



INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION



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Specific to the Burlington City Code of Ordinances – Chapter 8 and current adopted Vermont Fire and Building Safety Codes and Standards

CODE COMPLIANCE INFORMATION SHEET

Fire Department Access Roads (FDAR)

Respective to and specific to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards; fire department access roads shall consist of roadways, fire lanes, parking lot lane, or a combination thereof and shall be provided for every facility, building, or portion of a building constructed or relocated.

The following is a limited list and should not be viewed as complete to your project. Please consult with the City of Burlington Building Inspector in Burlington for full code compliance.

- FDAR's shall extend to within 50 ft. of at least one exterior door that can be opened from the outside providing access to the interior.
- Where one or two family dwellings, or town house is protected with an approved NFPA 13R or NFPA 13D automatic sprinkler system the distance shall be permitted to increase to 150 ft.

Specifications of access roads by code:

- **Clear width:** Minimum 20 ft.
- **Unobstructed vertical clearance:** minimum of 13 ft. 6-in.
- **Surface:** shall be maintained to support the imposed loads and all-weather driving surface.

It is imperative that you consult with the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) to secure complete information confirming compliance for your project. In Burlington it is the Department of Public Works City building Inspector and for the State of VT it is the Division of Fire Safety governing your region.

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