Residential Driveways

Use this guide if you plan to build or resurface a residenial driveway. You or your contractor should obtain copies of the Driveway Access Permit Request and Town of Fulton Ordinances Chap 376 Article V from the Clerk.

*Fulton only issues permits for driveways on town roads (known as **local roads**) For county roads and state highways, get the permit from Rock County highway department.*

Adding concrete over gravel driveway

If you are resurfacing a previously permitted existing driveway, you will need a new permit. No fee is required for a resurfacing permit. Be sure that you or your contractor do not lay the concrete so it extends into the public roadway. See the construction diagram, below.

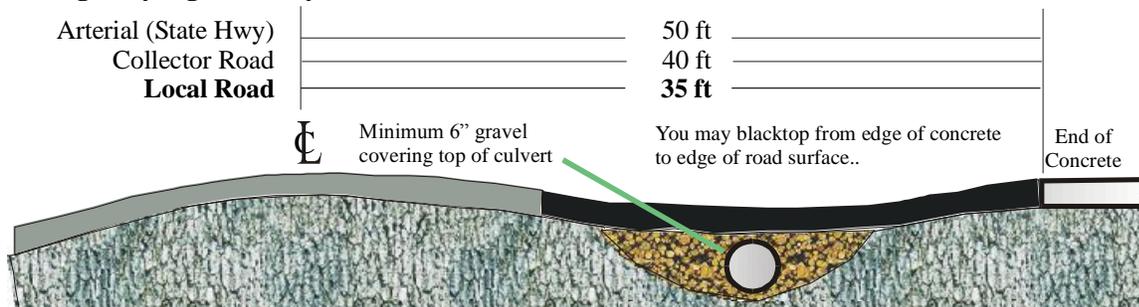The fine for improper driveway installation is $100 per day that the violation exists.

Correct: Blacktop in public road right-of-way

Illegal: concrete extends to edge of public road

Minimum culvert size, where required, will be 15" to promote drainage in the ditch line. Edge of an entrance, or the end of a culvert pipe, shall not be closer than 10 feet from any property line. No concrete or stone end walls or any other material that could be considered a menace to highway safety may be used. Standard apron end sections made if either metal or concrete may be used.

The culvert pipe shall have a minimum cover of 6 inches of gravel or rock. The entrance shall be constructed with a gentle slope to the back of the ditch line such that the finished blacktop surface is level or lower than the roadway to keep the drainage off the roadway. **No concrete surfacing shall be placed in the highway right-of-way.**

Arterial (State Hwy)	50 ft
Collector Road	40 ft
Local Road	**35 ft**

Minimum 6" gravel covering top of culvert

You may blacktop from edge of concrete to edge of road surface..

End of Concrete

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Permits and Fees

Public Road Access Permits from the Town of Fulton shall be required for all new access points along local roads. (Permits for access on county trunk highways in Rock County and state highways located within the Town of Fulton are available at the Rock County Highway Department.)

Private Entrance will be used as the primary access for a private residence or a personal business expecting a peak hour of traffic volume of less than 50 customers per hour. Permit Fee -- $75.00

Shared Access can be used for a private residence or business that is shared with the adjoining property owner for the purpose of sight distance or reducing accesses along the public road. -- $75.00 per property owner

The permit runs with the property unless otherwise revoked by the Town Board pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance.

Driveway Dimensions

Driveway will have minimum width of 12 feet and maximum of 35 feet at the end of the radius of return.

Shared access will have a minimum width of 12 feet. Shared access will be constructed such that the shared portion of the driveway is located within the right-of-way.

The centerline of a Private Entrance shall be located a minimum of 150 feet from the centerline of the nearest public road.

Driveway shall not be located on a roadway if there is an alternative to locate the access on another roadway with a lower daily traffic count.

The centerline of the access point on a road that intersects with a highway designated as "controlled access" by either the state or the county shall not be within 250 feet of the centerline of the "controlled access" highway.

No access shall be located such that it is directly across from a private residence, such that exiting the access would cause disturbance to the residence (e.g. lights shining into the residence)

Stopping Sight Distances

A guide for the location of accesses should be based on standards developed in a 1990 study done for the State of New Jersey based on AASHTO stopping sight distances for given posted speeds:

Posted Speed (MPH)	Minimum Stopping Sight Distance (feet)
25	150
30	200
35	250
40	325
45	400
50	475
55	550

If an access is to be located in the area where a speed zone transitions from a faster speed limit to a slower speed limit, the higher speed limit will be used as the posted speed to the point where the slower speed limit is signed.