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The Driveway Paving Planning Guide

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Asphalt vs. Concrete

Asphalt

- ☐ Lower upfront cost per square foot
- ☐ Handles freeze-thaw cycles well due to flexibility
- ☐ Needs resealing every 2-3 years, lasts 15-20 years

Concrete

- ☐ Higher upfront cost, but lasts 30+ years well-maintained
- ☐ More finish and color options for a premium look
- ☐ Can crack without proper control joints in some climates

What a Fair Quote Includes

Must be in writing

- ☐ Exact measured area dimensions, not a rough estimate
- ☐ Material type and thickness in inches
- ☐ Base preparation details (grading, compaction)

Don't skip these

- ☐ Drainage plan for water runoff
- ☐ Written timeline and any warranty terms
- ☐ At least two quotes before deciding

HOA & Permit Checklist

Before you start

- ☐ Check HOA covenants for material/color restrictions
- ☐ Confirm whether your municipality requires a paving permit
- ☐ Commercial lots: check ADA and stormwater requirements

Avoid costly delays

- ☐ Ask your contractor if they handle permit filing
- ☐ Get all approvals before signing a final contract
- ☐ Confirm any right-of-way impact with your city

Ready to see your project cost?

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