

Norwell Highway Department

Policy for Curb Cuts

In order to maintain safety and welfare for all motor vehicle operators, pedestrians and the general public, the Norwell Highway Department has adopted the following measures regarding the construction of driveways which enter upon and/or exit from town accepted public ways, that intercept or cross existing curbing.

All construction of new driveways or widening of existing driveways that intercept or cross existing curbing or require existing curb to be removed and replaced shall require a curb cut permit by the Highway Director or his designee.

A suitable bond may be required to be posted with the Norwell Highway Department which shall cover the cost of the proposed construction plus the cost of any damage to town highways and facilities caused by or resulting from the operations authorized by such permit.

Any driveway constructed without a curb cut permit shall be removed and the area shall be restored to its original condition at the expense of the property owner.

All driveways shall conform to the following construction standards:

- Driveways shall be a minimum of 20-24 feet wide with a 12-30 feet radius rounding.
- Driveways must meet the front of the sidewalk with respect to grade to form a driveway apron or sidewalk ramps may be constructed at the normal locus of the sidewalk. All roadway cuts in conjunction with curb replacement must meet covenant/specifications outlined in Norwell's Street Opening Permit regulations.
- Driveways shall meet the front edge of the sidewalk with respect to grade.
- The minimum distance from the point of curvature of a driveway rounding to a hydrant, pole, sign, tree or any such item, shall be 10 feet.
- Any materials including, but not limited to, street signs, granite bounds, stone markers, stone walls, granite curbs, granite inlet blocks, catch basin frames and grates, hydrants, poles, trees, guardrails and fences shall be removed and reset at the owner's expense. Any items not to be reset shall be delivered to and stacked at the Highway Department's yard at the direction of the Highway Director and at the expense of the owner.
- No fences, gates, bollards, etc. shall be constructed within the town's right-of-way.
- All driveways must be paved with at least a 3 inches of asphalt concrete to the sideline of the town's right-of-way.
- All curb stop boxes, manholes, etc. encountered shall be set to grade.