

## AMENDMENT 2

### **AN AMENDMENT TO THE GILPIN COUNTY BUILDING CODE STIPULATING MINIMUM SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DRIVEWAY STANDARDS**

1. Intent:

It is the intent of this amendment to provide minimum driveway specifications consistent with Gilpin County Road Specification and with Section 403.2 of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

2. Definitions:

- 2.1. Driveway – A vehicular ingress and egress route from a structure to a fire apparatus access road.
- 2.2. Fire Apparatus Access Road – A public or private road, over which emergency vehicles must travel in order to access a driveway and/or a structure.

3. Applicability: A driveway shall be provided when any portion of a structure is located greater than 150' from a fire apparatus access road.

4. Driveway Specifications:

4.1 Geometry

- Minimum Width – 12 feet
- Minimum Unobstructed Height – 13'6"
- Minimum Turning Radius – 30' inside
- Minimum Length – A driveway shall provide fire apparatus access to within 150' of a habitable structure.
- Maximum Gradient – 12% (Steeper grades may be allowable if it is determined that a proposed driveway would be negotiable by the specific fire apparatus normally used at that location within the jurisdiction. In such cases, the local fire authority, or the fire authority most likely to respond, must provide written approval.)

4.2 Additional Requirements

- Openings – Driveway opening shall be a minimum of 20' wide and a maximum of 30' wide. The maximum grade of a driveway opening as measured at a point 20' from its intersection with an adjoining fire apparatus access road shall be 6%.

- Drainage – Driveways shall not drain onto County-maintained roads.
- Culverts – A minimum 18” culvert shall be required if access is from a County-maintained road. An exception to this requirement may be obtained in writing from Gilpin County Road & Bridge Department at their discretion.
- Turnarounds – Driveways in excess of 150’ in length, or structures served by fire apparatus access roads less than 20’ wide, shall be provided with turnarounds with a minimum inside turning radius of 30’ and minimum outside turning radius of 45’.
- Turnouts – Driveways in excess of 200’, but less than 1320’ in length shall provide one turnout. Driveways in excess of 1320’ shall provide one turnout for every 1320’ section with a minimum spacing of 1000’. Turnouts shall be a minimum of 10’ wide and 30’ long.

5. Conflict with Other Gilpin County Codes and Regulations

This amendment shall supersede any and all conflicting codes and regulations to the contrary, including but not limited to:

Gilpin County Zoning Regulations  
Gilpin County Road Regulations