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SECTION 4

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Work under this section includes, but is not limited to, the design and construction of all streets, curbing and sidewalks which shall become part of the City of Claremont's street system.
- B. Unless otherwise provided herein, all materials and street construction methods shall conform to the applicable requirements contained in the "Standard Specification for Roads and Structures", latest edition, as published by the NCDOT.

1.02 DESIGN CRITERIA

A. General

- 1. Street design shall conform to the standards set forth in A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets as published by AASHTO, the City's Subdivision Ordinance, Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures as published by the NCDOT, Roadway Design Manual as published by the NCDOT and the requirements outlined herein.

B. Pavement & Right-of-Way Widths

- 1. Minimum street widths are shown in the City's Subdivision Ordinance and the Standard Details. The City may require additional widening and related work as deemed necessary to provide for the safety and quality of roadway for the traveling public. The widths shall not be less than the following taken from the City's Ordinance:

Rural

(i) Principal Arterial Freeways	350
(ii) Other Freeways	200
(iii) Minor Arterial	100
(iv) Major Collector	100
(v) Minor Collector	70
(vi) Local Road	60

Minimum Right-of-Way, Feet

Urban

(i) Major thoroughfare other than freeway and expressway	100
(ii) Minor thoroughfare	80
(iii) Neighborhood street	60
(iv) Cul-de-sac*	

* The distance from the edge of the pavement of the turnaround to the right-of-way line shall not be less than the distance from the edge of the pavement to the right-of-way line on the street approaching the turnaround, as seen in Detail R.4.06.

The subdivider will only be required to dedicate a maximum of 100 feet of right-of-way. In cases where over 100 feet of right-of-way is desired, the subdivider will be required only to reserve the amount in excess of 100 feet. In all cases in which right-of-way is sought for an access controlled facility, the subdivider will only be required to make a reservation.

2. Widths for street and road classifications other than local shall be as required by the thoroughfare plan. Width for local roads and streets shall be as follows:

Road Type	W/Curb and Gutter Feet	W/O Curb and Gutter
Local residential	26	22 w/6 foot shoulder
Residential collector	34	curb & gutter required
Cul-de-sac	60 foot radius	60 foot radius

3. Cul-de-sac
 - a. Permanent dead end streets are prohibited except when required by extreme topography, water or other natural features. When permitted, no dead end street shall be longer than 500 feet or provide access to more than 12 lots. Measurement shall be from the point where the center line of the dead end street intersects with the center of a through street to the center of the turnaround of the cul-de-sac.
 - b. Cul-de-sacs should not be used to avoid connection with an existing street or to avoid the extension of an important street.
4. Bridges
 - a. Bridges shall be designed in accordance with NCDOT requirements and shall be subject to the approval of the City.

5. Alleys

- a. The right-of-way width of an alley shall be 20 feet and the pavement width shall be 12 feet.
- b. Deadend alleys shall be avoided where possible, but if unavoidable, shall be provided with adequate turnaround facilities at the deadend as may be recommended by the Planning Board and approved by the City Council.
- c. Alleys shall be required to serve lots used for commercial and industrial purposes except that this requirement may be waived where other definite and assured provision is made for service access.

C. Grades

1. Unless necessitated by exceptional topography and approved by the City, street grades shall meet grades included within the Subdivision Ordinance and shall not exceed 12 percent, nor be less than 1/2 percent, on any street, unless specific conditions are met within the Subdivision Ordinance.
2. Grades approaching intersections shall not exceed 5 percent for a distance of not less than 100 feet from the right-of-way of such intersection unless otherwise approved by the City.
3. All changes in street grade shall be connected by vertical curves of at least 100 feet, or calculated by use of Standard Detail R-4.07.
4. Sharp alignment or grade changes shall be avoided.

D. Radii of Curvature

1. Where a street centerline deflection of more than five (5) degrees occurs, a curve shall be introduced with the minimum centerline radius as shown in Standard Detail R-4.07.
2. At intersections, all streets and commercial driveways shall be rounded with an edge of pavement or face of curb radii not less than the following:
 - a. Thoroughfares 50 feet
 - b. Collectors 40 feet
 - c. Residential 30 feet

E. Tangents

1. A centerline tangent of not less than 100 feet shall be provided between reverse curves on all streets. Reverse curves on super-elevated streets shall have a sufficient centerline tangent to accommodate entry and exit run-out, but not less than 100 feet.

F. Sight Triangle

1. A sight triangle easement shall be provided at all intersections. No obstructions 30-inches higher than the elevation of the roadway's centerline intersection shall be allowed in the sight triangle.
2. Sight triangle easements shall not be less than 10 feet by 70 feet. The 10-foot dimension shall be the setback from the right-of-way of the major street, and the 70-foot dimension shall be measured along the right-of-way of the major street.
3. Sight triangle distances shall be increased by the City if appropriate for traffic conditions and speed limits.
4. Sight triangle easements shall be shown on the final plat for the developed tract.

G. Pavement Design

1. The pavement design thickness shown in the Standard Details shall be considered as the minimum design requirements.
2. If soil conditions and/or projected traffic volumes warrants, the City may require a pavement design in excess of the minimum requirements.
3. If the Design Engineer believes that a more economical pavement design may be provided without sacrificing the structural integrity or 15-year design life of the pavement, an alternate pavement design based on actual Soil Support Values as determined by California Bearing Ratio (CBR) or other acceptable method may be proposed. All design data, sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed by the State of North Carolina must be submitted to the City for review and approval.

H. Curb and Gutter, Sidewalks

1. Curb and gutter, where required, shall be standard 30-inch combination curb and gutter unless otherwise approved by the City. Upon the approval of the City, 24- inch curb and gutter may be permitted.
2. Sidewalks shall be a minimum of 5 feet wide. The minimum thickness of a sidewalk shall be 4-inches except where the sidewalk crosses a driveway, in which case it shall be 6-inches thick. Sidewalks shall have a uniform slope perpendicular to the curb of not greater than 1/4-inch per foot toward the roadway. The utility strip between the sidewalk and the back of curb shall not slope less than 1/2-inch per foot or greater than 3/4-inch per foot toward the roadway.
3. All sidewalks and ramps shall meet the current Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

1.03 REFERENCES

- A. The latest revision of the publications listed below form a part of this specification.
 - 1. N.C. Department of Transportation – Specification for Roads and Structures
 - 2. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
 - a. C39 Test for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Test Specimens
 - b. C94 Ready Mixed Concrete
 - 3. American Concrete Institute (ACI)

1.04 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit the following to the City of Claremont and obtain approval from the City's Public Works Department prior to beginning work:
 - 1. Affidavit of Compliance: Affidavit shall attest that supplied products conform to the referenced standard and this specification and that tests set forth in each applicable referenced publication have been performed and that test requirements have been met. Submit for the each of the following materials:
 - a. Asphalt concrete
 - b. Aggregate Base Course
 - c. Concrete
 - d. Structural Fabric
 - 2. Test Reports:
 - a. Concrete Tests: Report for 7-day and 28-day concrete compressive strengths.

1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Contractors must be licensed by the N.C. Licensing Board for General Contractors and have a classification and a cost limitation appropriate for the work to be performed.

1.06 WARRANTY

- A. Unless otherwise required, all materials and workmanship shall have a one-year warranty from the date of final acceptance by the City. A warranty inspection will be made jointly by the City and Contractor/Developer approximately eleven (11) months after acceptance to identify needed repairs. All labor, equipment and materials needed to make these repairs shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

PART 2 ALLOWABLE PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS

2.01 GENERAL

- A. All materials used in the construction of new streets, curb and gutter and sidewalks shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the NCDOT's "Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures" and the requirements contained herein.

B. Materials and Mixes

1. Asphalt Concrete Base Course - Type B-25.0B: Conforming to materials and compositions required in NCDOT Section 610, Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Pavements. If approved use by the City as a base material, a minimum compacted thickness of 4-inches is required.
2. Tack Coat: Conforming to materials and compositions required in NCDOT Section 605, Asphalt Tack Coat
3. Asphalt Concrete Surface Course - Type SF9.5A: Conforming to materials and composition required in NCDOT Section 610, Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Pavements. For higher traffic volumes, an alternate surface mixture such as S9.5B may be required by the City. Minimum thickness of surface course shall be 2-inches.
4. Concrete for Curb and Gutter, and Sidewalks: Conforming to materials and composition required in NCDOT Section 846, Concrete Curb, Curb and Gutter, Concrete Gutter, Shoulder Berm Gutter, Concrete Expressway Gutter, Concrete Valley Gutter and Concrete Flumes, and Section 848, Concrete Sidewalks and Driveways and Wheelchair Ramps.
5. Base Course: Aggregate base course shall comply with requirements of NCDOT Section 520, Aggregate Base Course. If used as a base material, a minimum compacted thickness of 8-inches is required.
6. Structural Fabric: Provide structural fabric specifically designed and manufactured to stabilize soft soils under an aggregate base for roads and parking areas. Fabric shall provide a permeable layer, planar flow, and tensile reinforcement for retaining the soil matrix. Fabric shall be inert to commonly encountered chemicals, hydrocarbons, resistant to mildew, rot, and ultraviolet light exposure, and meet or exceed the following test standards:

<u>Test</u>	<u>ASTM</u>
a. Fabric weight	D-19106 (oz / sq yd)
b. Grab tensile strength	D-1682200 (lbs.)
c. Mullen burst strength	D-3786320 (psi)
d. Puncture strength	D-75180 (lbs.)

PART 3 EXECUTION / INSTALLATION

3.01 GENERAL

- A. The construction of new streets, curb and gutter and sidewalks shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the NCDOT's "Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures" and the requirements contained herein.
- B. Provide erosion control measures as required. Erosion control measures including seeding and mulching shall be designed, installed and maintained in accordance with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Land Quality Section's "Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual". The Developer/Engineer is responsible for securing all required permits.
- C. Protect existing structures, utilities and other features that are to remain.

- D. Dispose of excavated material in such a manner that it will not obstruct the water flow, endanger existing improvements or work in progress or be detrimental to the completed work in any way.
- E. Weather Limitations: Proceed with fill and backfill operations based on the following weather conditions:
 - 1. Temperature must be above freezing.
 - 2. In windy, hot or arid conditions with a high rate of evaporation, add moisture to the material to maintain the optimum moisture content.
 - 3. Do not proceed in rain or on saturated subgrade.
- F. Repair or undercut and backfill soils that become damaged by construction activity or unsuitable due to being left exposed to the weather.
- G. Do not place material on surfaces that are muddy, frozen or contain frost.
- H. Excavation carried below the design elevation shall be backfilled with select material and compacted to the satisfaction of the City.
- I. Remove and properly dispose of unsatisfactory and excess material from the site.
- J. All streets shall be cleared and graded for the full width of the right-of-way. All stumps, roots and other objectionable material shall be completely removed from the cleared area.
- K. All roadway subgrade and underground utilities must be inspected and approved by the City prior to the placement of base course materials.

3.02 PREPARATION OF SUBGRADE

- A. After installation of all utilities and prior to placement of curb and gutter, the entire subgrade shall be compacted to 95% of Standard Proctor density for a depth of 8-inches. The area shall be proof-rolled in the presence of the City representative. Areas found to be loose, yielding or composed of unsuitable material, whether located in the subgrade or located deeper, shall be undercut, backfilled with suitable material and properly compacted. The use of a structural fabric to stabilize a soft subgrade may be allowed by the City if it can be demonstrated that this method will provide adequate stability.
- B. Subgrade compaction tests shall be performed by a qualified geotechnical firm, provided by the Contractor and approved by the City.
- C. Compaction tests shall be made for every 3,000 square feet of road bed. Additional tests may be required by the City if there is uncertainty about the uniformity of the compaction.
- D. Preparation and shaping of the subgrade shall be in accordance with NCDOT Section 500, Fine Grading Subgrade, Shoulders and Ditches.

3.03 AGGREGATE BASE COURSE

- A. The stone base shall be constructed in accordance with the applicable paragraphs of NCDOT Section 520.
- B. Compacted base shall be a minimum thickness of 8-inches.

- C. City may require a greater thickness on streets projected to have higher traffic volumes.

3.04 ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE

- A. Spreading, compaction, and finishing shall comply with the requirements of NCDOT Section 610, Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Pavements.
- B. Compacted thickness shall be a minimum of 4-inches.
- C. City may require a greater thickness on streets projected to have higher traffic volumes.

3.05 ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE

- A. Spreading, compaction, and finishing shall comply with the requirements of NCDOT Section 610 Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Pavements.
- B. Compacted thickness shall be a minimum of 2-inches.
- C. City may require a greater thickness on streets projected to have higher traffic volumes.

3.06 TACK COAT

- A. Application rates, method of application and curing shall be in accordance with the requirements of NCDOT Section 605.

3.07 CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER

- A. Provide concrete curb and gutter where required by the City. Curb and gutter shall be Standard 30-inch section unless otherwise approved by the City.
- B. Construct Curb and Gutter in accordance with NCDOT Section 846.

3.08 CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

- A. Provide concrete sidewalks as required by the City's Ordinances. Construction shall be in conformity with the materials, lines, grades, thickness, and typical section as indicated herein and in the Standard Details.
- B. Construct sidewalks in accordance with NCDOT, Section 848, and the following specifications.
 - 1. Space contraction joints equal to the width of the sidewalk and to a depth of at least 1/3 of the slab thickness.
 - 2. Place a 1/2 inch wide expansion joint at all intersections and wherever walks abut structures and other walks.
 - 3. Place additional expansion joints at each fifth contraction joint.
 - 4. Walks shall receive a light broom finish.

3.09 "AS-CONSTRUCTED" DRAWINGS

A. General

1. Maintain on-site a full set of project drawings for purpose of recording as-constructed conditions.
2. Information should be legibly recorded as construction progresses.
3. Clearly and completely identify any field changes from the original drawings.
4. Actual, as-constructed elevations shall be obtained on all structures such as manholes, wet well, etc. Invert depths shall be recorded at each structure. All elevations shall be referenced to NAVD 88.
5. Show horizontal and vertical location of any existing underground utilities encountered during construction.
6. Submit document to the City prior to final acceptance.
7. All new features shall be surveyed utilizing survey grade GPS equipment and digital file with all surveyed information shall be provided to the City.
8. A digital CADD file shall be provided to the City that contains all the features constructed with the updated as-built information along with survey data.
9. The City shall have the right to employ an independent survey firm to verify the "As-Constructed" Drawings submitted by the Developer at the end of the project. If components or the drawings are determined to be incorrect, the Developer shall have all items corrected to obtain final approval by the City. Developer will also be responsible for reimbursing the City for all associated costs related to verification, review, and other costs arising from any corrections having to be made in order to provide correct plans and files to the City.

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