



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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 19 (SUBDIVISIONS), CHAPTER 19.15 (ROADWAYS), SECTION 19.15.060 (STREET STANDARDS), SECTION 19.15.090 (CUL-DE-SAC STREETS), AND SECTION 19.15.110 (STREET WIDTH AND DESIGN) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE ROAD DESIGN. THE PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 19.42 OF THE CITY OF EL PASO CITY CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, Title 19 (Subdivisions) 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**, City Council has determined that alternative road designs meeting certain specified criteria should also be allowed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Plan Commission has recommended approval of the amendments, and the El Paso City Council finds that the amendments proposed herein will further protect and provide for the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community, and

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

**Section 1.** That Title 19, Subdivisions, Chapter 19.15 (Roadways), of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

1. Section 19.15.060 (Street standards), Subsection K (Street Grades and Horizontal Curves), of the El Paso City Code is amended as follows:

K. Street Grades and Horizontal Curves. Minimum and maximum street grades and horizontal curves will conform to standards set forth in the DSC and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

2. Section 19.15.090 (Cul-de-sac Streets), Table 19.15-1: Width for Cul-de-sac Streets for Certain Activities, of the El Paso City Code is amended as follows:

Table 19.15-1: Width for Cul-de-sac Streets for Certain Activities

TABLE INSET:

Activity Served	Paving Width*	Right-of-way Width	Additional Requirements
Less than 12 dwellings	32'	50'	300' maximum length

1-25 dwellings	36'	54'	600' maximum length - Single-family, duplex only**
Nonresidential Zoning Districts (except as otherwise specified)	36'	52'	300' maximum length
Heavy Commercial District and Industrial Districts	40'	60'	300' maximum length

\* Measured from the front of adjoining curbs.

\*\* Cul-de-sacs (dead end streets) serving triplex, quadraplex and higher density multifamily uses shall be discouraged. Exceptions may be granted by the CPC where no alternative exists and meeting the Heavy Commercial Standard or in infill development situations.

3. Section 19.15.110 (Street width and design), Subsection A (Pavement Widths and Rights-of-Way), is amended as follows:

A. Pavement Widths and Rights-of-Way. Pavement widths and design and rights-of-way shall be as follows provided that for Local 2, Local 3 or Local 4, the subdivision also meets the applicable block length requirements of 19.15.080 and connectivity index in 19.15.050:

4. Section 19.15.110 (Street width and design), Table 19.15-3: Widths/Design Required by Street Type, of the El Paso City Code is amended as follows:

Street Type		Minimum Right-of-Way Width*	Min. Utility Right-of-Way Width*	Minimum Paving Width*	Median Width	Design Requirements	Sidewalk Required (See Section 19.21)	Additional Requirements
Arterial	Minor	76'/86'	9'/14'	44'+ 14' turn lane	14'	The minimum centerline radius shall be sufficient to accommodate a design speed of 45 miles per hour. All arterials shall have an improved median unless an exception is granted due to existing conditions or traffic issues	Yes, 5 ft on property line or 10' hike/bike 5' walk on Boulevard	Roadways designated on City or MPO Bike Plan shall comply with DSC cross section including bike facilities.
	Major	98'/108'	9'/14'	66'+ 14' turn lanes	14'			Roadways designated on City or MPO Bike Plan shall comply with DSC cross section including bike facilities.
	Boulevard	96'	9'	62'	8'/8'			Roadways designated on City or MPO Bike Plan shall comply with DSC cross section including bike facilities.
Collector	Residential	54'	9'	36'	14' Option	Additional right-of-way and paving width may be required on approaches to collectors, arterial streets and freeways. The minimum centerline radius shall have a design speed of 35 miles per hour.	Yes, 5 ft on property line	Roadways designated on City or MPO Bike Plan shall comply with DSC cross section including bike facilities.
	Non-residential 4 lanes	68'/80'	9'	50'/62'	12'			Roadways designated on City or MPO Bike Plan shall comply with DSC cross section including bike facilities.
Local	Multifamily, Commercial, Industrial	54'/62'	9'	36'/44'	NA	The minimum centerline radius shall have a design speed of 30 miles per hour except for L-shaped (90°) intersections		Roadways designated on City or MPO Bike Plan shall comply with DSC cross section including bike facilities.
Local, Single Family	Local 1	54'	9'	36'		The minimum centerline radius shall have a design speed of 30 miles per hour on a Local 1 and 25 miles per hour on a local 2, 3, or 4 except for L-shaped (90°) intersections.	Yes, 5 ft on property line	If estimated daily traffic volume exceeds 2,000 traffic-calming measures may be required subject to approval by City Manager or designee.
	Local 2	46'	9'	28'	NA			Blocks shall be less than or equal to 640 feet in length. Facing lots shall be 45 feet or wider with two car driveways minimum 18 feet in width or with rear entry from alleys.
	Local 3	50'	9'	32'	NA			NA
	Local 4	48'	9'	30'	NA			Blocks shall be less than or equal to 640 feet in length.
	Lane	38'	9'	20'	NA			Lanes may be used where the block length is less than or equal to 400' and the lots are greater than 20,000 square feet and driveways are minimum 18 feet in width.

\* Minimum Right of Way, Utility, and Paving Width Standards: Paving Width: Measured to face of adjoining curbs. Boulevard arterials, residential and nonresidential collectors and multifamily streets may be utilized for angle parking provided additional right-of-way is provided so that all other measurements in this table are met. Minimum Utility Right-of-Way Width: Where all public and private utilities are required or provided within street right-of-way. This is the minimum combination width behind the curb of the right-of-way and any easements. More may be required if additional utilities are to be provided. (See Section 19.14.020, Utility location policies.) Intersections: ROW at intersections shall be flared to accommodate the exclusive right turn lanes and other improvements as required in the TIA or as shown in the typicals in the DSC. On major and minor arterials, the flaring shall also accommodate 24 foot medians to provide for future dual left turn lanes.

**Section 2.** Except as herein amended, Title 19, Subdivisions, of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009**

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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City Clerk

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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
PLANNING DIVISION**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 10, 2009  
**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager  
**FROM:** Eduardo Garcia, Lead Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Title 19 Amendments

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The City Plan Commission (CPC) on September 10, 2009 **recommended approval of the amendments to Title 19.**

The CPC determined that the Title 19 Amendments protects the best interest, health, safety and welfare of the public in general; and that the Amendments will have no effect on the natural environment, social economic conditions, and property values in the vicinity and the city as a whole.



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