

ENGINEERING DIRECTIVES AND STANDARDS

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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS

- 1. SCOPE:** This directive covers Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Highways, policy concerning the construction and maintenance of private driveways.
- 2. POLICY:** The DOTD, Office of Highways, maintenance forces, equipment or materials shall not be used in the construction or maintenance of private driveways except where (1) the Office of Highways removes or alters an existing driveway by reconstruction, or modifies existing drainage, or (2) where under construction, a connection is required by law or as a right-of-way consideration.

At existing driveways, the Office of Highways' responsibility for maintenance shall stop at the shoulder line, except in cases where the shoulder is surfaced with bituminous hot mix or bituminous surface treatment, in which case the Office of Highways' responsibility for maintenance shall stop at a point two (2') feet beyond the edge of the bituminous surfacing unless the bituminous surfacing does not extend to within two (2') feet of the shoulder, in which case maintenance would still be performed by the Office of Highways to the shoulder line. The maintenance of the driveway surfacing beyond this point shall be the obligation of the owner. In the case of intersecting public roads, the shoulder surfacing may be extended to the Department's right-of-way line and maintenance assumed by the Office of Highways. In those sections of highway where curb or curb and gutter exists, maintenance shall extend eight (8') feet behind the curb unless a sidewalk or other improved surfacing exists in which case maintenance will extend to said improvement if within ten (10') of back-of-curb.

- 3. OTHER ISSUANCES AFFECTED:** This directive supersedes EDSM No. IV.1.1.2 issued January 1, 1977. All directives, memoranda or instructions issued heretofore in conflict with this directive are hereby rescinded.
- 4. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This directive becomes effective immediately upon receipt.

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