

Residential Driveway/Culvert Policies

Below is a list of the Brazoria County Residential Driveway policies. These policies will be enforced across the board. Driveways that are existing and currently “Grandfathered in” will no longer be considered Grandfathered once changes to the existing driveway are made. The existing driveway will be expected to meet all current policies.

1. All driveway/culverts must have a driveway/culvert permit. The applicant must fill out the driveway/culvert permit application prior to being sized or set. The driveway/culvert application should reflect how the end result of your driveway/culvert will be on the property.
2. Brazoria County does not allow shared driveways or driveways to connect over property lines. Each property must have their own access.
3. All driveway/culverts must start a minimum of 10FT off of property lines.
4. All culverts must be concrete. No metal or Plastic will be allowed in the County Right of Way.
5. Culverts must be a minimum of 20FT wide, culvert to culvert.
6. If your driveway location does not require culverts, the driveway must be a minimum of 15FT wide.
7. Any culverts over 48FT wide, will require a clean-out drain for every 48FT.
8. Properties along thoroughfares will have a limited number of driveways allowed depending on the property frontage along the County Road. If the property does not have over 200FT of frontage, you will only be allowed one driveway.
9. Brazoria County reserves the right to determine if they will relocate driveways or if new culverts must be purchased. If your driveway is being relocated and a concrete culverts breaks, Brazoria County will not replace the culvert.
10. Please see Brazoria County Concrete procedures for concrete driveways. If your driveway will be concrete please list that as the driveway surface. If you do not list concrete, you will need to reapply for another permit prior to being approved for a concrete driveway.
11. If the permit you are applying for is a surface change only, please note that on the application.
12. Brazoria County will determine the size of the pipes and will set all culverts. Self-set is not allowed for residential driveway/culverts. If the driveway/culvert is set by the resident or an outside party, Brazoria County reserves the right to remove the driveway/culvert from its right of way.
13. Resident will provide required material for Brazoria County. This includes concrete culverts, the fill material specified on driveway/culvert permit application and a cleanout drain if required.
14. Culverting in frontage: You must remain 10FT off the property lines on both sides however if you culvert in the majority of your frontage you will be required to upsize the culverts. If you are extending your current culverts, you must remove all existing pipe and upsize.
15. For Concrete Driveways, culverts must have a minimum of 6” cover from top of culvert to bottom of concrete driveway. For all other surfaces, culverts must have a minimum of 1’ cover from top of culverts to top of driveway surface.