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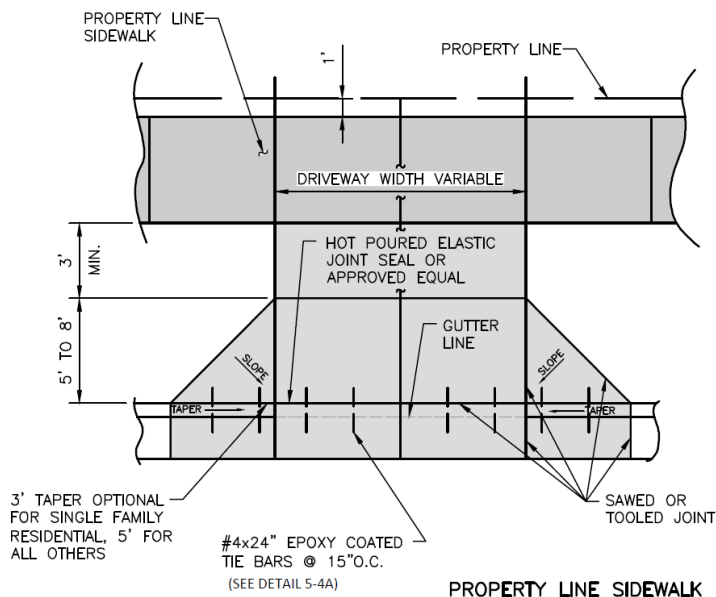
City of Sturgis

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Standard Plates Available on Website

The Engineering Department for the City of Sturgis has made standard plate specifications readily available on the City website. Standard plates are drawings that specify the details of items being furnished, constructed, and installed on a construction project. The City of Sturgis provides this information to ensure that projects are built consistent to City Ordinance regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. Following the standard details ensures that minimum construction standards are met. The information provided on the website includes standard utility specifications for water and sewer, sidewalk and bike path standards, as well as guidelines for working in the public right-of-way. Common questions are also posted with relevant City Ordinance references available.

For more information about engineering specifications for the City of Sturgis, please contact Liz Wunderlich, P.E., (605) 347-4422 ext. 224. Standard Plates can be found at <https://www.sturgis-sd.gov/engineering>.



Example from Plate 5-4, Standard Driveway Approach



Trouble finding CitizenServe on the City website? Click on the green permits button on the top of the home page to be redirected to CitizenServe for contractor's licenses, building permits, and more.

Subcontractors Must be Licensed in the City of Sturgis

You may be a licensed contractor with the City of Sturgis, but did you know that any subcontractors you hire for a project are also required to be licensed with the city? It is a common misconception that a subcontractor's work is covered under the general contractor's license or on the building permit. A South Dakota Excise tax number and proof of insurance are required for any contractor working in the City of Sturgis. Licenses are valid for one year. Applications can be made online through the CitizenServe web portal.

Any residential or commercial construction project that is valued at \$500 or more requires a building permit.

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Stormwater Runoff Regulations Apply to Permits

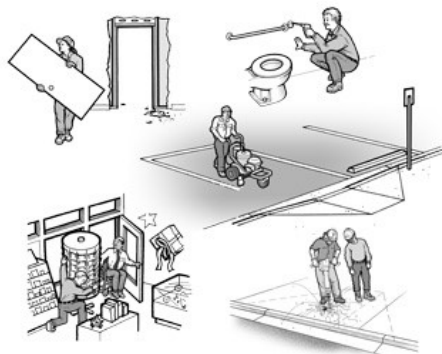
Stormwater discharges from construction activities can negatively affect local streams and lakes. When it rains, stormwater washes over the loose soil on a construction site and can pick up pollutants such as sediment, debris, and chemicals, and enters the local storm sewer system, which drains untreated water into the local natural water bodies. To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed or dumped into the municipal storm sewer system, the City of Sturgis will require some construction projects to develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP, or commonly pronounced as "swip"). Specifically, construction projects that disturb over 1 acre of land within the City of Sturgis are required to submit a SWPPP to the South Dakota Department of Natural Resources (SD DENR). A copy of this



permit should be placed on site or uploaded to your permit onto CitizenServe. The permit will also list on-site control measures to reduce stormwater runoff. With proper intervention such as sediment and erosion controls on a construction site, pollutants can stay contained on site. Control measures include silt fencing, storm drain inlet protection, and site stabilization.

Older Buildings to Comply with ADA Standards

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it is prohibited to exclude people with disabilities from everyday activities. Many older buildings have features that are barriers for people with disabilities. A common misconception about ADA compliance is that these older buildings are "grandfathered in" and do not need to make changes. Any business that serves the public must remove barriers, but when it is "readily achievable" to do so. This means it can be easily accomplished without much difficulty or expense. The first priority businesses must consider is getting customers with disabilities through the door. The second is providing access to the areas where you provide goods and services. The third is providing access to restroom facilities provided for customers. Lastly, a business should eliminate any other physical barriers identified in the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Compliance is not difficult and is an ongoing obligation. If a client requests a remodel of a large or small commercial business, ADA standards will need to be considered and applied.



Contact Us

Give us a call or visit the City website for more information about licensing, permit requirements and code compliance.

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Visit sturgis-sd.gov for:

- Ordinances
- Fees
- Zoning Information
- Public ROW Information
- Licensing Requirements

City Council meetings are usually held at 6:30 PM the first and third Monday of each month.

Planning & Zoning meetings are usually held at 5:30 PM the first Tuesday, following the first City Council meeting each month.

All meeting schedules are posted on the city website. sturgis-sd.gov

City Offices Closed on March 19

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