

Upper Makefield Township
Department of Planning & Zoning

Driveways

General Information

A permit is not required if resurfacing the driveway without any footprint change.

A permit is required if reconstructing the driveway or changing the footprint.

Stormwater Management

Any construction or reconstruction of impervious space, regardless of square footage, must document adherence to the following ordinance with submission of a UMT grading permit application, plans with topography in area of proposed stormwater management, stormwater management system plans, and documentation of infiltration testing and calculations to support the stormwater management plan:

Stormwater Ordinance, found in Upper Makefield Township Code Chapter 28A, requires that any reconstructed or new impervious must provide water quality (§303) and the larger of volume control (§304) and groundwater recharge (§305). Please provide volume control & rate capacity calculations based on infiltration test of capacities of not less than 24 hour and not more than 72 hours for drainage from the end of design storm. Infiltration testing is required by a Certified Professional Soil Scientist (CPSS), Certified Professional Soil Classifier (CPSC), or a Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO), providing the following data (§305.A):

- Depth of 24 inches between bottom of BMP and the limiting zone
- Sufficient infiltration and/or percolation rate
- Recharge facility capable of completely infiltrating the recharge volume within 4 days (96 hours)

Earth disturbance measuring over 1,000 square feet must first have Erosion & Sediment Control approval from the Bucks County Conservation District. A form is available from the Conservation District.

Required Forms and Submissions

- Driveway Permit Application**
- Zoning Use and Occupancy Permit Application** (with impervious calculations)
- Grading - Drainage Permit Application.** With this application, you must submit sealed grading plans (2 sets of hard copy plans as well as a digital PDF version). The submission must include a copy of the completed Bucks County Conservation District Erosion and Sediment Control application if the earth disturbance is over 1,000 sq. ft.
- Professional Services Agreement** to pay for Township consultant reviews. Please see the current fee schedule for escrow dollar requirements to be submitted.
- Plot Plan** showing dimensions of proposed driveway, including distances to side property lines. (Also see Sight Clearance Triangle information on page 3 for reference.)
- PA Contractor Registration Certificate.** Please submit a copy of the contractor's PA Contractor Registration Certificate.

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- **Insurance.** Upper Makefield Township must be listed as “Certificate Holder” on a current Certificate of Insurance for all contractors.

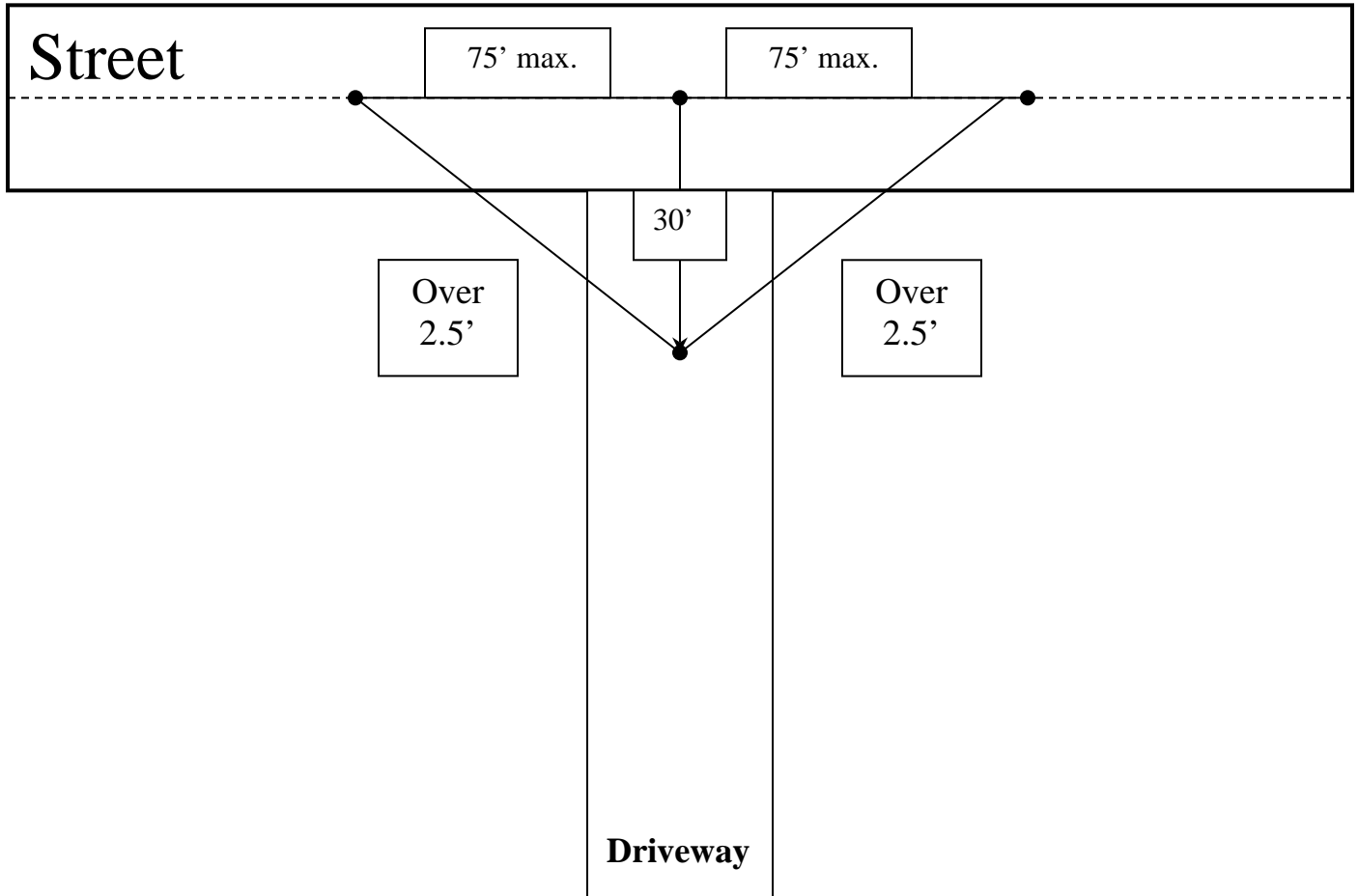
If the property owner is doing the work, please provide a copy of the homeowner’s liability insurance. Please sign page three of the zoning application for homeowner exemption and have it notarized.

All Township forms can be found at the following link:

<https://uppermakefield.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/permits-applications/>

Applications and supporting documents can be submitted via email to CodeOffice@uppermakefield.org

Sight Clearance Triangle



Center line of driveway to center of street
Draw a point
75' either side (both directions of street)
Back to center point of street
Back up to center line of driveway 30'
Connect the dots
Anything above 2.5' must be behind this triangle.