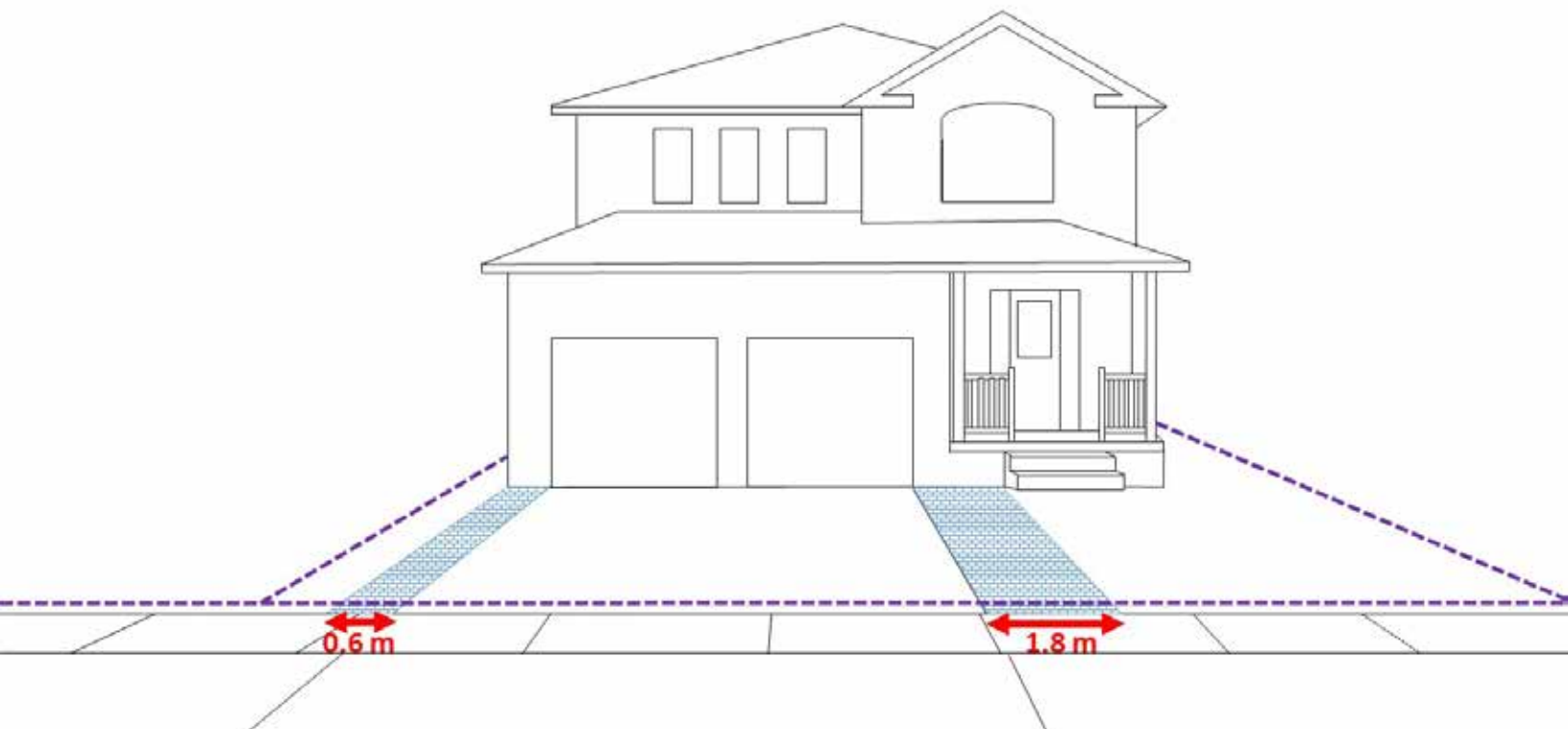


VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Town Initiated Zoning By-Law Amendment: Residential Driveway Standards

Zoom Meetings

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 | 2-4 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.



Parking demands in Ajax's residential neighborhoods have been on the rise for several years. An increase in the number of privately-owned vehicles per household combined with higher density residential developments has resulted in a scenario where many property owners have more vehicles than parking spaces.

To address this issue, the Town of Ajax is proposing a Town-initiated Zoning By-Law Amendment that will modify many of the By-Law's existing residential driveway standards. The amendment will also help to address other known issues relating to residential driveways and to remedy situations where zoning requirements do not accurately reflect current conditions and practices.

Once implemented, these amendments will facilitate numerous Town objectives such as:

- Allowing property owners to address parking needs on their own private properties;
- Alleviating issues resulting from on-street parking;

- Providing more flexibility to property owners who wish to undertake landscaping improvements on their properties;
- Maximizing the number of legal parking spaces that can be accommodated on existing driveways;
- Reducing the administrative burden of minor driveway-related applications;
- Matching Zoning By-Law standards to current and desirable forms of driveway design;
- Enabling the Town to prevent undesirable forms of driveway design;
- Simplifying existing Zoning By-Law standards;
- Facilitating storm water management through the preservation of existing landscape features; and
- Creating a consistent policy framework where Zoning By-Law standards directly align with other municipal documents impacted by the recently approved Boulevard Encroachment Policy.

Further information on this matter, including a Discussion Paper titled "Background Report for Town-Initiated Zoning By-Law Amendment: Residential Driveway Standards," is available on the Town of Ajax website at imo.ajax.ca/driveways.

Electronic Public Open House: How to Participate

Due to COVID-19, physical attendance is not permitted at the public open house.

Two separate public open houses will be held electronically on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 using the Zoom Webinar platform**. The first will take place from **2 to 4 p.m.** and the second will take place from **7 to 9 p.m.** In order to participate, you will need to register for one of the public open houses on the Town of Ajax's website at imo.ajax.ca/driveways.

Once you have registered, a link to the Zoom Webinar will be provided to you via e-mail. Participation for each public open house is limited to 85 participants. For those that are unable to attend, the electronic public open houses will be recorded and made available for viewing at imo.ajax.ca/driveways.

Other forms of public participation:

1. Written Submission

Written submissions can be provided until **Monday, February 15, 2021**. These submissions can be made via the **Town of Ajax's website at imo.ajax.ca/driveways or can be e-mailed directly to Mike Sawchuck, Senior Planner, at michael.sawchuck@ajax.ca.**

2. Oral Submission

Oral submissions can be provided until **Monday, February 15, 2021**. These submissions can be made by **calling 905-619-2529, ext. 3270** and leaving your comments via voicemail message. When leaving a message, please reference the **"Driveways Project"** and provide your full name, address, phone number and an e-mail address.

If you would like to receive further notifications regarding this Zoning By-Law Amendment or if you have questions or comments please contact **Mike Sawchuck, Senior Planner, at michael.sawchuck@ajax.ca or 905-619-2529, ext. 3200.**