



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2016  
TO: Chairperson Hvidsten, Members of the Planning Commission, Interim Administrator Meyer  
FROM: Cynthia Smith Strack, Community Development Director  
RE: Item 6.2 Second Driveways & Parking Pads

### REQUEST SUMMARY

**PZ Task:** Discussion regarding second driveways and parking pads.

**Overview:** Over several previous meetings the PC has discussed second driveways and a code requirement second driveways extend to structures with garage doors.

As you recall revisiting of the code requirement second driveways extend to garages with vehicle access was brought to the Public Works Committee. The Committee discussed the issue and recommended no change to the Code.

At the August meeting the PC reflected on the input from the PW Committee with mixed opinions from those supporting the PW Committee recommendation to those willing to entertain additional discussion.

Staff was directed to research second driveway requirements from other communities and language associated with parking pads.

The City of Savage does not have a detectable code standard relating to second driveways. Required distances between driveways, required setbacks from lot lines, and required setbacks from intersections are more restrictive than Belle Plaine likely precluding most second driveways.

The City of Shakopee zoning code is silent as to the number of driveways for single family residential properties. The code limits the number of driveways to one for each 200 feet of lot frontage for multiple family, commercial, and industrial uses. The code specifically defines items not allowed within the code as being prohibited.

City of Elko New Market code doesn't include standards relating to number of driveways. Driveway setback and surfacing requirements similar to that in Belle Plaine.

City of New Prague standards don't include specific regulations regarding driveway setbacks from property lines, setback from other driveways, or second driveways.

The City of Jordan allows, even encourages second driveways with relative ease provided:

- The second access is at least 20 feet from the edge of the primary access;
- The setbacks for the driveway or curb cut access points are met;
- Impervious surface lot coverage requirements are met;
- The installation of the second curb cut or driveway access will not result in 2 access points from the lot onto a collector, minor arterial or arterial street; and
- It is determined the second curb cut or driveway access will not result in conflicts with traffic flow or endanger public safety.
- On corner lots, both accesses and driveways shall be onto the same street right-of-way.

City of Prior Lake code mirrors that of Savage.

Staff did communicate with the individual initially requesting input from the PC regarding second driveways.

Staff also researched parking pad standards with additional input forthcoming.

**Request:**

Discussion is kindly requested.