

# The Basics of Right of Way

An overview of the role of right-of-way for a community for advance planning and ongoing zoning and aesthetic concerns.

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Right-of-way (ROW) is important to all of your developments. There are practical and aesthetic considerations that are unique to your municipality. Different areas of the city require different approaches.

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## I'm new to this – I don't even know what right-of-way (ROW) is

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- The right-of-way (ROW) is the paved street and usually about five to ten feet on either side
- The ROW contains the paved portion of the street used for vehicular travel, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and space for the installation of utilities, including water, sewer, electric, gas, and telecommunications (including cable and internet).
- Development considerations will be based on public health, safety, and welfare concerns and aesthetics.

## Legal considerations

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- City ordinances and policies
- State law
- Federal law

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