City of Santa Barbara
Fire Prevention Bureau
Access & Hydrant Information

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Commercial & Industrial Hydrants

All exterior walls must be within 300’ of a fire hydrant by way of access.

new fire hydrant required
Required outlets: two 2 ½” and one 4”
Required minimum flow: 1250 GPM

existing hydrant
Residential Hydrants

All exterior walls must be within 500’ of a fire hydrant by the way of access.

Required outlets: one 2½” and one 4”
Required minimum flow: 750 gpm
Driveway Requirements:

*Apartments or Commercial Occupancy*

- 20’ wide driveway to within 150’ of the most remote exterior wall
- Vertical driveway clearance to be an unobstructed 13’ 6”
Driveway Requirements: Single Family Residence
(Applies to access roads serving three or fewer single-family residential units)

16’ wide driveway to within 150’ of the most remote exterior wall.

Vertical driveway clearance to be An unobstructed minimum of 13’ 6”
Minimum Cul de Sac Requirements

(maximum planter shown)
Minimum Turning Radius
(switchbacks)
Hammerhead Turnaround Location

Required when driveway exceeds 300’
Maneuvering areas shall not exceed a 6% cross slope

Minimum Hammerhead Turnaround Requirements
Access/Driveway Construction/Slope Requirements

All weather concrete or asphalt pavement must support 60,000 pounds.

Driveway access shall not have a slope in excess of 16%
Access within maneuvering area shall not exceed a 6% cross slope