

# Driveways and Curb Cuts

## Can I cut the curb to widen my driveway?

When someone wants to widen their driveway, they generally need to cut the curb in front of their house. Most people want to do this for easy access to the side of the house so they can park an RV or get to a shop or their back yard. Cutting the curb requires approval and issuance of a permit. If you are able to meet the City's driveway standards, your permit may be approved.

## What are the driveway standards?

The standards themselves are fairly simple. The main requirement is to maintain enough on-street parking area to satisfy the City code and comply with setbacks from property lines. The code requires two 20-foot on street parking areas per street frontage. See the site plan examples on the back. This can be one continuous 40-foot section or broken into two 20-foot sections. Corner lots also need to meet additional setbacks. For a house on a collector or arterial street, you can have one 26-foot wide driveway or a circular driveway with the lane 12-15 feet wide.

## What kind of permit do I need?

You will need to have an approved right-of-way permit before you begin any work in the public right-of-way. Typically, this includes the curb, sidewalk, and planter strip area. A right-of-way permit can be applied for at Millersburg City Hall. You will need to complete the permit application and include a site plan. The site plan and other requirements are outlined in the Permit Application and can be found on the City website.

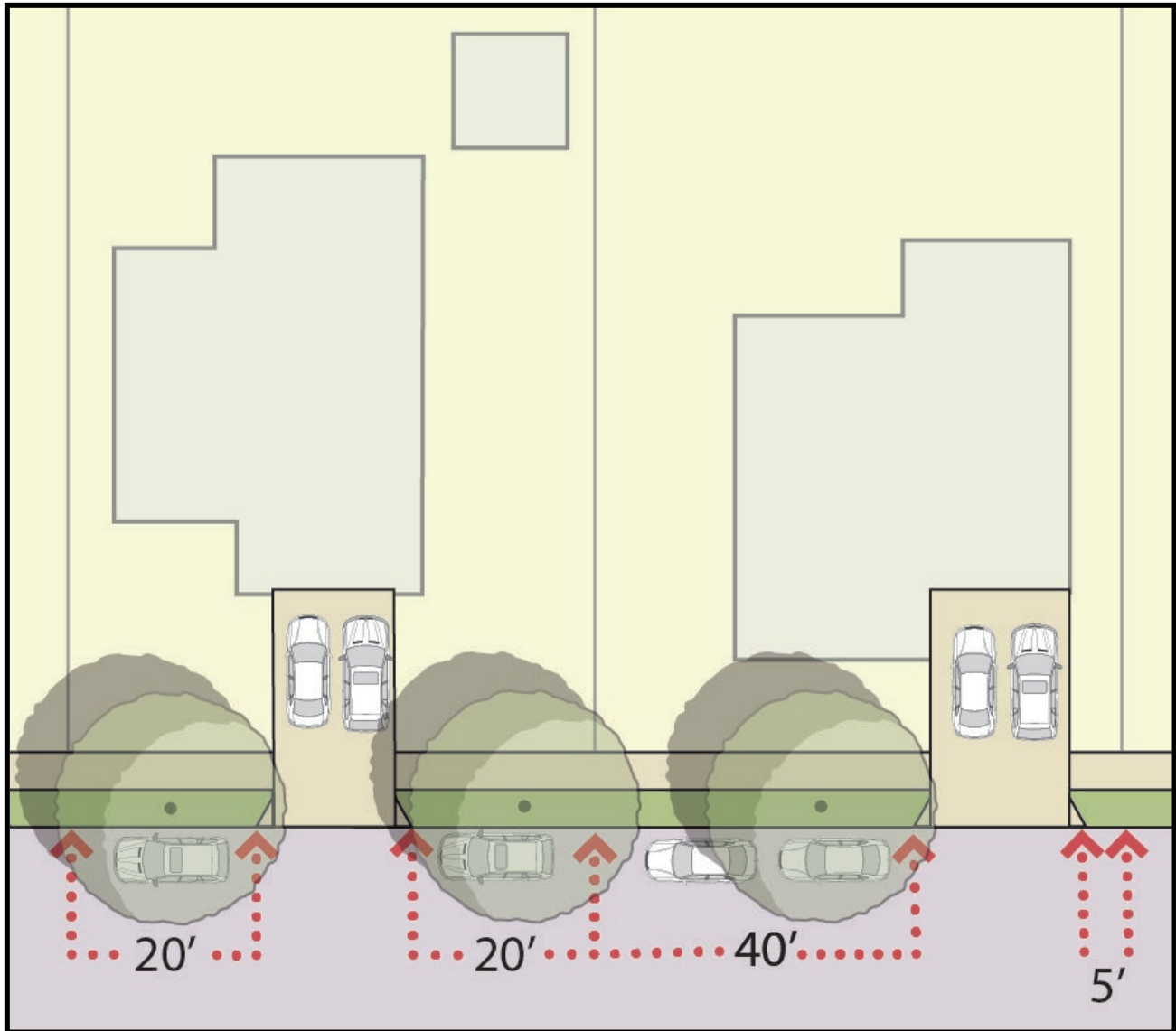
## How do I cut the curb?

The City typically requires a horizontal cut for driveways. Your right-of-way permit will specify these requirements.

### Can I get a Variance?

Possibly, but usually not. A variance can only be used when there is something limiting on the property, like a stream, or a hill that prevents you from being able to use the site. It's not a tool that lets someone ask for a larger or smaller structure. If you think there is something limiting on your property, see City staff to discuss.





### What are the setbacks?

Driveways have specific setbacks that must be met:

Side	5 feet from the outside edge of the wing to property line
Corner Lot	20 feet from the intersection of the tangent of the property lines
Max Grade	15%

### What code sections does this come from?

Chapter 3.02.040, Access Standards, of the Millersburg Development Code regulates driveways.