

Exceptions to the Spacing Standards

The Access Management Regulations for Principal Arterials (24VAC30-72-120) and for 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 in this Appendix. See the VDOT Access Management web page for the regulations at www.virginiadot.org/projects/accessmgt.

For new commercial entrances proposed for land development projects, the Access Management Regulations specify the documentation to be submitted to justify an exception to the spacing standards. A request for an exception to the spacing standards shall be submitted to the District Administrator or designee using [Form AM-1](#) or [AM-2](#). These forms are 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 Form AM-3. This form is available on the VDOT web site at <http://vdotforms.vdot.virginia.gov/>.

If the spacing standard exception also involves the addition or closing of a crossover, refer to the Crossover Location Approval Process included in this Appendix.

Exceptions to the spacing standards are referenced in sections 24VAC30-72-120 and 73-120 of the Access Management Regulations and include the following:

Exceptions / Waivers to the Design Standards

This Design Waiver Policy is applicable to VDOT owned and maintained roadways only.

For both land development and highway construction projects, the appropriate intersection sight distance from Table 2-7 and stopping sight distance from Table 2-6 must be met for all commercial entrances, intersections, and crossovers on VDOT owned and maintained roadways.* If stopping sight distance can not be met, a request for a design exception (Form [LD-440](#)) shall be submitted and if intersection sight distance can not 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. [IIM-LD-227](#) is available at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rd-ii-memoranda-index.asp> Sections 24VAC30-72-50B and 73-50 B in the Access Management Regulations also provide details on the stopping sight distance exception process.

For both private developments and highways construction projects, if any design standard in Appendix F (everything except the spacing 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](#), available on the VDOT web site at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rd-ii-memoranda-index.asp>.

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