
**VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
BOARD REPORT**

TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: ANTHONY SPECIALE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION: RESIDENTIAL CURB CUTS FOR DRIVEWAYS
AGENDA: AUGUST 6, 2019 BOARD MEETING
DATE: JULY 31, 2019

ISSUE

Discussion of residential curb cuts at driveways.

DISCUSSION

Village ordinance does not allow for curb cuts without prior Village approval (Title 7: Chapter 1: Section 2D). Some property owners find the curb at the driveway to be problematic to cross for certain vehicles and have requested that they be allowed to cut the curb. Due to the function of the curb as a part of the storm water infrastructure, the Village has consistently denied the requests.

Several property owners have cut the curb without permission. Property owners who have cut the curb without permission are subject to a fine and restitution to cover the cost of replacing the curb back to the proper profile. The Village has not pursued remedy from the offending property owners.

The number of requests from residents for curb cuts at driveways, as well as the number of residents who have cut their curbs without Village consent, has been increasing. Owners who have been denied a curb cut permit have asked why the Village is not enforcing the Ordinance on those who have made curb cuts without permission.

The Village could continue with 1) the current denial / no enforcement approach, 2) continued denial and enforcement of the code on all existing illegal curb cuts, 3) continued denial and “grandfathering” of existing illegal curb cuts, or 4) the development of an approval process allowing for curb cuts.

If Option 4, the allowance of curb cuts, is desired staff will develop draft permit requirements such as the specific method and depth of allowed cuts, acknowledgement of potential drainage issues, and a waiver of liability for the Village.

Staff is requesting the Village Board discuss residential curb cuts and direct Staff on how to proceed with future requests.

COST

Costs will vary depending upon the action taken. Option 4, the allowance of curb cuts, would likely be the most expensive option with an estimated \$1,500 in engineering and legal consulting fees.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Village Board discuss residential curb cuts at driveways and directs Staff on how to proceed with future requests.