



Town of Pepperell, Massachusetts

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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GUIDELINES FOR DRIVEWAY ACCESS

All driveways over 250' long within the Town of Pepperell are required to obtain an advisory opinion as to adequate access by the Fire Engineers (Section 5132 of the Zoning Bylaw)

The Fire Engineers have determined that the following conditions must be present in order to satisfy access to the property:

1. The driveway must be properly graded with good road material (gravel, graded base or other approved material) so that cars may pass without striking banks, rocks etc. while entering at a normal rate of speed.
2. All corners must have a radius with a minimum of 25'. This enables fire apparatus to turn corners without backing up.
3. An area must be provided for emergency parking for a minimum of six (6) cars off the main driveway (10 spaces are desired). Level areas between trees or along side of the driveway are acceptable. The areas are to be marked and kept clear of snow, debris, all motorized vehicles, campers, boats and the like. The Department responds with volunteers and they must be able to park so that they do not hinder either fire or ambulance response.
4. A turnaround must be provided 75' to 150' from the terminus of the driveway at the house. This should be large enough to enable an ambulance or truck to turn around without having to back the entire length of the driveway.
5. The terminus of the driveway at the house end should not be over 150' from the house. The objective is to allow the first fire truck to be within 200' of the front door so that preconnected hose lines will reach the house without adding on to them.
6. A permanent marker, identifying the street number(s) that is (are) served by the driveway, must be placed at the entrance of the driveway. The marker should be placed at the end of the driveway and in plain view when approached from either direction. When a common driveway branches off in different directions, a permanent marker identifying the house number(s) shall be placed at the branch. House numbers must be clearly visible on each individual house.

Pepperell Board of Fire Engineers
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