AMADOR COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION AND
PUBLIC WORKS

GUIDELINES FOR DRIVEWAY SLOPE

Driveways shall comply with Amador County Ordinance

The maximum driveway slope per county ordinance is 16%. To exceed the maximum slope of 16% on any parcel, property owners must request a deviation from the minimum standards from Amador County Transportation and Public Works.

With an approved Deviation, the following driveway slopes may be permitted:

- When a parcel is located at 3000 foot elevation or less, a slope increase up to 24% may be approved.
- When a parcel is located above 3000 foot elevation, a slope increase up to 20% may be approved.

******** In no case shall a driveway slope exceed 24% ********

The minimum requirements for approval of the Deviation Request are:

1. A driveway/grading/plot plan is required. Plans by a licensed engineer are required when the driveway slope exceeds 20%. Plans shall also show/specify driveway grades/elevations and all driveway and slope easements.
2. Driveway grade shall be certified by a licensed engineer or surveyor prior to final county approval.
3. Driveway shall be a minimum of 18’ wide and paved. If the topographical conditions will not allow the minimum 18’ width, paved turnouts pursuant to county standards shall be provided approximately every 400’ and wherever the line of sight is restricted.
4. A fire management plan for the parcel pursuant to requirements set forth in Amador County Ordinance 15.30.080 may be required.
5. Installation of a National Fire Code 13D Sprinkler System for single family dwellings may be required.

Minimum Paving Specifications:

Construction shall be either:
1. 2” Asphalt over 4” of compacted Class II aggregate base, compacted to 95%.
2. 5” Concrete (2500 PSI) with # 10 gauge wire mesh in the upper 1/3 of slab, or Nikon Fibermesh over 2” of compacted Class II aggregate base, compacted to 95%.