

So what is changing?

- Frontage distance needed for double driveways has increased from approximately 100' to a minimum of 200'
- Authority to request drainage plans from developers to ensure future runoff does not harm the roadway
- Specifies that signs and marking must meet the standards established by state and federal law
- Some design requirements have been changed to meet department design standards
- Construction and grading standards changed to match TDOT design standards
- Bond requirement has been increased to reflect current costs
- Liability insurance limits increased to match statutory limits
- Authorizes the department to request traffic impact study when necessary
- Allows for an engineering exceptions to be made by committee if shown that standards cannot be met



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Driveway Entrances

This is the **first change to the rules since 1978**. These updates are intended to help our highways provide a **safer and more efficient trip to shops, restaurants, and many other destinations that drive our economy.**

There are many questions about the updated driveway rules.

Q: Who will the new rules apply?

A: local government agencies, new business owners, developers, and residential property owners.

Q: Why is this needed?

A: To match current design standards, to improve safety, and to mitigate congestion.

Q: How does this improve safety and congestion?

A: Reduces conflict points resulting in reduced crash frequency. Better placement of driveways prevent blocked driveways.

Q: Will this harm my business?

A: There is no evidence available to show that modern driveway criteria hurt businesses. Typically corridors with better driveway designs attract customers and increase property values.

Q: Did TDOT just think this stuff up?

A: No, current best practices are based on over 40 years of experience and research.

So how does this improve safety and congestion?

- Driveways spaced at a greater distance are easier to enter and leave. They provide fewer conflict points resulting in fewer crashes. They have a lower probability of becoming blocked by traffic.
- Driveways with proper geometrics allow large vehicles to enter and exit more safely help identify the correct driveway making it less confusing for customers to enter and exit the property.



Shared drive and frontage road

- Shared driveways that connect to side streets or frontage roads, allow traffic to move more freely on the main throughway.

How does this help businesses?

- Allows customers easier, more defined access to property.



Example of safe/efficient driveway design

- Allows traffic to flow more smoothly making it more likely for drivers to utilize the route.