# FINDING ROW

Tips and tricks for determining the right of way.

The right of way (ROW) is the area owned and/or controlled by the City and typically includes the street surface, sidewalks, and grassy areas between pavement and property lines. The boundaries of the ROW will vary depending on the physical conditions at any given location.

# Define the property lines.

Property surveys and property deeds may be used for an **exact assessment** of property lines.

#### **Monuments**

Monuments are permanently placed survey markers that may vary in size, shape, and material. Monuments indicate property boundaries.







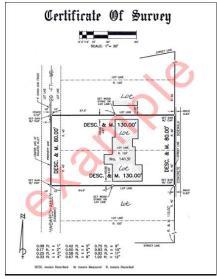






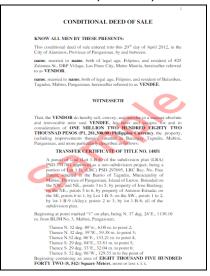
#### **Property Survey**

A property survey - typically provided during the purchase of a home - provides a visual rendering of property lines, surrounding landmarks, and measurements. Only professional surveyors can provide an official property survey. A current property survey is required for legal disputes with neighboring properties.



## **Property Deed**

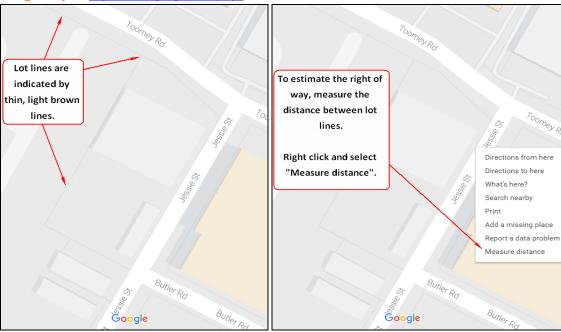
A property deed - typically provided during the purchase of a home - provides a verbal description of property lines, surrounding landmarks, and measurements. Only the county assessor's office can provide an official property deed.



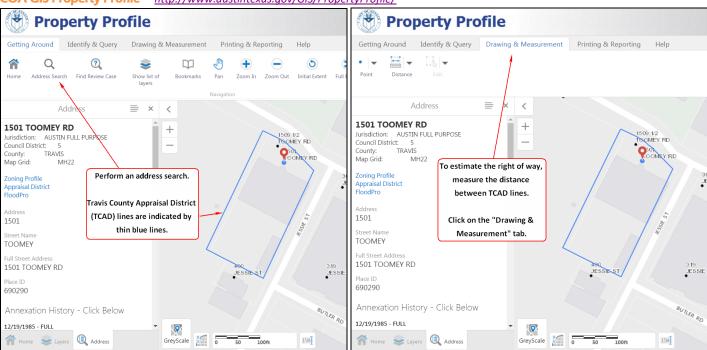
# Estimate the property lines.

Various tools and methods may be used for an approximation of property lines.

Google Maps <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a>



COA GIS Property Profile <a href="http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/PropertyProfile/">http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/PropertyProfile/</a>



## **Driveway Indicators**

Driveway expansion joints typically mark property lines. Alternatively, where concrete meets asphalt may also serve to mark property lines.



### **Temporary Survey Flags**

Pink survey flags indicate a surveyor's initial assessment of property lines.



#### Curbs and Sidewalks

Measurements behind curb or sidewalk may provide a rough calculation of where property lines lie.





## **Utility Poles**

Measurements behind utility poles may provide a rough calculation of where property lines lie.



# Reference the City of Austin's Code of Ordinances.

City of Austin's Code of Ordinances defines and outlines the process for reservation, dedication, and maintenance of the right of way.

<u>Title 14</u> , chapters 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 – Use of Streets and Public Property	<u>Title 15</u> , chapters 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 – Utility Regulations
<u>Title 30</u> , chapters 1, 3, 4 – Austin/Travis County Subdivision Regulations	<u>Title 10, chapter 5</u> – Miscellaneous Public Health Regulations
<u>Title 6, chapter 3</u> – Trees and Vegetation	<u>Title 25, chapter 6</u> – Transportation