

City of East Lansing One Pager Plus

Paving Installation (Residential/Commercial)

All paving installations in the City of East Lansing require a paving permit; including, but not limited to: driveways, parking pads, sidewalks, porches and patios.

What information do I need to get a permit?

All paving permit applications must be accompanied by an accurate survey, drawn to scale, showing the dimensions of the lot and the location/dimensions of all existing and proposed improvements. For all work within the public right-of-way, a liability insurance policy certificate must be filed with the City, and the contractor must obtain an inspection from the City engineer before any surface materials are placed. All paving must be completed in compliance with the approved paving permit, including any conditions of approval. Failure to comply will result in payment of an additional fee of \$30 for reinspection.

What paving materials are acceptable for driveways and parking spaces?

Concrete, asphalt or brick pavers designed for driving courses are permitted paving materials for driveways and parking spaces. Gravel is NOT permitted under any circumstances as a paving material for driveways, parking spaces or sidewalks.

I want to remove and replace my existing driveway, do I still need a survey?

Yes, permits are required for any paving, regardless of whether it is a removal and replacement of existing paving or new paving is being proposed. When paving is removed and replaced exactly where it was originally located, it is not required to be in conformance with the current paving requirements.

How far does a driveway or parking have to be set back from my property line?

Generally all paving is required to be set back a minimum of three feet from all side lot lines and eight feet from the rear lot line.

What is the maximum amount of paving I can have on my property?

Up to 40% of a residentially zoned lot can be covered with impervious surface. This includes the house, garage, sidewalks, driveways, patios, decks, pools and any other non-green space area. There are also limitations on the maximum amount of paving in the front yard (25%) and rear yard (30%).



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Does pervious pavement count against the lot coverage?

At this time the City does not have a provision to allow for pervious pavement to be excluded from lot coverage requirements. The City is testing various pavements throughout the City to determine what works most effectively and will continue to investigate pervious pavement on a widespread basis.

How much does a paving permit cost?

A paving permit costs \$60. There are additional costs through the Engineering Department for work in the public right-of-way. The permit fee is waived when a paving permit is issued in association with a Building Permit, and the Building Permit fee is paid.

What if my question wasn't answered here?

Contact the Planning, Building and Development Department at (517) 319-6930 or stop by the office on the second floor of City Hall, Room 217.

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