

Exceptions to the Spacing Standards

The Access Management Regulations: Minor Arterials, Collectors, and Local Streets (24VAC30-73-120) identify potential exceptions to the spacing standards for commercial entrances, intersections, and crossovers found in, Tables 2-2 through 2-4. The Regulations specify the documentation required for approval of exception requests. The exception request for spacing standards shall be submitted to the District Administrator for the District Administrator or designee's approval or denial. If the exception involves the addition or closing of a crossover, refer to the Crossover Location Approval Process included in this Appendix.

The appropriate intersection sight distance from Table 2-7 must be met for all commercial entrances, intersections, and crossovers. If sight distance and all other access management standards can not 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, which can be accessed at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rd-ii-memoranda-index.asp>. Section 24VAC30-73-50 B in the Regulations also provides details on the sight distance exception process.

Exceptions referenced in section 24VAC30-73-120 of the Regulations to the Tables 2-2 to 2-7 spacing standards include the following:

- The specific location of an entrance is shown on a plan of development or described in a condition proffered as part of a rezoning approved by the locality prior to October 14, 2009 or shown on a site plan, preliminary or final subdivision plat approved by VDOT or the locality prior to October 14, 2009. 24VAC30-73-120 C 3.a.
- The location of the entrance or intersection will meet spacing standards in a VDOT and locality approved access management highway corridor plan that differs from those in Table 2-2. 24VAC30-73-120 C 3.b.
- The proposed entrance or intersection will be located on an older, established urban business corridor where existing entrances and intersections did not meet the spacing standards prior to October 14, 2009. 24VAC30-73-120 C 3.c.
- The proposed public street intersection will be located within a new urbanism, traditional neighborhood type development. 24VAC30-73-120 C 3.d.
- Where a development's second or additional entrances are necessary for the streets in the development to be eligible for acceptance into the secondary system of state highways in accordance with the Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements (24VAC30-92). 24VAC30-73-120 C 3.e.
- The entrance will be restricted to right-in/right-out movements because there is insufficient usable property frontage on the highway due to parcel dimensions or physical constraints to meeting the spacing standards. 24VAC30-73-120 C 3.f.
- Limiting a proposed signalized entrance to right-in/right-out movements if the proposed entrance does not meet the signalized intersection spacing standards. 24VAC30-73-120 C 5.

For more details on the above exceptions, refer to the Access Management Regulations on the VDOT web site at <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/accessmgt/default.asp>.