a driveway shall not exceed a width of 12m (40 ft.).

Can A Driveway Be Gravel or Paved?

Driveways that connect to a paved road are required to be paved and those that connect to a gravel lane may be gravel.

Why Are Driveways Regulated?

The Town of Ponoka regulates all driveways for a number of reasons including:

- Allows for effective snow removal.
- Decreases the drainage of water onto the streets.
- Increases pedestrian safety.
- Ensures that adequate on-street parking is available.
- Helps maintain a standard and appealing neighbourhood aesthetic.

Do I Require a Development Permit?

A development permit is required for both paved and gravel driveways.

A development permit is not required for paved driveways that are part of a development for which a development permit has been issued, for example, a new detached dwelling. However, the driveway shall be wholly contained within the boundaries of the property and shall not drain onto adjacent properties and must meet the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw.

More Questions?

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Development Services Department through the contact information below. For all requirements, restrictions and exemptions, please consult the Land Use Bylaw which may be downloaded from the Town of Ponoka website: <https://www.ponoka.ca>



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