

PARKING – RESIDENTIAL LOTS

DEFINITION: A parking space is defined as a surface improvement, exclusive of drives, aisles, or entrances giving access thereto, that is designed for the storage or parking of a vehicle. A driveway is defined as an improvement providing access to a parking space or garage located on a private lot.

REFERENCE: City of Piqua Code of Ordinances: §154.005 Definitions, §154.081 Parking - General Regulations, and §150.105 Property Maintenance Code Adopted.

STANDARDS: The following information highlights the standards applicable to parking spaces and driveways located on residential lots.



Location – The permissible location for a parking space on a residential lot is the area to the side or rear of the house. A driveway providing access to a parking space may occupy front or side or rear lot areas.

Proximity to Lot Lines – All parking spaces and driveways on a residential lot shall be setback a minimum distance of three (3) feet from any side or rear lot line.

Access – All off street parking spaces must have access provided by driveway improvements meeting the minimum applicable standards.

Dimensions – The minimum width requirement for a driveway is ten (10) feet and the maximum width allowable for a driveway is twenty-four (24) feet. All parking spaces are to be a minimum of ten (10) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in length.

Surface Material – Parking spaces and driveways located to the front or side of a house must have a bituminous asphalt or Portland cement concrete pavement surface. The surface of a driveway or parking space located to the rear of a house may be bituminous asphalt or Portland cement concrete pavement, or an aggregate material with landscape timbers or a similar treatment at the perimeter of the surface area to keep the aggregate in place.

Permit Requirement – A permit is required prior to the construction, reconstruction, enlargement or alteration of a driveway or parking space on a residential lot. A permit is not required for the ordinary maintenance of a driveway or parking space (repair or replacement of an existing driveway or parking space surface that does not include any enlargement or alteration).

Prohibited - Parking on grass or dirt is not permitted. Except for a minor repair that can be completed on the same calendar day, the repair of a vehicle (automobile, trailer, recreational vehicle) on a residential driveway or parking space is not permitted. A driveway may be used for the temporary parking of a vehicle; however, long term storage of a vehicle (automobile, trailer, recreational vehicle) on a residential driveway is not permitted. No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of a vehicle at a residential property is prohibited.

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