

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DRIVEWAYS

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. No person shall construct a new driveway or relocate an existing driveway leading into a town road without first obtaining a written permit from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Eastford. In determining the advisability of issuing such permit, the Selectmen shall include in their consideration, the location of the driveway with respect to its effect on the highway drainage, the location of such driveway with respect to the size and shape of the lot in question, safety, the width of the highway and character of such traffic.

2. The person to whom such permit is issued shall comply with the provisions and restrictions contained therein at his own expense.

3. Failure of any person constructing or locating such new driveway to first obtain such a permit shall constitute a violation of the ordinance and any such person shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended. Each day such driveway is permitted or suffered to remain shall constitute a separate violation. In addition the Board of Selectmen shall have the right of injunctive relief against such violator or violators. The Building Inspector shall not issue a certificate of occupancy for any new construction unless the provisions of this said ordinance are complied with.

4. In the implementation of this said ordinance, the Board of Selectmen may establish no parking zones on town roads to prevent the creation of safety hazards due to the parking of private vehicles within the public right of way.

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TOWN OF EASTFORD

DRIVEWAY APRON ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. Definitions:

**Applicant:** The term "Applicant" refers to the person proposing a driveway apron.

**Board:** The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Eastford, Connecticut or their authorized representative.

**Business/Commercial:** The retail and wholesale delivery of goods and services.

**Driveway Apron:** An access onto or an egress from a street.

**Industrial:** The storage, manufacturing and processing of goods, wholesaling and related storage, research laboratories, general office space, printing and publishing establishments and bulk storage of cement and petroleum products.

**New Driveway Apron:** An access onto or an egress from a street that was not in existence on or before the adoption date of this ordinance, or an existing access or an existing egress from a street, where the use of that driveway apron has changed.

**Person:** Includes Corporations, Partnerships, Firms, Associations and/or any other entity.

**Residential Dwelling Unit:** A building or portion thereof containing complete housekeeping facilities.

**Road Standards:** Shall mean the standards and specifications set forth in the Public Improvements Specifications prepared by the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, 1988 as amended.

**Street/Road:** Any Town maintained way constructed for and dedicated to movement of vehicles and pedestrians. The word shall not include private driveways and rights-of-ways (R.O.W.).

**Town:** The Town of Eastford, Connecticut.

**SECTION 2. Purpose:**

It is the declared purpose of this ordinance to regulate driveways for the purpose of providing safe and structurally adequate access onto streets.

**SECTION 3. Procedure:**

1. No person shall construct a new driveway apron or relocate an existing driveway leading into a Town Road without first obtaining a written permit from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Eastford.
2. No Building Permit(s) will be issued until the applicant has applied for and received a Driveway Apron Construction Permit.
3. Construction of the driveway apron may start only after issuance of the Driveway Apron Construction Permit. Road areas must be kept clean of mud, dirt, stones ect.
4. Final approval of the driveway apron will be issued by the Board or its designee when all work is completed in accordance with the standards as verified by a post construction inspection. The Building Official will be notified when this approval is given.
5. No Certificate of Occupancy will be issued until the final approval of the driveway apron has been issued.
6. Applications shall be made to the Board on a form provided by the Board. A sketch plan showing proposed dimensions and location of driveway and lot boundaries and fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the application. Any highway guardrails which need to be removed shall be noted on the sketch plan and be removed by Eastford Public Works Department before driveway apron construction is started. The applicant will be issued a Driveway Construction Permit only if all required standards are met. Construction must be completed within one year of the date of permit issuance.

#### SECTION 4. Standards:

The following standards shall apply to all new residential, business/commercial, and industrial driveway apron construction:

1. One (1) residential unit. (figure 1 & 2)
2. Two (2) residential units. (figure 1 & 2)
3. Three (3) or more residential units. (figure 1 & @)
4. Business Commercial. (figure 3)
5. Industrial. (figure 3)

The following standards shall also apply to all new driveway apron construction.

6. Driveway aprons shall intersect roadways at an angle of approximately ninety (90) degrees and shall be located and designed with a minimum sight distance of two hundred (200') feet.
7. Driveways shall be designed to prevent storm water flows from entering a Town street and, wherever possible, the Town right-of-way. Privately owned and maintained drainage diversion swales, detention areas, and/or dry wells shall be utilized to the greatest extent possible. Culverts, with a minimum diameter of fifteen (15) inches, shall be used when crossing Town drainageways. Whenever a private swale or private detention area is utilized in diverting driveway water from the Town right-of-way, the owner of the subject lot(s) shall be responsible for maintaining the swale or detention area and any culverts in accordance with the approved design.
8. Driveway aprons shall be located as far as possible from roadway intersections and no closer than seventy-five (75') feet from any roadway intersection, unless some less distance is required to meet the sight line requirements of these Regulations or to comply with the provisions of any permit issued pursuant to the Eastford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

9. The Board of Selectmen may waiver specific "Standards" (section 4), within this ordinance if, the standards waived, do not decrease the safety of, and/or the structural adequacy of, any "New Driveway Apron".

**SECTION 5. Violation:**

Failure of any person constructing or locating such new driveway to first obtain such a permit shall constitute a violation of the ordinance and any such person shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revisions of 1958, as amended. Each day such driveway is permitted or suffered to remain shall constitute a separate violation.

**SECTION 6. Safety:**

b In the implementation of this ordinance, the Board of Selectmen may establish no parking zones on town roads to prevent the creation of safety hazards due to the parking of private vehicles within the public right of way.

**SECTION 7. Effective date:**

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication.

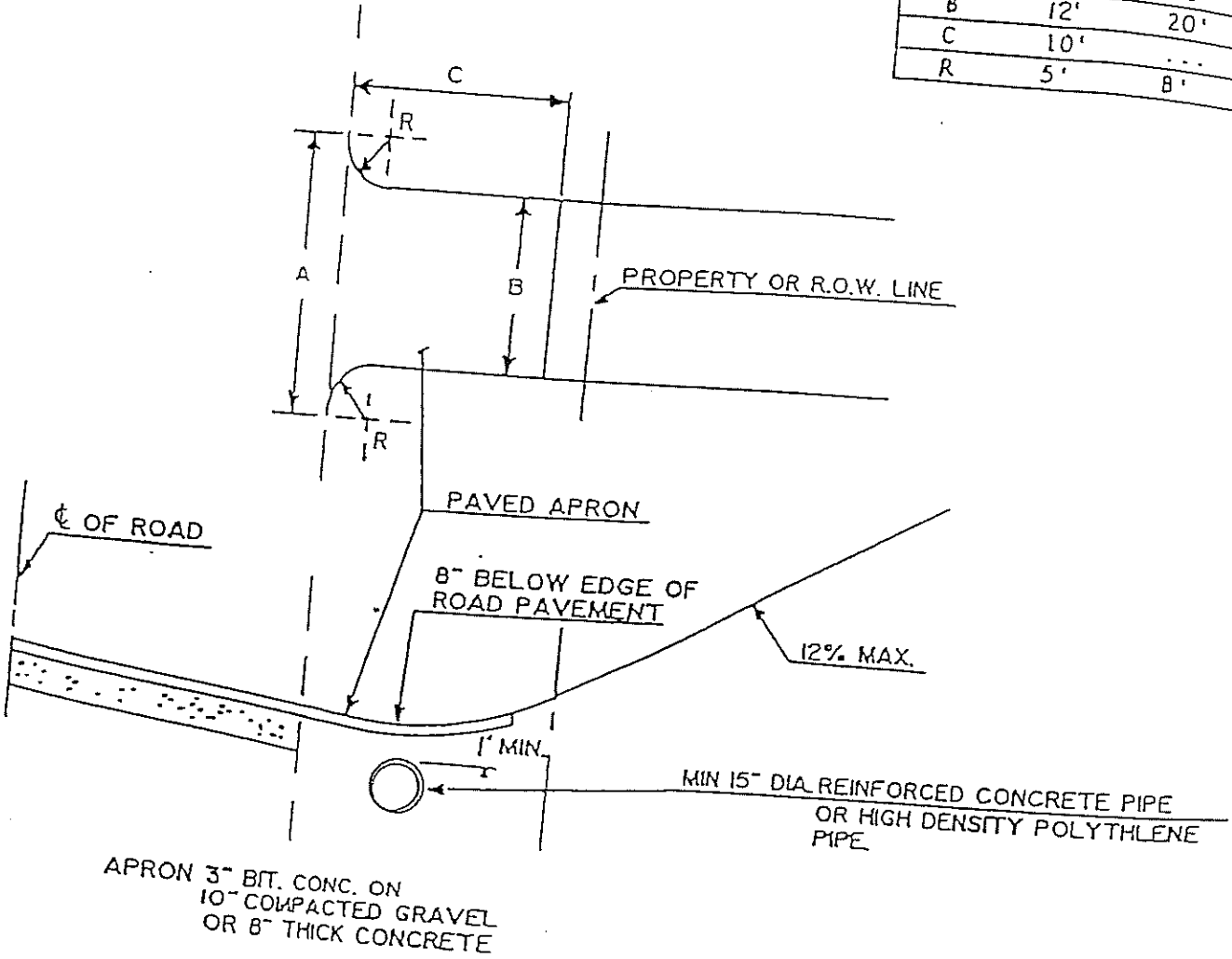
ADOPTED AT TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 1995

PUBLISHED: NOVEMBER 27, 1995

EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 12, 1995

FIGURE #1

DIMENSIONS		
DIM.	MIN.	MAX.
A	22'	36'
B	12'	20'
C	10'	...
R	5'	8'

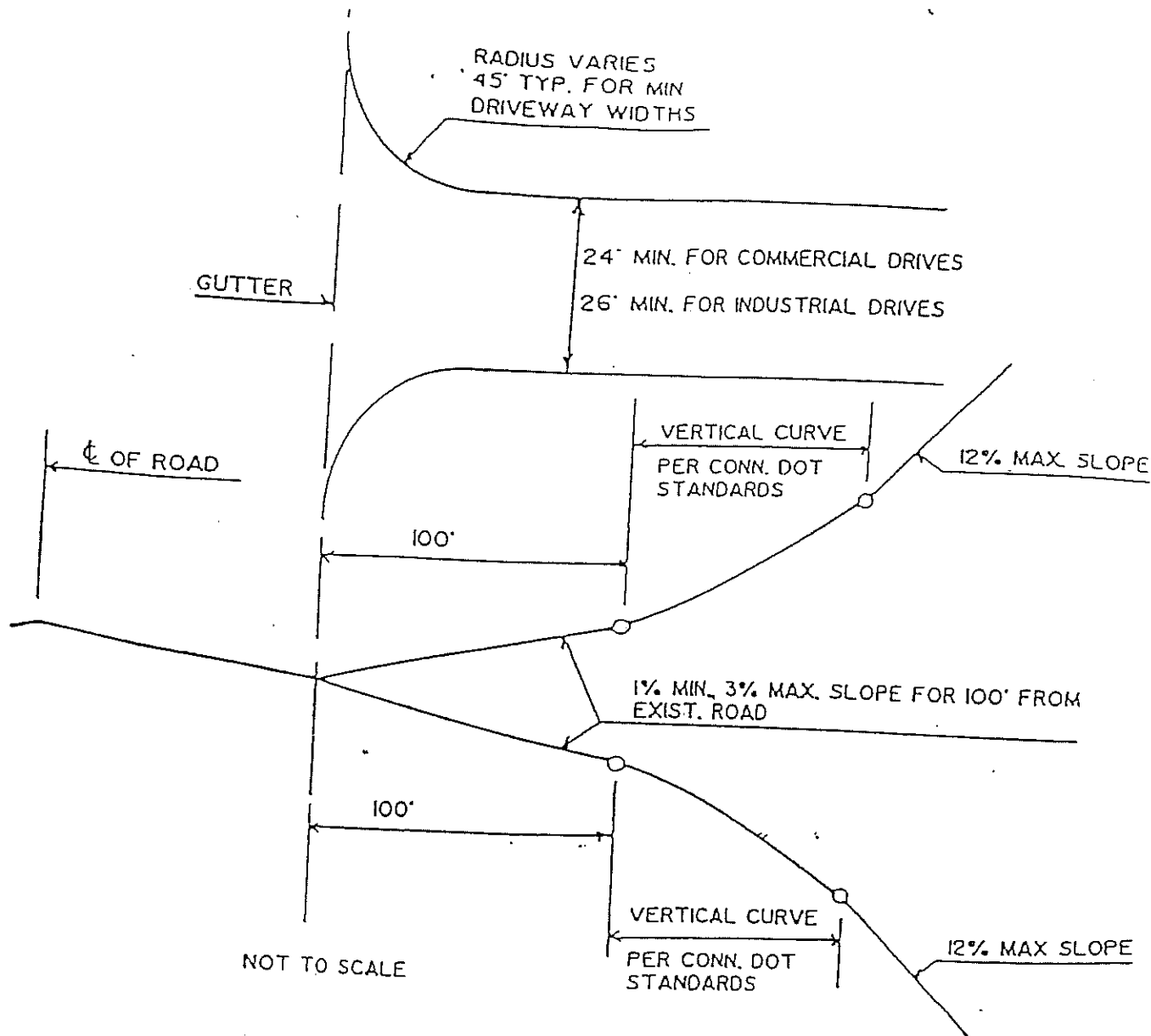


SAG CURVE IN DRIVEWAY

NOT TO SCALE

RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY APRON DETAIL

FIGURE #3



NOTES: INTERSECTIONS TO BE DESIGNED FOR WB-50 VEHICLE.  
MINIMUM FORTY FIVE FOOT RADIUS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR 26' OR LESS WIDE DRIVEWAYS.

SIGHT LINES TO BE PROVIDED PER CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES.

STORM DRAINAGE TO BE PROVIDED PER CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES. REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE MINIMUM DIAMETER OF 15" TO BE USED..

COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL DRIVEWAY APRON DETAILS