

# Driveway Inspection Fee Fact Sheet

In April of 2003, The Washburn County Zoning Administration and the Washburn County Fire Association began a cooperative program to bring existing and new driveways into compliance with current standards. This program is designed to provide for the safety and security of your property, and to ensure adequate access for firefighters or other emergency services and their equipment in the event of an emergency.

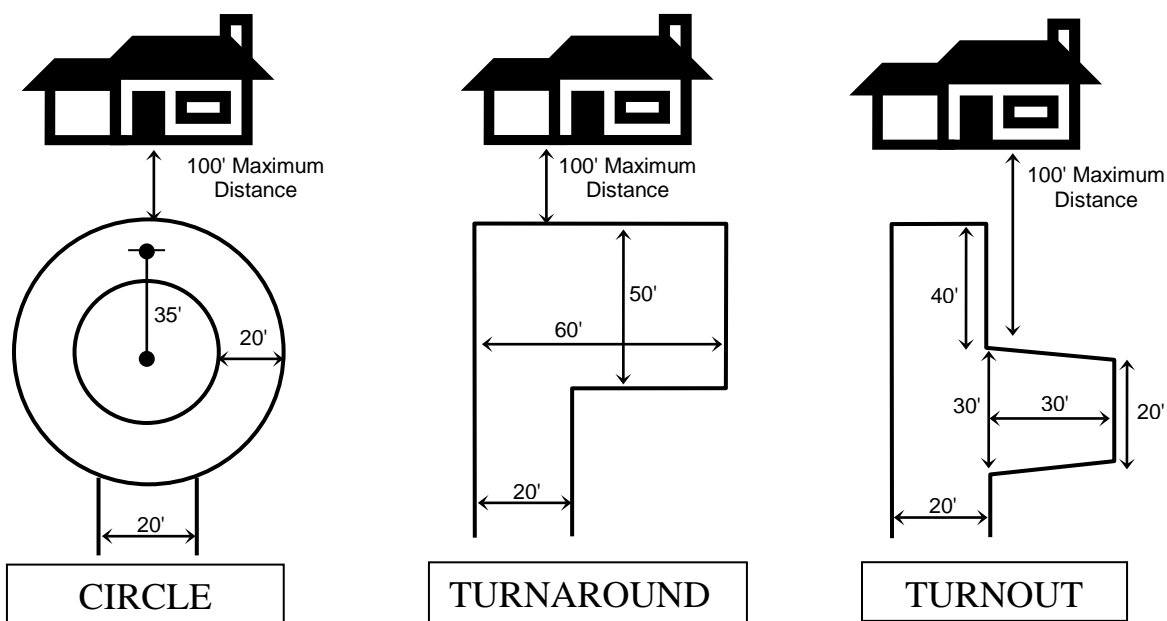
We are issuing a **Driveway Inspection Fee**. The fee is **\$25.00**, which will be used to fund the inspection of your driveway by members of the Fire Association. The inspection will most likely take place in the next 90 days. The Driveway Inspection Fee will be collected for the following:

- A new driveway is constructed
- A new dwelling is constructed, including an addition to a dwelling that increases the living space by 25%
- An accessory building is constructed, including attached and detached garages

**NOTE:** If the project address is in the towns of *Birchwood, Long Lake, Casey, or Crystal* you must contact those towns in order to obtain the driveway inspection. We will not access the \$25.00 fee for those towns but you must provide this office with a copy of the town driveway approval.

A driveway is described as serving no more than two residential or commercial buildings. **In order to comply with the current driveway ordinance, your driveway must (should) meet the following specifications. Driveways and private roads not meeting the current standards will be subject to enforcement action by the county zoning office.**

- Width – must be at least 20 feet wide.
- Height (overhead clearance) – must have at least 15 feet of vertical clearance.
- Driveways longer than 150 feet must provide an adequate turnaround that will accommodate a 30 foot long fire truck. Refer to the diagrams below for driveway and turnaround dimensions:



**Thank you for your cooperation in this program!**