



## APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY PERMIT

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 249:17, RSA 236:13 and the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Pelham, New Hampshire, permission is requested to install a driveway entrance to my property at a location which will meet the requirements for safety specified in said statutes and regulations.

### Proposed Location:

Tax Map Number of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Name: \_\_\_\_\_

House # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of nearest telephone pole: \_\_\_\_\_

Side of Street: \_\_\_\_\_

(North, East, South, West)

**Note:** The Planning Department must be provided with a plan showing the proposed location and design of the driveway prior to construction.

**The Highway Safety Committee recommendation & Fire Chief approval must be granted prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy.**

### Driveway to Serve

Single Family Dwelling .....

Industry .....

Business.....

Apartment House.....

Duplex.....

Subdivision.....

Senior Complex.....

Other.....

As the landowner applicant, I hereby agree:

1. To construct the driveway entrance only for the bona fide purpose of securing access to private property such that the highway right-of-way is used for no purpose other than travel.
2. To construct the driveway entrance at the location determined by the Pelham Planning Board or its duly authorized agent to be the safest and according to the conditions imposed by the aforesaid statutes and regulations.
3. To furnish and install, at the applicants expense, drainage structures that are necessary to maintain existing highway drainage and adequately handle increased runoff resulting from present and future development.
4. To hold harmless the Pelham Planning Board and its duly authorized agents and employees against any action for personal injury and/or property damaged sustained by reason of the exercise of any driveway permit issued by the Pelham Planning Board or it's duly authorized agents and employees.

### Conditions:

1. This permit requires the lot frontage area adjacent to the street be graded so that the elevation of the frontage, including driveway, will slope away from the edge of the street no less than a distance of 6 feet in width and not less than 6 inches in depth below the elevation of the edge of the street.
2. A culvert not less than 6 inches in diameter shall be installed under the driveway no less than 18 inches below the surface and in line with the drainage gutter referred to in Condition #1. The soil at each end of the culvert shall be stabilized by a header of adequate design.
3. The driveway entrance may be flared as it approaches the highway.
4. Other access to the highway from the premises is to be prevented by construction of a barrier or barriers, such as a grass plot, low hedge, curbed island, etc. The front face of this barrier shall be 25 feet from the centerline of the pavement.

5. The highway right-of-way line is located 25 feet from the parallel to the centerline of the highway.
6. No structures, including buildings, permanent or portable signs, lights, displays, fences, walls, sports equipment, sprinkler systems, etc. shall be permitted on, over, under or in the highway right-of-way.
7. No parking, catering or servicing shall be conducted within the highway right-of-way.
8. No curbing shall be cut. Where there is curbing, the driveway shall be butted up against the curbing.
9. Failure (a) to adhere to the standards and engineering drawings, if any, previously submitted; (b) to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Driveway Permit Application; (c) to adhere to the terms of this permit; (d) to adhere to RSA 249:17 and the Driveway Permit Regulations of the Town of Pelham; and (e) to complete the driveway facility within one year, shall render this permit null and void.

Signature of Landowner \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ALL REQUESTS FOR DRIVEWAY INSPECTIONS SHOULD BE CALLED IN TO 603-635-7811 EXT.4. PLEASE ALLOW UP TO ONE WEEK FOR INSPECTION.**

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**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE INSPECTION/ COMMENTS**

**Road Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Police Chief or Designee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire Chief or Designee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire Chief (NFPA Authority Having Jurisdiction)**

The following driveway specifications are excerpted from the Town of Pelham Subdivision Regulations and are provided for your reference, Appendix 1 – Roadway Design, Section L, as follows:

#### **L. Driveways and Other Accesses for Single Family and Duplex lots**

Driveways and other accesses to the local street network or proposed streets shall be constructed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Pelham Subdivision Regulations, and the most recent version of the document entitled “State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation Policy and Procedure for Driveways and Other Accesses to the State Highway System”. Driveways shall be defined in accordance with the definitions given in the most recent version of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Guidelines for Driveway Design and Location. Both of these documents are hereby incorporated into these regulations by reference. The more stringent requirements of the Pelham Subdivision regulations shall apply where different. The Planning Board shall retain approval authority for all wetland or WCD crossings or other lot access where steep slopes or other special features are present.

All driveways and other lot accesses shall be constructed as permitted then approved by the Fire Chief as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in accordance with NFPA I and in conjunction with Highway Safety Committee review and guidance prior to issuance of a building permit. The Fire Chief or his agent shall have jurisdiction for the design and location of all dry hydrants, fire cisterns or other water access.

A Special Permit will be required by the Planning Board before a driveway approved under these regulations is relocated with review and comment by the Highway Safety Committee and approval by the Fire Chief or his agent prior to the issuance of a building permit.

#### **Driveway Specifications:**

1. Driveways shall meet the roadway at a perpendicular angle and shall be flared 2 feet on each side where it meets the roadway. The driveway shall have a maximum slope of +/- 5% for the first 20 feet and any curves in the driveway shall have a minimum radius of 25' at the inside of the curve and 50' at the outside curb line.
2. Driveways of 150' or less in length shall be a minimum of 12' in width with a maximum slope of +/- 10% after the first 20' and the alignment shall permit a WB-50 Vehicle to pass (standard fire truck).
3. All driveways between 150' and 300' shall be a minimum of 14' in width with a maximum slope of +/- 10% after the first 20'.
4. All driveways exceeding 300' in length shall be a minimum of 14' in width after the first 20' with a maximum slope of +/- 10% and must be terminated with a paved turn-around area adequate for a WB/50 vehicle with a maximum slope of +/- 5% within the turn-around area.
5. All driveways 500' or more in length shall be a minimum of 14' in width, with a maximum slope of +/- 10% after the first 20' and shall include a pull over at the midpoint to accommodate a WB/50 vehicle allowing another WB/50 vehicle to safely pass. Driveways of this length shall be terminated with a paved turn-around area adequate for a WB/50 vehicle with a maximum slope of +/- 5% within the turn-around area.
6. All New subdivisions shall submit plans showing proposed driveways conforming to these minimum standards of this section in order to be approved.
7. Whenever a building permit is pulled the applicant shall submit a driveway application with a certified driveway plan that either conforms to the subdivision plan approved under these standards, or they must seek a special permit from the Planning Board and prove a new location of their choosing meets these minimum standards. Verification that the driveway complies with this section shall be made in writing by the Planning Board's review engineering firm.
8. All private driveways serving Senior and Elderly Housing projects shall be constructed to Town Road Specifications as defined within this document in addition to meeting all the requirements of the Fire Chief under NFPA I as described in this section.