

Exceptions/Waivers to the Spacing Standards/Access Management Requirements

The Access Management Regulations (24VAC30-73-120) identify potential exceptions to the spacing standards for commercial entrances, intersections, and median crossovers found in Tables 2-2 through 2-4 and Figure 4-4 corner clearance in this Appendix. The Regulations also establish access management requirements for shared use entrances, cross parcel access, and functional area of intersections and identify potential exceptions to these requirements. Exceptions to the spacing standards and access management requirements are referenced in section 24VAC30-73-120 of the Access Management Regulations. See the VDOT Access Management web page for the regulations at www.virginiadot.org/projects/accessmgt.

For commercial entrances, intersections, and median crossovers (new or to be relocated) proposed for private sector land development projects, the Access Management Regulations specify the documentation to be submitted to justify an exception to the spacing standards and access management requirements. A request for an exception shall be submitted to the District Engineer/Administrator or designee using Exception Form [AM-E](#). This form is available on the VDOT web site at <http://vdotforms.vdot.virginia.gov/>.

For highway construction or reconstruction projects on roadways owned and maintained by VDOT, a request for a waiver to the spacing standards shall be submitted to the District Location and Design Engineer using Waiver Form [AM-W](#). This form is available on the VDOT web site at <http://vdotforms.vdot.virginia.gov/>.

Exceptions / Waivers to the Design Standards

For both land development and highway construction projects **on VDOT owned and maintained roadways only**, the appropriate intersection sight distance from Table 2-5 must be met for all commercial entrances, intersections, and median crossovers. If intersection sight distance cannot be met and a design waiver is granted (see below), then the minimum stopping sight distance from [Table 2D-1](#) in Chapter 2D* must be met.

If stopping sight distance cannot be met, a request for a design exception (Form [LD-440](#)) shall be submitted. If intersection sight distance cannot be met, a request for a design waiver (Form [LD-448](#)) shall be submitted. See [IIM-LD-227](#) for information on the exception and waiver review process for sight distance. [IIM-LD-227](#) is available at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rd-ii-memoranda-index.asp>.

Section 24VAC30-73-50B in the Access Management Regulations also provides details on the stopping sight distance exception process.

For both private developments and highway construction projects, if any design standard in Appendix F (everything except Tables 2-2, 2-3, 2-4 spacing standards, corner clearance, shared use entrances, cross parcel access, and functional area of intersections) cannot be met, a request for a design exception (Form [LD-440](#)) or design waiver (Form [LD-448](#)) shall be submitted in accordance with [IIM-LD-227](#), available on the VDOT web site at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rd-ii-memoranda-index.asp>.

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