

# Specifications for Driveway Connection to County Roads

## 1. Definition

A driveway approach is understood to be that portion of the roadway right-of-way between the pavement edge and the property line that is designed and used for the interchange of traffic between the roadway and the abutting property.

## 2. Intersection Clearance

At an intersection of a county road with another highway, road or street, where right-of-way has been acquired to provide sight distance, no driveway approach shall be permitted within the frontage thereof. At any other intersection, a driveway shall be restricted for a sufficient distance from the intersection to preserve the normal and safe movement of traffic. Road Department personnel shall determine driveway separation after considering: location, alignment, speed, traffic movement and visibility.

## 3. Sight Distance

All entrances and exits shall be so located and constructed that vehicles approaching or using them will be able to obtain adequate sight distance in both directions along the roadway in order to maneuver safely and without interfering with roadway traffic.

## Traffic Operations

Driveway locations for ingress and egress must be reasonable from the viewpoint of the traveling public in that no unusual hazard to pedestrians or motorists shall be created, nor shall the driveway invite or compel vehicular movements in directions or locations contrary to those for which the roadway was designed, neither shall they invite or compel illegal or unsafe traffic movements.

## 4. Control Devices

No entrance or approach shall be located or constructed so as to interfere with or prevent the proper location or functioning of any traffic-regulating device. The Applicant shall not be permitted to erect any sign or display material, either fixed or movable, on or extending over any portion of the County Road right-of-way.

## 5. Property Line Offset

All driveways shall be so located that the flared portion adjacent to the traveled way will not encroach upon adjoining property.

## 6. Driveway Width

No driveway shall have a width greater than 20' for a single-family residence or 28' wide when serving more than one residence, except as increased by permissible radii.

**Notice:** A 16' driveway is recommended for maximum fire protection and/or sprinkling of the house.

## 7. Approach Angle

The axis of an approach to the roadway may be at a right angle to the centerline of the roadway and of any angle between 90° and 60° but shall not be less than 60°.

Adjustment will be made according to the type of traffic to be served and other physical conditions.

8. Parking

The construction of parking or servicing areas on the road right-of-way is specifically prohibited. Off-the road parking facilities must be provided.

9. Slope of Drive

The grade of entrances and exits shall slope downward and away from the road surface at the same rate as the normal shoulder slope and for a distance equal to the width of the shoulder but in no case less than 15' from the pavement edge. Approach grades are restricted to not more than 4%. The maximum grade on the driveway shall not exceed 12%.

10. Drainage

All driveways and approaches shall be so constructed that they shall not interfere with the drainage system of the street or roadway. The Applicant shall be required to provide, at his/her own expense, drainage structures at entrances and exits that will become an integral part of the existing drainage system. The department representative prior to installation must approve the dimensions of all drainage structures.

11. Driveway Construction Standards

For Private Driveway Construction Standards, refer to San Miguel County Land Use Code, Section 5-502 DD.

## Schedule A

A Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners establishing fees and bonding requirements for disturbances to the County road system and rights-of way.

### RESOLUTION 1996-24

### BONDING AND FEE SCHEDULE

The fee and bonding requirements are a separate Resolution and attached to Resolution 1996-23 as Schedule A, and may be amended or revised as deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners, at any time, without prior notice. The following fees and regulations shall apply to disturbances to the County road system by other than County personnel.

#### PERMIT FEES

1.	Minor utility cut within roadway (100' or less) .....	\$	50.00
2.	Utility cut within roadway (100' – 1000') .....	\$	100.00
3.	Utility cut (over 1000') .....	\$	200.00

4.	Installation of overhead utilities .....	\$ 50.00
5.	Overweight permits for vehicles or loads exceeding legal weight limits up to 200,000 pounds:	
	A. Annual Permit .....	\$ 400.00
	B. Single Trip - \$15.00 + \$5.00 per axle	
6.	Overlength, overwidth and overheight permits on loads that do not exceed legal weight limits	
	A. Annual Permit .....	\$ 250.00
	B. Single Trip .....	\$ 15.00
7.	Special permits for structural, oversize or overweight moves requiring extraordinary action, or moves involving weight in excess of 200,000 pounds, for single trip permit.....	\$ 125.00
8.	Private maintenance of County Roads (requires annual renewal).....	\$ 200.00
9.	All other activity or potential disturbances to County Roads or right-of-ways ( <u>includes Driveway Permits</u> ) .....	\$ 50.00
10.	For hauls estimated to exceed 3,000,000 pounds in a twelve-month period over a specified county road haul route .....	\$ 250.00

## Revegetation Fees

1. A fee calculated at the rate of \$.02 per linear foot of disturbance will be assessed permittees to insure that monitoring, mapping, observation and weed control are adequate after the soil disturbance takes place. Such fee shall apply only to disturbances that exceed 200' in length. The minimum fee shall be \$25 per disturbance for up to \$1250.
2. Any roadside disturbances shall be revegetated upon completion of the work in accordance with recommendations from the Natural Resources Conservation Services or the San Miguel Basin Weed Advisory Board Manager.