

**TOWN OF PRINCETON**

**ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DRIVEWAY  
ACCESS OFF OF TOWN-MAINTAINED STREETS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance in maintaining an adequate drainage infrastructure in the Town of Princeton; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners to create and adopt regulations and standards to ensure adequate drainage beginning with permits and standards for driveway installation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF PRINCETON that the following are minimum standards for Driveway Access off of Town-Maintained Streets:

1. Pipe:
  - a. Width: 20-foot minimum.
  - b. Size: The Town of Princeton will determine the size pipe to use with 15" (inside diameter) being the minimum requirement.
  - c. Type: Reinforced Concrete with a minimum of 12" cover
  
2. Installation:
  - a. Drainage: Driveways must be constructed so that they do not adversely affect street drainage or drainage of adjacent properties. Drainage and stability of the street sub-grade must not be impaired by driveway construction. In no case may the driveway cause water to flow across street pavement, to pond on the shoulders or in the ditch, or result in erosion within the right-of-way.
  - b. Driveway Profile: Generally, all driveways shall have a grade that slopes away from the highway surface at a rate equal to the slope of the shoulder, but not less than 1/4 inch per foot nor greater than one inch per foot in a normal crown typical section. The slope shall continue for a distance equal to the prevailing shoulder width or longer so as not to cause a hump or a depression in the shoulder area. Beyond the shoulder, the grade of commercial driveways within the right-of-way should not exceed +/- ten percent. The slopes of drives shall be compatible with provisions for drainage of the designed cross-section. Where special circumstances require driveway grades in excess of these requirements, the NCDOT may approve deviation on a case-by-case basis.

Where curbs are cut for the construction of driveways, the entire curb and gutter section shall be removed. The removal of only the raised portion of the curb and paving over the gutter section will not be allowed. Cut curb ends shall be tapered from full height to ground level in a distance of approximately two feet or constructed with radii as required. Where drainage is carried along the curb, the driveway shall be constructed in such a fashion to prevent runoff from spilling into private property.

3. Permit:

a. Requirements:

- i. Beginning May 1, 2006 and continuing until repealed by further action, all driveways requiring access to Town-maintained streets must be authorized by permit to be obtained from the Town Hall prior to construction.
- ii. Information required to obtain a permit include name, mailing address, address of property where the pipe will be installed, and a sketch of the property drawn to scale showing the location of the driveway.

b. Inspection:

- i. After a permitted driveway has been installed, the Town Hall must be contacted so that a compliance inspection may be performed. The Town shall have five business days in which to approve a driveway or notify the owner of any issues that must be addressed regarding compliance with these rules.
- ii. Fee: A fee to cover the cost of enforcement and inspection as prescribed in this ordinance will be set annually as part of the Town of Princeton Fee Schedule and must be paid at the time of application. If not satisfactory after second inspection, a fee for each re-inspection will apply.

c. Affect on Zoning Permits: An approved driveway permit from either the Town of Princeton or the NC Department of Transportation is required in order to obtain a zoning permit. If a driveway already exists at the time of zoning permit application, it must be shown to conform to the current driveway standard.

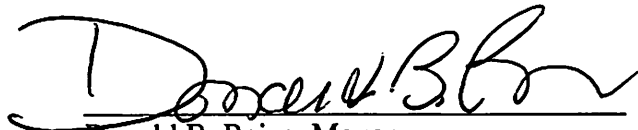
4. Inadequate Driveways: If at any time, the Town of Princeton determines that a driveway installed prior to the adoption of this ordinance is installed in such a manner that it interferes with proper drainage, the Town will require the owner to reconstruct the driveway in accordance with adopted regulations at his own expense.

5. Cost: The entire cost of constructing and maintaining an approved driveway access connection will be borne by the property owner, the applicant, and their

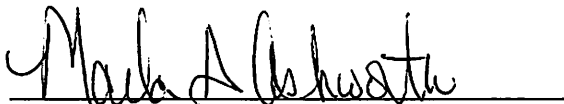
grantees, successors, and assignees.

6. **Noncompliance:** Those found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance will be subject to a civil penalty and responsible for any costs related to damage caused due to noncompliance.
7. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Princeton this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2006.

  
Donald B. Rains, Mayor

Attest:

  
Marla H. Ashworth, Town Clerk

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