



EMERGENCY – FIRE ACCESS TO STRUCTURES

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In order to maintain adequate emergency accessibility to structures and other property, the following minimum access / fire lane widths apply:

GENERAL:

Fire lanes and access roads shall be a minimum of 20 (twenty) feet clear width accessible during all times of the year and without reduction for snow accumulation. If parking along a designated fire lane is provided, the clear width of the road shall be expanded to incorporate the parking width required and maintaining the required clear width for the designated fire lane.

Use of security access gates and the methods of operation shall be approved by the fire chief prior to installation. Adequate devices or methods for all Laconia Fire Department apparatus is required.

PLACE OF ASSEMBLY:

Wherever possible, two separate emergency access roads or fire lanes shall be maintained for all places of assembly. If only one access road is provided for this assembly, a minimum of 24 (twenty-four) feet clear width without reduction for snow accumulation shall be provided.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY:

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CLUSTER OR TRACT DEVELOPMENTS:

Road serving as primary access for 10 (ten) homes or less:

Access road with a minimum clear width of 20 (twenty) feet shall be provided.

Road serving as primary access for more than 10 (ten) homes:

Access road with a minimum clear width of 20 (twenty) feet shall be provided.

Road serving as primary access or feeder for more than 4 (four) multiple home cul-de-sacs:

Access road with a minimum clear width of 24 (twenty-four) feet shall be provided.

Additional reductions may apply if the building(s) are provided with a fire suppression (sprinkler) system or fire-rated wall and penetration assemblies approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.