

Access Management Regulations

Following is a summary of the 24 page document that was produced by the Clermont County traffic engineer, Jeremy Evans, PE

Here are some of the highlights regarding the draft Access Management Regulations:

- The goals of Access Management are to **improve safety** and **increase travel speeds by reducing congestion** which will **improve accessibility**.
- ODOT has had Access Management Regs in place since 2005. These apply to all state roadways, including those in Clermont County.
- Butler, Hamilton, and Warren Counties each adopted Access Management Regs between 2005 & 2006.
- These Regs will apply to all county and township roads.
- The policies in our draft manual are nothing new. We have been applying these policies to our reviews for several years. Adopting these Regs simply gives us a little more strength to enforce these policies and also allows designers/developers to know what to expect before they submit a project.
- Access Management Regulations do not apply to the internal streets and driveways within a subdivision, per the ORC. Subdivisions fall under the planning commission and the subdivision regulations that already exist.
- These regulations cannot prohibit access to a parcel but can require that the access connection be made in the optimum location for safety and traffic flow.
- The Traffic Impact Study requirements in these regs are also nothing new. The CCEO hired a consultant to draft TIS requirements in 1995. We have been applying these criteria in our reviews effectively for the past 15 years. The TIS information in these Access Management Regs is simply a re-hashed summary of the old TIS document.
- This draft was reviewed and revised over the course of several months by an Advisory Committee. The makeup of this committee is dictated by the ORC and includes County Commissioners, Twp Trustees from 3 different townships, County Engineer, representative of Planning Commission, representatives from OKI and ODOT, a registered surveyor and a registered engineer in private practice and representatives of the homebuilding and realtor professions.
- Once adopted, these Regs will be administered by the County Engineer. If the County Engineer and the applicant cannot resolve an issue, the applicant may appeal to the Clermont County Commissioners who will serve as the Access Management Appellate Board.

Advisory Committee Members:

Jeremy Evans	County Engineer or Engineer's designee
Gary Nichols	Registered Surveyor in private practice (also representative of county planning commission)
Jim Watson	Representative of the homebuilding industry
Richard Hoffman	Licensed realtor
Karl Schultz	Miami Township Trustee
Etta Reed	PE with expertise in traffic engineering
John Heilman	Representative of MPO
Lou Ethridge	Goshen Township Planning Director
Ed Humphrey	Clermont County Commissioner
Christopher Knoop	Pierce Township Trustee
Bob McGee	Union Township Trustee
Scott Crosswell	Clermont County Commissioner
Scot Lahrmer	Clermont County Assistant Administrator
Craig Stephenson	Clermont County Engineer's Office
Christine Hilbert	ODOT
Tim Hershner	Planning Department
Cory Wright	Representative of Township Trustee

Rob Alfieri

Deputy of Operations

Clermont County Engineer's Office

Phone: (513) 732-8858

Cell: (513) 312-0774

Fax: (513) 732-8055