

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, or on roadways maintained by localities which will be designed using VDOT standards, 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 must be met for all commercial entrances, intersections, and crossovers. If sight distance 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 at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rd-ii-memoranda-index.asp> Sections 24VAC30-72-50B and 73-50 B in the Regulations also provide details on the 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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