



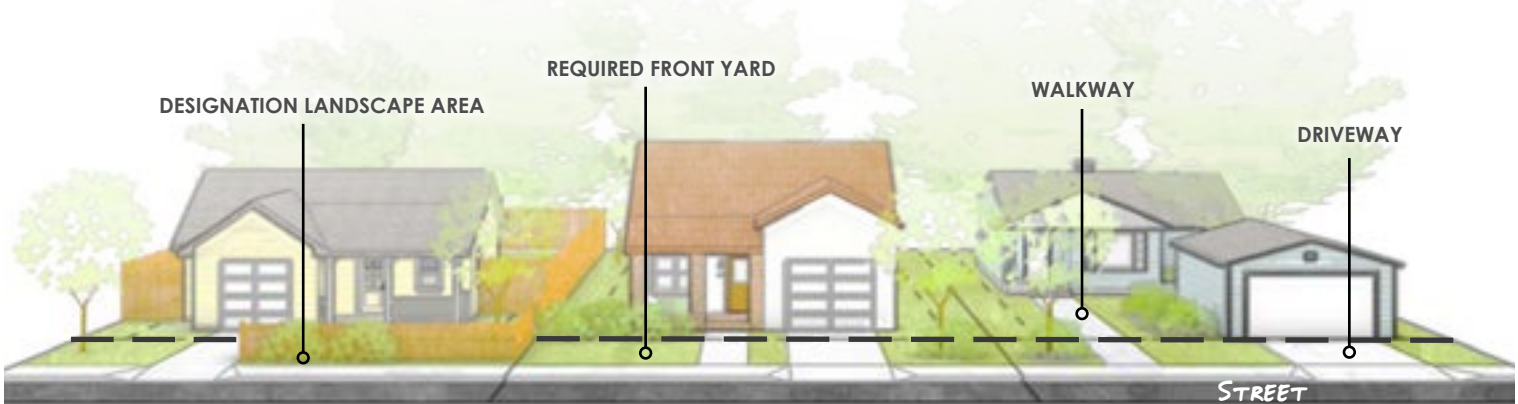
## Common Code Questions:

# Front Yard Paving Maximum

## “How much of my front yard can I pave?”

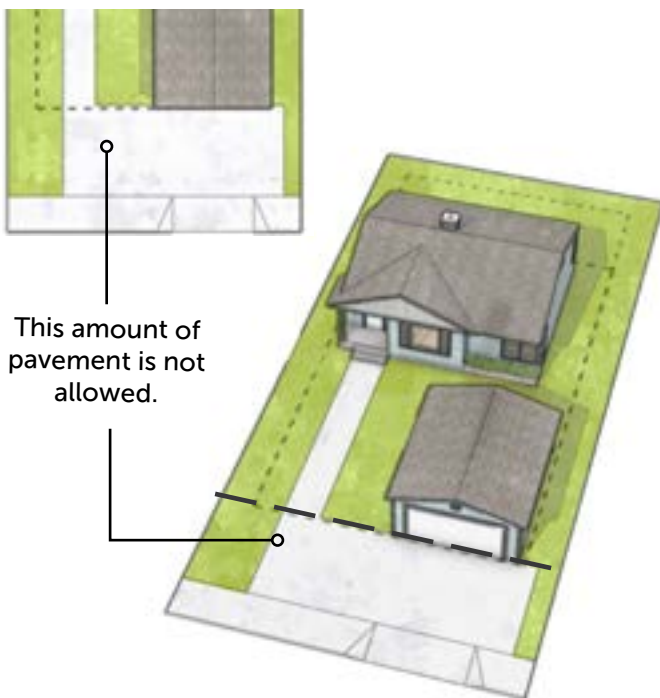
Required front yards (the area extending along the street and the required distance per zoning) must be landscaped. At least 75% of the designated landscape area must be covered with live plants; driveways and walkways are excluded from this calculation, however, the paved area in the Required Front Yard cannot exceed 50%.

[HMC Sec. 10-1.204\(h.1.b\)](#)



### NOT ALLOWED:

The illustration below shows a front yard area that has too large of a paved area (**over 50%**)



### ALLOWED:

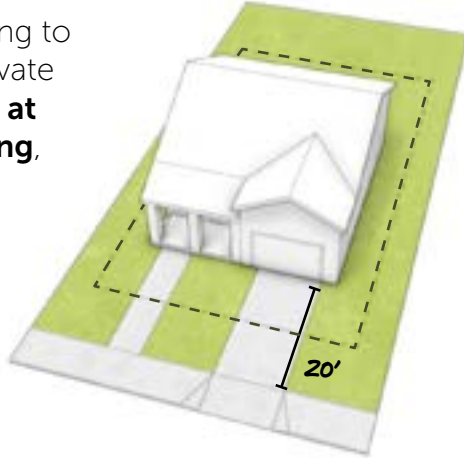
The illustration below shows a front yard that is mostly landscaped, and has an acceptable size of paved area (**less than 50%**)



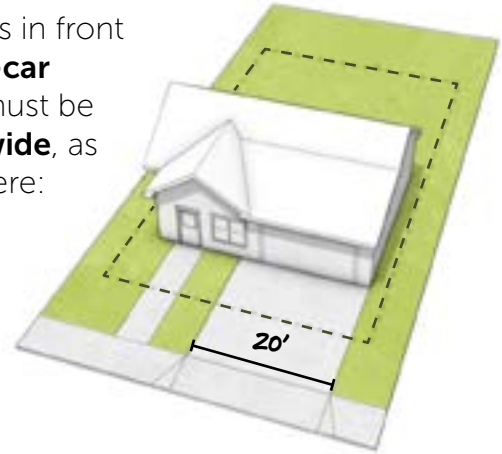
*\*The depth of the Required Front Yard is determined by your property's zoning.*

## What Size Can My Driveway Be?

Driveways leading to an enclosed private garage must be **at least 20 feet long**, as shown here:



Driveways in front of a **two-car garage** must be **20 feet wide**, as shown here:



### Other Notes:

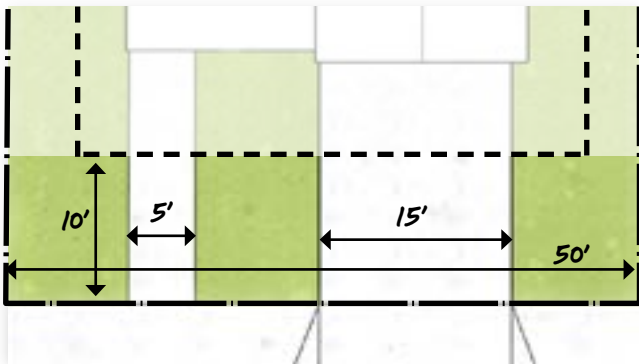
- Driveways providing access to three-car garages shall be between 20 and 26 feet wide.
- Driveways at least 16 feet wide, constructed prior to January 23, 2024, shall be considered legal non-conforming.

[HMC Sec. 10-2.623](#)

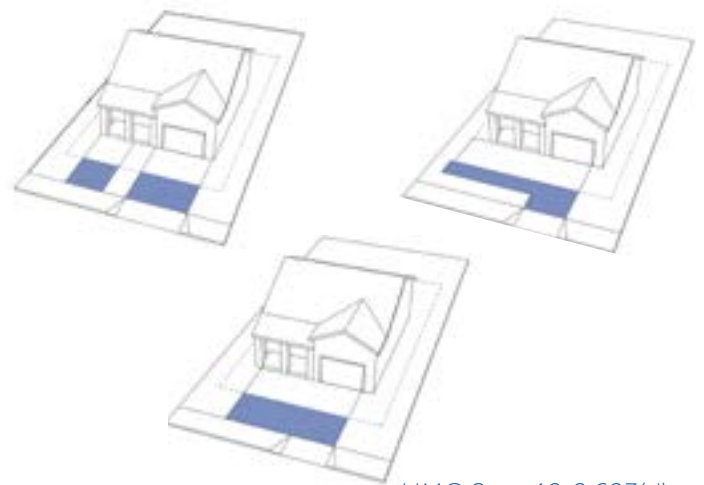
## Private Driveway Standards

The combined driveway and paving surface area shall not exceed a **maximum of 50%** of the required front yard area.

What does **50% coverage** look like?



Required Front Yard:	Paved Area:	Coverage:
10 ft depth	5 ft x 10 ft	$\frac{200 \text{ SF paved area}}{500 \text{ total area}}$
x 50 ft width	+ 15 ft x 10 ft	
= 500 SF total area	= 200 SF paved area	= 40% coverage ✓



[HMC Sec. 10-2.623\(d\)](#)

## Variable Site Conditions

Other conditions may apply. For more information, talk to the City of Hayward Planning Division or reference the Hayward Municipal Code [Section 10-1.204](#).

## WHAT IS MY ZONING?

To find your zoning, visit <https://webmap.hayward-ca.gov/>. Or, scan the QR code (right).

