

## Preserving the Beauty of Markham's Residential Neighbourhoods

All driveways must comply with the Town's **Extended Driveways By-Law**, but there are some exceptions. If you are not certain that your present or planned driveway meets the general guidelines in this brochure, please call the By-law Enforcement & Licensing Department to discuss your situation.

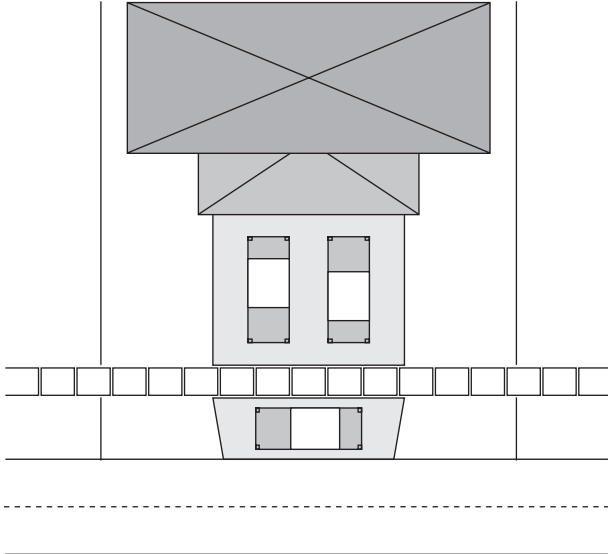
A staff member will advise you of all the options available within the new by-law.

**When in doubt, check it out!**  
Help is always available.

## Parking in Residential Neighbourhoods

Cars must be parked on a driveway (or a hard-surface parking pad) facing the home or the street.

Parking of one car across the boulevard (the end of your property between the sidewalk and the street, which is owned by the town) is permitted.



If you are planning a driveway expansion, you may wish to contact the By-Law Enforcement & Licensing Department.

For more information, please call:

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez appeler le:

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# Important Things To Know About Driveways In Markham



Des renseignements sur les entrées de garage

車道資訊

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**The Extended Driveways By-Law** applies to all driveways in the Town of Markham. It controls the extent to which driveways may be widened, in order to maintain the beauty and value of our neighbourhoods while satisfying homeowners' increasing need for more parking on their properties.

Excessive paving of properties may:

- cause the loss of storm-water absorption surfaces (lawns and gardens) which increases the potential for flooding;
- reduce available snow storage areas; leading to higher clearance and maintenance costs
- contribute to the unsightliness of derelict and commercial vehicles in driveways.

This by-law, was passed by Markham Council in June, 2006.

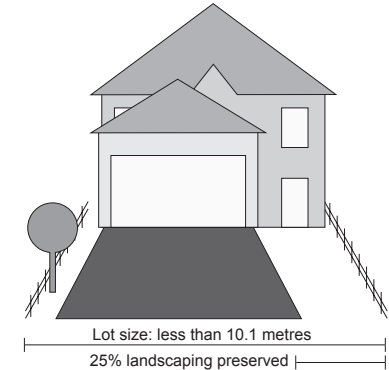
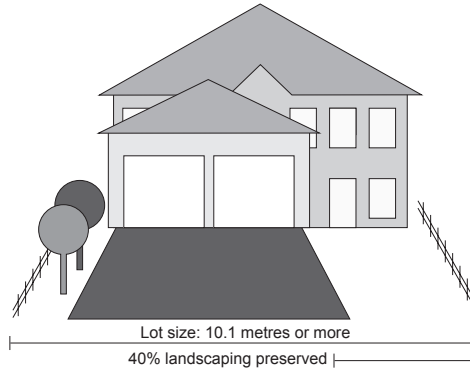
### Important Points to Consider

- A permit is not required to extend your driveway.
- You are responsible for ensuring the extended driveway meets the by-law's standards.
- Driveway contractors must be licensed by the Town of Markham to work in the Town. (Driveway Paving Contractors By-law 2006-314)
- A contractor's licence number must be displayed on the company vehicle.
- Every licensed contractor must provide a written estimate and diagram of proposed work to the homeowner.
- Commencing January 1, 2008, the By-law will be fully enforced. Homeowners with existing driveways and paved areas exceeding 80% of the front lawn may be required to remove excess pavement.

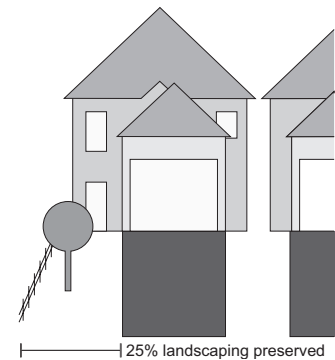
### Quick Overview

In most cases, the by-law allows for parking two cars (or vans or non-commercial trucks) in front of a single-car garage, and three cars in front of a two-car garage.

If your home is on a smaller lot, less than 10.1 metres (33' - 4") across, a driveway extension must preserve 25% of the landscaping (such as grass, gardens, walking paths and bushes) across the front of your property. If your home is on a larger lot, 10.1 metres or more (33' - 4"), a driveway extension must preserve 40% of landscaping. **Drawings are for example only, not to scale.**



For semi-detached or link houses, check the by-law.



### By-law 2006-96: How much can I extend my driveway?

You can estimate the maximum width of your proposed extension by measuring the width of the existing garage door, or doors. In most cases, you can extend your driveway up to 2 metres (6' - 6") in width beyond this measurement, but not closer than 183 cm (6') to your side lot line.

(Contact By-Laws for full details.)

