



Paving Waiver Requests

Unpaved Roads and Lots

Unpaved roads and lots are a significant source of fugitive dust emissions. Paving reduces these emissions, and reduces the tracking of dirt and mud from unpaved to paved surfaces. The material left on paved roads becomes resuspended in the air by automobiles.

Paved surfaces can be cleaned, so a buildup of dirt and other debris is reduced. Other types of surface treatment and control measures will require more frequent maintenance and/or application. This could be more expensive in the long term, and result in excessive emissions.

Paving Requirements

Paving requirements are defined in Spokane County Zoning Code, Section 14.802.080 Parking Lot Design, Surfacing and Marking Requirements. This code allows the County Planning Department to waive portions of the paving requirements based on recommendations from Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (Spokane Clean Air) and the Spokane County Engineers.

Spokane Clean Air staff review waiver requests pursuant to this code upon submittal of a completed Paving Waiver Request Form, which is available online at www.spokanecleanair.org or by calling the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency at 477-4727.

Based on the agency's review, recommendations will be made to the County Planning Department to as to whether or not the proposed surfacing will adversely affect air quality. The requests generally take

one to three weeks to review. During the review process, additional information may be requested from the applicant.

Is there a fee?

Yes, per Spokane Clean Air Regulation 1, Article X, Section 10.14. A minimum nonrefundable filing and review fee of \$50 shall accompany all paving waiver requests submitted to Spokane Clean Air. After the first hour of filing and review time, an additional fee of \$50 per hour shall be paid by the applicant for each hour of time expended by the agency in carrying out the review. Payment of the fee is required regardless of whether or not the paving waiver is granted.

About Spokane Clean Air

The Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency was established in 1969 under the authority of the Washington Clean Air Act. The agency is a local governmental entity responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local air pollution regulations in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Spokane County.



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