



# CITY OF ELMHURST

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## Requirements for Public Sidewalks and Driveway Approaches

### *General*

1. Contractor must be licensed and bonded to work in the City of Elmhurst.
2. A permit is required for all approaches and/or sidewalks, new or replacement.
3. Contractor must have a \$250.00 deposit on file with the City of Elmhurst. A \$250.00 deposit is required for each location.
4. Contractor must submit a Plat of Survey, marking all changes or modifications for Engineering review and approval prior to permit issuance.
  - a. Driveways on corner lots are not permitted to connect to both streets.
  - b. Circular driveways are only permitted on lots with 75' of frontage.
5. Call J.U.L.I.E. 48 hours prior to digging at 1-800-892-0123 or \*811.
6. Call Community Development at 630-530-3030 24 hours prior to pour and for final inspection.
7. Contractor shall take necessary precautionary measures to ensure that no damage is done to City buried street lighting cables in the area of excavation or driven stakes. The contractor will be responsible for all repair costs as a result of damage. Place future street light conduit (2" schedule 80 PVC) 2' behind curb and 18" below grade. Conduit shall extend 2' beyond each side of the driveway and the conduit ends must be sealed.
8. Contractor shall take necessary precautionary measures to ensure that no damage is done to nearby parkway trees and/or their root system in the area of excavation and construction. PRIOR TO PERMIT ISSUANCE, every site will be inspected by a City of Elmhurst inspector for possible impact to nearby parkway trees. Protective measures may be required, such as snow fencing around the parkways to prevent compaction. The City of Elmhurst shall reserve the right to refuse permit issuance and/or require the applicant to change the proposed construction design to avoid intolerable tree injury, tree removal or installation too close to an existing parkway tree where adequate clearance/visibility would not be available. Contractor will be held responsible for all necessary repair and/or tree replacement costs should professional judgment deem so.
9. Replacement costs and/or diminution of value will be established per the guidelines listed in the "Guide for Establishing Values of Trees and Other Plants".
10. All concrete shall be a 6-bag mix with not less than 7%, nor more than 8% entrained air. Slump shall not be less than 3" or more than 5".

# Public Walks Must Be Concrete

## ***Residential***

### Walks

- 6" compacted stone
- 5" minimum concrete
- 6" minimum across driveways

### Approaches

- Asphalt – minimum 6" compacted stone, plus 3" bituminous surface course
- Concrete – 6" compacted stone, plus 6" concrete (un-reinforced)
- Sub-base clean soil compacted – NO TOP SOIL FILL

## ***Commercial***

### Walks

- 6" compacted stone
- 6" minimum concrete
- 8" minimum across driveways

### Approaches

- Concrete – 8" minimum, including sidewalk
- 6" to 8" compacted stone
- Sub-base is to be clean soil, NO TOP SOIL FILL
- No steel reinforcing allowed

Single driveway – 12' maximum width at City Right-of-Way (property line) – 18' curb opening

Double driveway – 18' maximum width at City Right-of-Way (property line) – 24' curb opening

**THE CITY OF ELMHURST DOES NOT MAINTAIN OR LOCATE THE WATER LINE FROM THE PARKWAY SHUT OFF VALVE TO THE STRUCTURE.**

**THE CITY OF ELMHURST DOES NOT LOCATE ANY SEWERS, PRIVATE OR CITY OWNED.**

## Driveway • Sidewalk • Patio Installations

The following is an excerpt from the City of Elmhurst Municipal Code and must be followed when installing a driveway or patio:

### Building Code 24.20

#### Article III – Drainage

24.20 NATURAL DRAINAGE, MAINTAINING. No property shall be altered or developed in such a manner as to:

- (a) Increase storm water runoff onto adjacent property by allowing rain that falls on property being altered or developed to runoff onto adjacent property.
- (b) Change or alter natural drainage patterns in such a manner as to restrict discharge from adjacent property.

Contractor is required to maintain existing drainage patterns or provide corrective measures if difficult or impossible to maintain existing grades.

In order to comply with the above, you may be required to install additional devices such as curbs at drive's edge, yard drain to storm drain or swale to center of drive.

For assistance regarding this code, please call Community Development at 630-530-3030 and ask for the Engineering Division.

## Wet Saw Required

A wet saw shall be required for cutting all types of masonry, stone, brick pavers, concrete and pavement. **Any contractor not using a wet saw shall be issued a "Stop Work Order" and fined \$100.** The fine must be paid before work is allowed to continue with a wet saw.