

Prior to amalgamation in 2001, the former City of Hamilton created a program to allow for the construction of residential driveways where the primary parking space(s) encroach on the municipal boulevard. The intention of the program is to facilitate the installation of private driveways for 1, 2 and 3 unit properties that were not constructed with consideration for motor vehicles or where single family homes have been converted into 2 or 3 units.

The program has been preserved only in portions of the City that comprised the old City of Hamilton and is not available in other areas including Ancaster, Glanbrook, Dundas, Flamborough or Stoney Creek. Boulevard parking is prohibited in some historic areas including Markland, Gladstone and St. Clair.

Because these driveways require use of the municipal boulevard to fit a vehicle, when approved, they are not guaranteed in perpetuity. If the City requires the boulevard for public infrastructure the driveway can be eliminated at the City's discretion. A removal would generally only occur due to a road widening but is not limited to that scenario. The City also has the right to introduce additional fees on these driveways in the future.

Boulevard parking spaces are only permitted for single unit properties that cannot accommodate a legal driveway, or to facilitate a double wide driveway where only a single could otherwise be installed. 2 & 3 unit properties with dual frontage are permitted boulevard parking in addition to a legal driveway on another frontage.

### **Design Requirements**

To qualify for a residential boulevard parking space, these requirements must be met:

#### **Parking Space Size:**

- For single width (1 vehicle) driveway – exactly 2.7 metres in width by a minimum of 6.0 metres in length
- For double width (2 vehicle) driveway – exactly 5.4 metres in width by a minimum of 6.0 metres in length.

#### **Parking Space Layout:**

- The space must be perpendicular (90 degrees) to the sidewalk and not be angled or parallel.
- All efforts must be made by the property owner to minimize vehicle encroachment on the boulevard, including removing landscaping, fences, sheds etc. to align as closely as possible to the Zoning By-law.

#### **Driveway Surface Treatment:**

- Once a Boulevard Parking agreement is has been approved and an access approval issued, the parking space can then be constructed.

- The property owner, at their discretion, may initially build the driveway in gravel. However, the driveway must ultimately be converted to a hard surface (asphalt, concrete, interlocking brick) as per the Boulevard Parking approval letter. Permeable surfaces, apart from permeable pavers, are not currently permitted for Boulevard Parking.

Types of Vehicles Permitted to Park in a Boulevard Parking Space:

- All vehicles registered as non-commercial, passenger vehicles can park in residential boulevard parking spaces.
- Commercial vehicles, trailers, boats and/or recreational vehicle are not permitted to park in a Boulevard Parking space.

Landscaping Requirements:

- A Boulevard Parking application cannot be approved if the proposed parking space(s) will result in less than 50% of the private property portion of the front yard located being soft landscaping (lawn or garden).
- A Boulevard Parking application will not be approved if there is impact to a City tree.

### **Applying for Boulevard Parking**

To apply for boulevard parking, complete a property diagram aligning with the design requirements noted and submit it with a complete [Driveway Access & Residential Boulevard Application](#), along with the completed Acknowledgement found on the following page. For detailed instructions on preparing your application and property diagram see the Residential Driveway Access Approval Guide.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the legal owner of  
FULL NAME

\_\_\_\_\_, Hamilton Ontario request authorization for:  
PROPERTY ADDRESS

- A 2.7 metre wide parking space encroaching on the municipal boulevard, or
- A 5.4 metre wide double parking space encroaching on the municipal boulevard.

I acknowledge that:

Boulevard parking spaces are only permitted within the former City of Hamilton;

Only non-commercial passenger vehicles contained to the approved hard surface parking space are exempted from the prohibition to park on the boulevard. All other parking regulations apply.

Boulevard parking spaces are subject to all conditions of a Residential Driveway Access Permit, except the requirement to lead to a legal parking space.

Boulevard parking spaces are not guaranteed in perpetuity and access can be removed at the City's discretion; and,

The City has the right to apply fees on the parking space through property taxes or other means provided appropriate notice to the property owner.

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DATE