

CITY OF COOS BAY

Resolution 21-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY, COOS COUNTY, OREGON ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REDUCED STREET CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN STANDARDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coos Bay regulates the design and construction of public and private streets through ordinances, resolutions, and plans; and

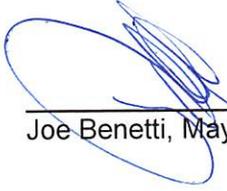
**WHEREAS**, the Coos Bay City Council finds that the street standards set by said ordinances, resolutions and plans may not be practicable or achievable in some circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate certain street projects the city has developed a document titled, *Policy for Reducing Street Construction & Design Standards* to authorize staff to consider deviation from the city's street construction and design standards on a case-by-case basis; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting the *Policy for Reducing Street Construction & Design Standards* document will provide city staff guidance when considering deviation from certain street construction and design standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Coos Bay, Coos County Oregon hereby adopts the document titled, *Policy for Reducing Street Construction & Design Standards*.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder

# Policy for Reducing Street Construction & Design Standards

## Background

Current construction and design standards for a residential road require 28' to 36' of pavement that includes two 10' travel lanes plus room to accommodate parking on one or both sides of the street. Curb and 5' sidewalk is also required on each side of the street. These standards may be difficult to meet due to topography, existing utilities, cost, and other variables. In an effort to provide economical, sensible, and safe, street access to new and existing development and thereby enhance the local economy, the Coos Bay City Council desires to provide city staff the flexibility to approve deviation from the city's street construction and design standards. Per this policy, city staff may consider deviations to street construction and design standards found in any title of the Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC), city Transportation System Plan, or city resolution (e.g. resolution 16-04).

Applicants' requests for deviation to standards should follow the format outlined in CBMC18.10.060, Design exceptions. If deemed necessary by city staff, city staff may require applicants requesting deviation to street construction and design standards to provide plans and or reports prepared by an Oregon licensed engineer. The applicant shall be responsible for the cost of said engineering plans and or reports. Typically, deviation to street construction and design standards will be limited (but not exclusively) to residential streets and only to those serving 50 or less single family residences.

Some suggested minimum standards:

- Paved width no less than 12' (however recommend no less than 20')
- Provide 5' wide gravel shoulders
- Minimum 2" paved surface
- Minimum 6" of aggregate base
- No curb, gutter, or sidewalk
- No deviation to hammerhead or bulb turnaround standards
- Install "No Parking" signs
- Strategically located 25' x 8' turnouts at approximately 200' intervals

When considering deviations to current standards and the minimum standards suggested in this policy, city staff will at a minimum consider public safety, impacts to adjacent properties, street drainage, existing utilities, and expected/existing traffic load.

## Definitions

"City Staff" means the Coos Bay City Manager, Fire Chief, and Public Works Director who together are authorized to permit deviation to city street construction and standards.