

TOWN OF CANTERBURY, NH
APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY PERMIT

Pursuant to the provisions of **Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 236, Section 13** (printed on reverse of application) and amendments thereto, and **Declaratory Ruling 2000-01**, permission is requested to: (circle one): **Construct/Alter** (Indicate quantity of) _____ driveway entrance(s) to my property on the (circle one): **North/South/East/West** side of **Street/Road:** _____ In the **Town of Canterbury** at a location which will meet the requirements for safety specified in said statutes.

The driveway entrance(s) requested is (are) for access to: _____
Residence, Industry, Business, Subdivision, Other

Describe nature and size of industry, business or subdivision: _____

_____ **Feet:** (circle one): **North/South/East/West** of Utility Pole Number: _____

_____ **Feet or Miles** (circle one): **North/South/East/West** of Road or Junction: _____

Town Tax Map# _____ and Lot # _____

As the landowner (or designated applicant) I agree to the following:

1. To construct driveway entrance(s) at permitted location(s).
2. To construct driveway entrance(s) only for bonafide purpose of securing access to private property such that the highway right of way is used for no purpose other than travel.
3. To construct driveway entrance(s) in accordance with statutes, rules, standard drawings, and permit specifications as issued by the Town of Canterbury.
4. To defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Canterbury and its duly appointed agents and employees against any action for personal injury and/or property damage sustained by reason of the exercise of this permit.
5. To furnish and install drainage structures that are necessary to maintain existing highway drainage and adequately handle increased runoff resulting from the land development and obtain all easements thereto.
6. I am the owner or a duly authorized agent of the owner of the parcel upon which the driveway will be constructed. I have provided accurate and complete title and subdivision information concerning the parcel to the Town. I understand that the Town is relying on this information in considering this application and that the Town does not perform independent title research or make judgments about title or access disputes.

*** Attach sketch or plan showing existing and/or proposed driveway(s) and the adjacent town road indicating distance to the town road, town line, or readily identifiable feature or landmark and also to the nearest utility pole (including pole numbers).**

Signature of Landowner/ Applicant

Mailing Address

Printed Name of Landowner

Town/City, State, Zip Code

Date: _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Contact/Agent, if not landowner: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Width _____ Drainage _____ Permit # _____ **New Address #** _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

**Application is to be returned to the Canterbury Town Office at 10 Hackleboro Road or
PO Box 500 Canterbury, NH 03224**

236:13 Driveways and Other Accesses to the Public Way.

I. It shall be unlawful to construct, or alter in any way that substantially affects the size or grade of, any driveway, entrance, exit, or approach within the limits of the right-of-way of any class I or class III highway or the state-maintained portion of a class II highway that does not conform to the terms and specifications of a written permit issued by the Commissioner of transportation.

II. Pursuant to this section, a written construction permit application must be obtained from and filed with the department of transportation by any abutter affected by the provisions of paragraph I. Before any construction or alteration work is commenced, said permit application shall have been reviewed, and a construction permit issued by said department. Said permit shall:

- (a) Describe the location of the driveway, entrance, exit, or approach. The location shall be selected to most adequately protect the safety of the traveling public.
- (b) Describe any drainage structures, traffic control devices, and channelization islands to be installed by abutter.
- (c) Establish grades that adequately protect and promote highway drainage and permit a safe and controlled approach to the highway in all seasons of the year.
- (d) Include any other terms and specifications necessary for the safety of the traveling public.

III. For access to a proposed commercial or industrial enterprise, or to a subdivision, all of which for the purposes of this section shall be considered a single parcel of land, even though acquired by more than one conveyance or held nominally by more than one owner:

- (a) Said permit application shall be accompanied by engineering drawings showing information as set forth in paragraph II.
- (b) Unless all season safe sight distance of 400 feet in both directions along the highway can be obtained, the commissioner shall not permit more than one access to a single parcel of land, and this access shall be at that location which the commissioner determines to be safest. The commissioner shall not give final approval for use of any additional access until it has been proven to him that the 400-foot all season safe sight distance has been provided.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, all season safe sight distance is defined as a line which encounters no visual obstruction between two points, each at a height of 3 feet 9 inches above the pavement, and so located as to represent the critical line of sight between the operator of a vehicle using the access and the operator of a vehicle approaching from either direction.

IV. No construction permit shall allow:

- (a) A driveway, entrance, exit, or approach to be constructed more than 50 feet in width, except that a driveway, entrance, exit or approach may be flared beyond a width of 50 feet at its junction with the highway to accommodate the turning radius of vehicles expected to use the particular driveway, entrance, exit or approach.
- (b) More than 2 driveways, entrances, exits or approaches from any one highway to any one parcel of land unless the frontage along that highway exceeds 500 feet.

V. The same powers concerning highways under their jurisdiction as are conferred upon the commissioner of transportation by paragraphs I, II, III and IV shall be conferred upon the planning board in cities and towns in which the planning board has been granted the power to regulate the subdivision of land as provided in RSA 674:35, and they shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Such regulations may delegate administrative duties, including actual issuance of permits, to a highway agent, board of selectmen, or other qualified official or body. Such regulations, or any permit issued under them, may contain provisions governing the breach, removal, and reconstruction of stone walls or fences within, or at the boundary of, the public right of way, and any landowner or landowner's agent altering a boundary in accordance with such provisions shall be deemed to be acting under a mutual agreement with the city or town pursuant to RSA 472:6, II (a).

VI. The commissioner of transportation or planning board shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the adequacy and safety of every existing driveway, entrance, exit, and approach to a highway, whether or not such access was constructed or installed pursuant to a permit under this section, and, unless the access is a public highway, the owners of property to which the access is appurtenant shall have continuing responsibility for the adequacy of the access and any grades, culverts, or other structures pertaining to such access, whether or not located within the public right of way. If any such access is or becomes a potential threat to the integrity of the highway or its surface, ditches, embankments, bridges, or other structures, or a hazard to the safety of the traveling public, by reason of siltation, flooding, erosion, frost action, vegetative growth, improper grade, or failure of any culvert, traffic control device, drainage structure, or any other feature, the commissioner of transportation or planning board or their designee may issue an order to the landowner or other party responsible for such access to repair or remove such hazardous condition and to obtain any and all permits required therefor. The order shall describe the hazard, prescribe what corrective action or alteration in the location or configuration of such access shall be required, and set a reasonable time within which the action shall be completed. Such an order shall be sent by certified mail, and shall be enforceable to the same extent as a permit issued under this section. If the order is not complied with within the time prescribed, the commissioner or planning board or their designee may cause to be taken whatever action is necessary to protect the highway and the traveling public, the owner or other responsible party shall be civilly liable to the state or municipality for its costs in taking such action.