

New Hampshire Small MS4 Regulation Assessment Report 2025 Pelham, New Hampshire

Sections 2.3.6.c and 2.3.6.d require that the permittee develop a report assessing current street design and parking lot guidelines and other local requirements that affect the creation of impervious cover or the implementation of low impact development practices. The report should confirm that appropriate reductions in impervious area and green infrastructure practices are allowable. The following list with associated action items may serve as this report. The responses in green are from the Town of Pelham.

1) Where in municipal code are public street widths regulated?

The public street widths are regulated in the Land Use Regulations section 203-4 Design and Construction Standards for Streets and Driveways.

a. Do regulations allow for/encourage lane width reductions where appropriate?

Yes, in sections 203-4 A.2., 205-6, and 200-7.

b. If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:

N/A

2) Where in municipal code are private street widths regulated?

Private street widths are regulated in sections 203-4 and 203-6 of the Land Use Regulations. However, if the private road existed prior to the creation of the Land Use Regulations, the Town does not have jurisdiction over street widths.

a. Do regulations allow for/encourage lane width reductions where appropriate?

Yes, in sections 200-7 and 300-6.

b. If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:

N/A

3) Where in municipal code are parking space sizes regulated?

Parking space sizes are regulated in the Land Use Regulations section 303-2-C.

a. Do regulations allow for/encourage parking space size reductions where appropriate?

Yes, in section 300-6.

b. If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:

N/A

4) Where in municipal code are the number of required parking spaces regulated?

The number of required parking spaces are regulated in the Land Use Regulations section 303-2 and the Zoning Ordinance Article III section 307-10.

- a. **Do regulations allow for/encourage parking space reductions where appropriate?**
Yes, sections 200-7 and 300-6.
- b. **If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:**
N/A

5) Where in municipal code are allowable stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) regulated?

Best Management Practices are regulated in the Land Use Regulations sections 203-5, 203-6, 303-4, 303-5, and 305-3.

- a. **Do regulations allow/encourage low impact development design options? Specifically confirm that the following practices are allowable by code:**
 - **Infiltration practices such as rain gardens**
 - **Curb extensions**
 - **Planter gardens**
 - **Porous and pervious pavements**Yes, these are allowed in the Land Use Regulations under sections 203-5 and 203-6 under Low Impact Development.
- b. **If not, note the impediment to the use of the practices and determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for these practices:**
N/A

6) Are green roofs allowed by building code and other applicable regulations?

Yes, green roofs are allowed by the 2018 International Residential Code.

- a. **If not, note impediment to the use of the practices and determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this practice.**
N/A

7) Is water harvesting and the use of stormwater for non-potable uses allowed by building/plumbing code and other applicable regulations?

Yes, water harvesting and the use of stormwater for non-potable uses are allowed by the 2018 International Plumbing Code.

- a. **If not, note impediment to the use of the practices and determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for these practices.**
N/A