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The purpose of this bulletin is to identify the amount of the right-of-way drainage swale that may be paved by the abutting private property owner. The following options apply only to those roadways without curbs and/or gutters.

1. The width of a standard driveway approach shall match the width of the improved driveway on private property as shown on City of Miami Engineering Standards for Design and Construction, Misc. 35-85-40, 40A or 40B.
2. In the event that the width of the private driveway is equal to or less than 66 percent of the total linear footage width of the abutting owner's private property, the property owner may, subject to approval of the Public Works Director or his designee and upon issuance of a standard driveway construction permit, pave the right-of-way drainage swale between the edge of road pavement and face of sidewalk (proposed face of sidewalk where sidewalk does not exist) up to a maximum of 66 percent of the total linear footage width of the abutting owners private property. The driveway approach shall be included in the 66 percent calculation. Said paving shall be in accordance with City of Miami Engineering Standards for Design and Construction, Misc. 35-85-40, 40A or 40B. The remaining 34 percent of the right-of-way drainage swale shall be graded and sodded to provide roadway drainage. The installation of markings, fencing or other devices to delineate or restrict use of the paved area shall be prohibited. The property owner shall be responsible for any improvements or modifications that the Public Works Director or his designee may require as a condition of approval.
3. Proposed paving of the drainage swale area with impervious materials in an amount greater than 66 percent is prohibited.