

APPENDIX A3 – MINIMUM ACCESS SPACING GUIDELINES

MINIMUM ACCESS SPACING GUIDELINES 2040 PLAN

TYPE OF ACCESS BEING REQUESTED	TYPE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNCTION AFFECTED BY ACCESS			
	PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL	Minor Arterial A and B Minor	Collector	Local
A. Private Residential (3 or less shared driveways)	Not Permitted	Not Permitted 1/4 mile in Agricultural & Transition Area	1/8 Mile	Determination based on other criteria
B. Commercial Driveways, Or Private Streets	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Full access at 1/4 Mile Limited access at 1/8 Mile	Determination based on other criteria
C. Local Streets	Not Permitted	Full access at 1/4 Mile Limited access at 1/8 Mile	1/8 Mile	1/8 Mile
D. Collector Streets	1 Mile Full Access (rural) Limited access at 1/2 Mile (urban)	Full access at 1/4 Mile Limited access at 1/8 Mile	1/4 Mile	1/4 Mile
E. Minor Arterial	1 Mile full Access (urban) 1 Mile Full (rural)	1/2 to 1 Mile (urban) 1/2 Mile to 1 Mile (rural)	1/4 to 1 Mile (urban) 1/2 to 1 Mile (rural)	1/4 to 1 Mile (urban) 1/2 to 1 Mile (rural)

Notes:

1. The Functional Classification is based on the Future Functional Classification Map in the 2040 Transportation Plan.
2. Fully developed urban area will require individual evaluation on a case by case basis.
3. When there is opportunity for private or public access on more than one public roadway, access shall be taken on lower functional roadway.
4. Turn lanes shall be required at all public road access locations on County or State roads, turn lanes at private access will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
5. Intersection Control/Signals shall be installed only where warranted and justified, consistent with the MNMUTCD and County practice. 1 mile signal spacing on Principals and 1/2 mile signal spacing will be preserved on other roadways.
6. Access spacing may be modified to be more or less restrictive per County corridor study.
7. Private access shall be located where there is the optimum sight distance, future local street locations, or future shared access opportunities.
8. Environmental constraints, geometric constraints, or sight distance requirements may be considered when determining access spacing location.
9. No access permitted between interchange ramps and first full access location.
10. Existing private access on Principal Arterials in the unincorporated area may be relocated at time of platting or land use change provided sight distance is improved and opportunities for access consolidation do not exist. Future removal of the access must be planned.
11. Only one access per parcel permitted including shared access, where in determination by the County the property has no other local access.
12. Field access may be permitted where, in the determination of the County, the property has no other local road access. One field access to a property under the same ownership or controlling interest may be granted. A field access is defined as restricted use by agricultural equipment only to access a field and does not lead to a rock or paved surface on the private property.
13. Limited Access is not a full movement access.
14. Minimum Access Spacing Guidelines for subdivisions in the unincorporated area is established in the County Subdivision Ordinance.
15. Minimum public street length to be permitted as a public street shall be 500 feet.