

# Pervious Surface Ordinance Q & A's

## Municipal Code (effective July 1, 2012):

1. A resident wants to pave their yard and no other building permits are required for the work that will be done. What do they need to do?
  - a. Submit an application with the City Engineer's office.
2. A resident wants to put in a curb cut and no other building permits are required for the work that will be done. What do they need to do?
  - a. Submit an application with the City Engineer's office.
3. A resident wants to pave their yard and/or put in a curb cut as part of a project that requires a building permit. What do they need to do?
  - a. Submit an application with the City Engineer's office.

## Zoning Code:

4. A property has 20% landscaped area that is all a pervious surface (no impervious walkways or structures are included in the landscaped area). Can the owner add a driveway?
  - a. Yes, if the driveway has a portion that was pervious pavers or pervious asphalt so that an additional 15% of the site was pervious. The total pervious area on the site will be 35%.
  - b. No, if the owner was not willing to use anything but an impervious surface such as asphalt.
5. A property has a lot with a large driveway and asphalt around the house so that 75% of the lot is paved or has a structure on it. Can the owner repave the driveway?
  - a. Yes, they still need a paving permit but surfaces may be maintained, upgraded and/or removed even if they are nonconforming if they were in existence prior to March 1, 2012.
6. A property is currently conforming to all dimensional requirements except for pervious surface area. The owner wants to construct an addition that is conforming with dimensions and all other zoning requirements. Is the lot considered nonconforming and therefore the addition will require a special permit?
  - a. No, properties otherwise conforming to the SZO shall not be determined to be nonconforming based only upon violation of the minimum pervious surface requirement that were in existence as of March 1, 2012.