

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR REVIEW OF PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP PRIVATE STREETS AND REQUESTS TO ACCEPT PRIVATE STREETS FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO AMEND APPROPRIATE ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE THAT PRIVATE STREETS MEET PUBLIC STREET STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, certain roadways within the City have been built and maintained as private streets which may or may not meet the standards for right-of-way and construction applied to public streets; and,

WHEREAS, the use of private streets has been permitted as a means of introducing flexibility into the City's development regulations and innovation in development styles; and,

WHEREAS, requests are made of the City to accept private streets into the public street network for ownership and maintenance after having been built and surrounding property developed; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the City Council adopt the following policy to provide direction concerning requests to accept existing private streets for public ownership and maintenance; and concerning proposals to develop private streets in the future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: Construction and development of private streets shall meet the standards and specifications of public streets as set forth in the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Abilene, regarding right-of-way width, paving, and quality of construction.

PART 2: Staff shall proceed with amending appropriate ordinances to require that private streets developed in the future shall meet the same standards as required of public streets as stipulated in the Subdivision Regulations.

PART 3: Private streets existing at the time this resolution is adopted, except those private streets in mobile home parks, may be dedicated to the City of Abilene by subdivision plat or deed, but preferably by subdivision plat.


PART 4: Individual requests for acceptance of private streets shall be taken to the City Council for final determination. The Public Works Director, the Planning Director, and the Traffic and Transportation Director shall collectively make a recommendation to the City Council concerning each individual request based on the criteria for acceptance of private streets as set forth in Attachment "A" of this resolution.

PART 5: That this resolution shall take effect from and immediately after its adoption.

ADOPTED this 24th day of April, A.D., 1986.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY

  
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MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

ATTACHMENT "A"

Staff recommended criteria for acceptance of private streets:

- A. Paving, curb and gutter were installed with design, materials and methods of construction equivalent to City standards. Necessary documentation and testing to establish equivalency shall be provided by the proponent to satisfy this point. If private streets do not meet at least minimum construction standards as set out above, City staff will recommend reconstruction of the street at the property owner's expense as a condition of acceptance.
- B. Right-of-way and paving widths shall be comparable to standards set forth for public streets within the Subdivision Regulations according to the particular classification of the street.
- C. All private improvements not normally permitted within the public right-of-way shall be removed or shall be covered by a street use license before acceptance.