

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

**DEPARTMENT:** DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
**AGENDA DATE:** INTRODUCTION – NOVEMBER 14, 2006  
PUBLIC HEARING – NOVEMBER 28, 2006  
**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** R. ALAN SHUBERT, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/(915) 541-4557  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** ALL

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE** a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

An Ordinance amending Title 19 (Subdivisions), Chapter 19.04 (General Provisions) of the El Paso City Code by amending Subsection 19.04.040 in order to amend the definition of "Block"; Chapter 19.16 (Improvement Standards and Design Principles) of the El Paso City Code by amending Subsection 19.16.020b.1.B.Iv. (Streets) in order to add optional Right-Of-Way width and cross-section requirements for a major residential access street; amending Subsection 19.16.020b.1.C.Iv. (Streets) in order to add optional Right-Of-Way width and cross-section requirements for a residential subcollector street; and amending Section 3 (Streets) of the Subdivision Improvement Design Standards, Appendix A of Title 19 of the El Paso City Code to add the cross-section of the major residential access street option and residential subcollector street option. The penalty being as provided in Section 19.04.190 of the El Paso City Code.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action?

Ordinance amending Street Cross Sections.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? If so, when?

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 19 (SUBDIVISIONS), CHAPTER 19.04 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 19.04.040 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "BLOCK"; CHAPTER 19.16 (IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 19.16.020B.1.B.IV. (STREETS) IN ORDER TO ADD OPTIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH AND CROSS-SECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR RESIDENTIAL ACCESS STREET; AMENDING SUBSECTION 19.16.020B.1.C.IV. (STREETS) IN ORDER TO ADD OPTIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH AND CROSS-SECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR A RESIDENTIAL SUBCOLLECTOR STREET; AND AMENDING SECTION 3 (STREETS) OF THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT DESIGN STANDARDS, APPENDIX A OF TITLE 19 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO ADD THE CROSS-SECTION OF THE MAJOR RESIDENTIAL ACCESS STREET OPTION AND RESIDENTIAL SUBCOLLECTOR STREET OPTION. THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 19.04.190 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

WHEREAS, Title 19 (the "Subdivision Ordinance") of the El Paso City Code (the "Code") was adopted to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Ordinance helps guide the physical development of the community by promoting orderly and healthful design, and particularly, by providing adequate public facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Code sets forth the right-of-way and cross-section requirements for all streets proposed within new developments; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the Code to provide the greatest flexibility in subdivision design, while still protecting the public health, safety and welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Development Coordinating Committee and the City Plan Commission have reviewed and recommend the adoption of the amendments as herein enumerated; and,

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council finds that the adoption of these amendments will further protect and provide for the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community, and will carry out the purpose and spirit of the policies expressed in *The Plan for El Paso*,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**Section 1.** That Title 19 (Subdivisions), Chapter 19.04 (General Provisions), Subsection 19.04.040 (Definitions) of the El Paso City Code shall be amended to delete the definition of "Block" in its entirety and be replaced with the following language:

"Block" means a unit of land bounded by streets or by a combination of streets and public land, railroad rights-of-way, waterways, or any other barrier to the continuity of development, measured from outside property line to outside property line.

**Section 2.** That Title 19 (Subdivisions), Chapter 19.16 (Streets), Subsection 19.16.020B.1.b.iv. (Street Hierarchy) of the El Paso City Code shall be and hereby is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

"iv. The total right-of-way width for a major residential access street may consist of either of the two following cross-section options:

- (A) The total right-of-way width shall consist of forty-four feet (44'), which shall include the following cross-section:
  - (1) Two ten-foot (10') driving lanes;
  - (2) One eight-foot (8') parking lane;
  - (3) Two eight-foot (8') parkways;
  - (4) Two four-foot (4') sidewalks shall be located within the parkway;
  - (5) Standard curbing.
  
- (B) The total right-of-way width shall consist of a minimum of thirty-four feet to forty-one feet (34'-41'), which shall include the following cross-section, except as provided below:
  - (1) Two nine-foot (9') driving lanes;
  - (2) One seven-foot (7') parking lane;
  - (3) Two four and one-half to eight-foot (4.5'-8') parkways;
  - (4) Two four-foot (4') sidewalks shall be located within the parkway;
  - (5) Standard curbing;
  - (6) If the major residential access street terminates in a cul-de-sac, "Y" cul-de-sac, turning heel curve, single or dual eyebrow cul-de-sac or "T" cul-de-sac, then the total width of the driving lanes shall measure no less than twenty feet (20'), with an outside radius of a minimum of forty-seven feet (47') and an inside radius of thirty feet (30').
  - (7) Exception:
    - i. If the major residential access street abuts a block with a length of five hundred feet (500') or greater, and the density of the entire block exceeds twenty-four (24) dwelling units, then the total right-of-way width shall conform to the width and cross-section as stated in subsection (A) above or any higher street classification cross-section."

**Section 3.** That Title 19 (Subdivisions), Chapter 19.16 (Streets), Subsection 19.16.020B.1.c.iv. (Street Hierarchy) of the El Paso City Code shall be and hereby is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

“iv. The total right-of-way width for a residential subcollector street may consist of either of the two following cross-section options:

(A) The total right-of-way width shall consist of fifty-two feet (52’), which shall include the following cross-section:

- (1) Two ten-foot (10’) driving lanes;
- (2) Two eight-foot (8’) parking lanes;
- (3) Two eight-foot (8’) parkways;
- (4) Two four-foot (4’) sidewalks shall be located within the parkway;
- (5) Standard curbing; or

(B) The total right-of-way width shall consist of forty-one to forty-eight-feet (41’-48’), which shall include the following cross-section, except as provided below:

- (1) Two nine-foot (9’) driving lanes;
- (2) Two seven-foot (7’) parking lanes;
- (3) Two four and one-half to eight-foot (4.5’-8’) parkways;
- (4) Two four-foot (4’) sidewalks shall be located within the parkway;
- (5) Standard curbing;
- (6) If the residential subcollector street terminates in a cul-de-sac, “Y” cul-de-sac, turning heel curve, single or dual eyebrow cul-de-sac or “T” cul-de-sac, then the total width of the driving lanes shall measure no less than twenty feet (20’), with an outside radius of a minimum of forty-seven feet (47’) and an inside radius of thirty feet (30’).

(7) Exception:

- i. If the residential subcollector street abuts a block with a length of five hundred feet (500’) or greater, and the density of the entire block exceeds twenty-four (24) dwelling units, then the total right-of-way width shall conform to the width and cross-section as stated in subsection (A) above or any higher street classification cross-section.”

**Section 4.** That Section 3 (Streets) of the Subdivision Improvement Design Standards, Appendix A of the Title 19 of the El Paso City Code shall be amended to add the cross-section of the Major Residential Access Street Option, as shown on Exhibit “A”, attached and incorporated by reference; and further amended to add the cross-section of the Residential Subcollector Street Option, as shown on Exhibit “B”, attached and incorporated by reference.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall be effective upon passage by the El Paso City Council and apply to all applications submitted under Title 19 on or after such date, except as may be provided for by Chapter 245 of the Texas Local Government Code or separate agreement.

**Section 6.** Except as herein amended, Title 19 (Subdivisions) of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Hillary S. McGinnes  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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R. Alan Shubert, P.E., C.B.O.  
Development Services Director