

TDOT Highway Entrance Permit Process



Application Review

- Quick review to ensure that permit checklist and plans are uploaded
- If Traffic Impact Study is required, you will be notified during this step. (*Commercial Permits*)



Transportation Review

- Geometric review of permit application
- Ensures TDOT Standards are met with proposed design



Drainage Review

- Drainage review of permit application performed by TDOT Maintenance in Conjunction with TDOT Traffic
- Ensures TDOT Standards are met with proposed design



Final Document Check

- Verification of deed
- Verification of insurance, and bond (*Commercial Permits*)
- Bond amount will be set based on a detailed cost estimate of work in ROW



Final Reviews and Issuance

- Final review by District management (*Residential and Agricultural Permits*)
- Final review by Regional Traffic Engineer, Regional Legal Counsel, and Region Director
- Once Regional Director approves, the permit will be issued



Inspection and Bond Release

- When driveway is completed and ready for inspection, notify TDOT by requesting an inspection in TDOT Highway Driveway
- TDOT will receive a notification and schedule an inspection
- When inspection is completed, permit contact will receive an email stating whether the inspection passed or failed and any additional comments (*Commercial Permits*)

Who Needs a TDOT Entrance Permit?

Anyone constructing/modifying a driveway on state highway right of way.

New residential driveway access, and new agricultural entrance,
New Construction (Change in use of an empty land to a commercial development)
Redevelopment (Change in use of a development)

Design Standards

Number of Entrances

- Typically, ONE entrance is permitted.
- Above 200' of frontage, a second entrance can be allowed based on need demonstrated in traffic study.
- For each additional 200' of frontage, an additional entrance may be allowed.

Sight Distance

- Developer is responsible to ensuring proper sight distance.
- If proper intersection sight distance cannot be obtained, the driveway will be restricted
(Example: Right-in/Right-Out).

Clearance Requirements

Corner Clearance

Approved distance from the right of way at the intersection to the nearest driveway.

Property Edge Line Clearance

Residential Driveways

10 ft for (Rural)

5 ft (Urban)

Commercial Driveways

20 ft (rural and urban)

Distance between Driveways (on the same lot)

40' minimum

Driveway Widths

One-Way Driveways

Multi Family= 12 ft to 20 ft

Commercial= 12 ft to 24 ft

Two-Way Driveways

Single Family= 14 ft to 24 ft

Multi Family= 24 ft to 40 ft

Commercial= 24 ft to 40 ft

Other Requirements

Driveway must be 90 degrees to the state route

Driveway Surface- Residential- Gravel (unless drainage issues), asphalt, or concrete
Commercial- asphalt or concrete

For more details go o to our website or scan the QR code above:

