Driveway Contractor Hiring Checklist

Use it to compare quotes and vet anyone before they pour. Oklahoma has no state license for concrete contractors, so these checks do that job.

BEFORE ANYONE COMES OUT

- [ ] Take photos of the whole drive and close-ups with a tape measure for scale
- [ ] Note what changed and when: after rain, after a truck, slowly over years
- [ ] Measure the drive (length × width) so you can compare quotes per square foot
- [ ] Check where downspouts and runoff go

VETTING THE CONTRACTOR

- [ ] Certificate of general liability insurance sent from the insurer, in the business name
- [ ] Business registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State under the quoted name
- [ ] Can pull the city right-of-way permit if the approach is included (OKC Code §50-117)
- [ ] Gives a written, itemized quote, not one number
- [ ] No pressure to sign today, no large cash deposit, no "leftover concrete" pitch

WHAT THE QUOTE SHOULD SAY

- [ ] Price per square foot and the measured area
- [ ] Slab thickness: 5 in. with thickened edges for a drive
- [ ] Concrete: 4,000–4,500 psi, air-entrained, in writing
- [ ] Base: soft clay dug out; 4–6 in. compacted crushed stone
- [ ] Reinforcement: #3 rebar on chairs; dowels into any concrete that stays
- [ ] Joints: saw-cut within 24 h, about 10 ft apart; ½ in. expansion joints at garage and street
- [ ] Curing compound, and no cars for 7 days
- [ ] Tear-out, haul-off and cleanup included
- [ ] Permit line if the job reaches the street; Okie811 locate before digging
- [ ] Payment schedule and how changes are approved

ON THE DAY

- [ ] Forms set to drain water toward the street, away from the garage
- [ ] Rebar sitting up on chairs, not lying on the dirt
- [ ] Joints cut the next day at the latest
- [ ] Curing compound sprayed after finishing