

CITY OF IRON RIVER
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

An Ordinance to regulate Driveway Standards within the City of Iron River, Michigan.

6.2.5 Driveways

A. Residential.

1. Single-car driveways in all residential districts shall be a minimum of ten feet in width.
2. Double-car driveways in all residential districts shall be a minimum of eighteen feet in width.
3. Driveways may not be located within 30 feet of a street intersection. Driveways must be a minimum distance of five feet from a side or rear lot line unless an application is made for a joint driveway with an adjacent premise.
4. Residential driveways and curb cuts must be approved through a Land Use Permit prior to construction.
5. Driveways to single-family dwellings shall be located in the greater side yard setback.

B. Commercial and Industrial

1. Driveways shall be designed to accommodate the type and volume of vehicular traffic using the site and located in a manner that is compatible with uses located adjacent to and across from the site.
2. Single-lane (truck access) driveways shall be a minimum of fifteen feet in width and no wider than twenty feet.
3. Two-lane (truck access) driveways shall be a minimum of thirty feet in width and no wider than forty feet.
4. Apron width may extend beyond the driveway for smooth entry/exit.
5. The Planning Commission, depending on the commercial or industrial land use and its circulation requirements, may adjust these requirements based on its site plan.
6. Properties having access to a state highway will require an access (driveway approach) permit from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

State Law Supremacy

This ordinance is adopted subject to all applicable state laws. Any provisions in conflict with state statutes shall be invalid to the extent of the conflict; where state law provides greater restriction, those restrictions shall apply.

Reviewed by Planning Commission: March 12, 2026

Notice of Public Hearing: April 1, 2026

Public Hearing Date: April 9, 2026

Planning Commission adopts amendment to Section 151.108.1 and sends to City Council.

City Council reviews and sets Notice of Public Hearing: April 15, 2026

City Council Adoption:

Amendment becomes effective 30 days after Publication:

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