

Policy Statement

2016-01-25A (Supersedes Policy 2010-05-10)

Curb Cut Permit Guidelines and Procedures

These procedures are to be used in conjunction with the Provincetown General Bylaws Section 11-6-2 Curb Cuts:

No person shall break or dig up the ground or surface of a town or public way or sidewalk, to create a new access way to any property which would alter existing parking and traffic patterns, without the express permission of the Board of Selectmen after a duly advertised hearing.

A curb cut permit shall be required for any new parking space or driveway with access from a public road that can not clearly demonstrate having previously existed on a plan recognized by the Planning Board or on file with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds. A curb cut permit shall also include any pedestrian walkway or gate if it is determined that the walkway or gate would impact or alter existing parking and traffic patterns in the public way or negatively impact public safety within the public way.

The intent of a curb cut permit is: 1) to protect the edge of the roadway pavement and prevent debris from entering the road; 2) to allow for proper or improved stormwater drainage; and 3) to ensure adequate public safety and access for both vehicles and pedestrians within the public right-of-way.

Pursuant to Zoning Bylaw, a *parking space shall mean a space adequate to park a standard automobile, plus means of access and shall be not less than 8' x 18'.*

Evaluation Criteria:

- The Selectmen shall review curb cut requests to ensure that the location of any curb cut or driveway is suitably located so as to preserve public safety and convenience.
- Where feasible, curb cuts should be avoided on Route 6.
- Where feasible, curb cuts should be favored on side streets over Bradford Street and Commercial Street or other high traffic streets or congested areas.
- Curb cuts should accommodate a legal parking space outside of the public right-of-way and have sufficient backup clearing to avoid disruption to existing traffic patterns and public safety.
- Curb cuts should ensure sufficient sight lines for backup into traffic and pedestrian ways.
- Curb cuts should be considered in relation to existing on-street parking patterns and should not reduce the number of available parking spaces.
- Curb cuts should not exceed 18 feet in width except to meet a roadway standard.
- Curb cuts or driveways should not be permitted that increase stormwater flow onto any public sidewalk or way without drainage systems that adequately mitigate stormwater incorporated into the design.

Curb cuts shall be reviewed on a case by case basis and shall not be considered precedent setting.

Curb cuts that serve a project requiring site plan review shall meet the minimum standard as set forth by the Planning Board and approved by the Fire Chief.

Fee:

A curb cut request shall be accompanied by a fee of \$200.00. The fee is based on the cost of Town staff to review and evaluate the requests and the cost associated with the public hearing.

Application Procedure:

Step 1: Applicant requests an abutters' list from the Assessor's Office.

Step 2: Curb Cut Application is filed with the Department of Community Development and must be accompanied by:

- Abutters list provided by the Assessor's Department
- Certified to-scale plot plan indicating both the existing or proposed conditions identifying the actual location of the proposed curb cut and abutting areas (including all structures, trees, landscaping, fences, power poles, utility equipment, Title V septic system, propane or oil tanks).
- Any supporting documentation provided by the applicant (letters of support from abutters, pictures, etc.)

Step 3: Once the application is deemed complete, the Permit Coordinator will schedule a public hearing with the Selectmen's Secretary.

Step 4: The Permit Coordinator will prepare a legal notice that will be posted in the Town Hall and printed in the newspaper not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing. This legal notice will be provided to the applicant. The applicant must.—The Secretary will mail the notice to abutters not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing. Applicant shall retain return receipts of the certified mail to abutters, and shall present them to the Board of Selectmen at the public hearing.

Step 5. Prior to the public hearing, the Permit Coordinator will distribute individual copies of the application and plans to the Assistant Town Manager, Chief of Police, DPW Director, Fire Chief, Building Commissioner and Town Planner for their review and comments.

Step 6. The applicant or his/her representative must be present at the public hearing. Public input in support of and in opposition to the application will be heard at the hearing.

Step 7. The Selectmen reserve the right to alter the proposed layout or place conditions on the approval of any curb cut request at the public hearing. The Permit Coordinator will forward the approved permit with conditions confirming the motion and vote of the Board of Selectmen to the applicant.

Step 8. Once the curb cut and driveway are installed, the applicant shall schedule a final inspection with Local Building Inspector.

Adopted January 25, 2016

In favor: Donegan, Andrews, Richter and Anthony

Opposed: none.

Curb Cut Application

Location: _____	Parcel Number: _____
Applicant: _____	Property Owner: _____
Applicants Mailing Address: _____	
Applicant's Phone number: _____	email: _____

Pursuant to General Bylaw Section 11-6-2, I hereby request permission of the Board of Selectmen to establish a curb cut as per the attached plans showing existing conditions and proposed curb cut: (Please attach certified to-scale plot plan showing existing conditions, the actual location of the proposed curb cut , and the immediate area, including nearest adjacent curb cuts, public parking spaces, all structures, trees, landscaping, fences, power poles, utility equipment, Title 5 septic systems, propane or oil tanks, etc... Also Include any photos of the existing conditions taken from various vantage points, other supporting documentation if necessary, and a written project narrative if warranted.)

Applicant's signature

Date

For Office use Only

Public Safety Official	Approve	Disapprove	Date
DPW Director			
Fire Chief			
Police Chief			
Building Commissioner			
Town Planner			
Assistant Town Manager			
Emergency Coordinator			

Comments: _____



TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
Community Development Department
260 Commercial Street, Provincetown MA 02657
Phone: 508 487-7020 Fax: 508 487-0032

CURB CUT PERMIT

Location: _____
Applicant: _____
Applicants Mailing Address: _____
Applicant's Phone number: _____ Applicant's Email: _____

This Curb Cut Permit is issued pursuant to Provincetown General Bylaws Section 11-6-2 and in accordance with Board of Selectmen Policy Statement 2016-01-25A.

The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on _____ and approved your Curb Cut request with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall grade and place erosion control devices as needed to prevent stormwater and debris from flowing onto the Town road and into drainage structures during construction.
2. Upon Completion of the project, the applicant shall ensure that the edge of the paved road is supported and not undermined and that disturbed areas are restored and/or re-vegetated. Any construction damage to the Town road shall be repaired by the applicant.
3. Dig-safe must be contacted as required by state law.
4. Contact the Police Department at 508-487-1212 if a police detail will be required for work within the right-of-way.
5. Once the curb cut and driveway are installed, the applicant shall schedule a final inspection with Local Building Inspector at 508-487-7020.
6. Other: _____

Board of Selectmen:

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_____	_____

All improvements shall be carried out as shown on the plans and specifications submitted by the applicant, except as modified above. These plans and specifications are incorporated into the conditions of this permit.

This permit is granted upon the condition that the work authorized herein is commenced within one year after the date of the approval noted above. If the work authorized by this permit is not commenced within one year or if such work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, this permit shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for reasonable cause, one or more extensions of time, for periods not exceeding ninety days each, may be allowed. Such authorization shall be provided in writing by the Building Commissioner.

Final Inspection Sign-off: _____ Date: _____
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