# Brown County Subdivision Regulations 2003

Amended 2007

# **Preamble**

A resolution of <u>Brown</u> County, Ohio enacted in accordance with Chapter 711 of the Ohio Revised Code and for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare; regulating the development of subdivided areas; promoting the proper arrangement and coordination of streets or other roads in relation to existing or planned streets or roads and to the county or regional plan; providing for the layout of lots; providing for adequate and convenient provision of open spaces, utilities, recreation, and access to service and emergency vehicles; encouraging the avoidance of future congestion of population; providing for adequate provision of water, drainage, sewer, and other sanitary facilities; providing for the administration of these Regulations and defining the powers and duties of the administrative officers; prescribing penalties for the violation of the provisions in this resolution or any amendment thereto; and for the repeal thereof.

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# Article 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Standards

# 100 Title

These rules, regulations and standards shall be officially known as the "Subdivision Regulations of the County of Brown, State of Ohio," and shall hereinafter be referred to as "these Regulations."

# **101 Policy**

a. It is declared to be the policy of Brown County to consider the subdivision of land and its subsequent development as subject to the control of Brown County,

pursuant to any official comprehensive plan (when one exists) for orderly, planned, safe, efficient, and economical development.

- b. Land to be subdivided shall be of such character that it can be used safely for building purposes, and shall not be subdivided until adequate facilities and improvements such as drainage, water, sewerage, and public open space are provided, or a performance bond is filed to assure that the required improvements will be made by the subdivider.
- c. The existing and proposed public improvements shall conform with and be related to the proposals shown in the comprehensive plan, capital improvement program, and development programs of Brown County, and it is intended that these Regulations shall supplement and facilitate the enforcement of the provisions and standards contained in building codes, housing codes, zoning resolutions, the comprehensive plan, and the capital improvement program of Brown County.

# 102 Purpose

These Regulations are adopted as minimum requirements for the regulation and control of land subdivision within the unincorporated area of the county. These regulations are intended to:

a. Establish standards for logical, sound, and economical development.

- b. To provide for adequate light, air and privacy, to secure safety from fire, flood, and other danger, to prevent population congestion and overcrowding of the land, to provide orderly expansion and extension of community services and facilities at minimum cost and maximum convenience.
- c. To provide for the proper arrangement of streets and highways in relation to those existing or planned and to provide for the most beneficial relationship between use of land, buildings, traffic, and pedestrian movements.
- d. To improve the quality of life through protection of the total environment, including the prevention of air, water, light, and noise pollution, the prevention of soil erosion, and the preservation of natural beauty and topography.
- e. To ensure appropriate surveying of land, preparing and recording of plats and the equitable handling of all subdivision plats by providing uniform procedures and standards for observance by both Brown County and developers.

# 103 Authority

The Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 711, enables the board of county commissioners and the planning commission of Brown County to adopt regulations governing plats and subdivisions of land within the unincorporated area of the county.

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# Regulations 1

# 104 Public Purpose

Regulation of the subdivision of land and the attachment of reasonable conditions to land subdivision is an exercise of public police power delegated by the state to Brown County pursuant to Chapter 711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The developer shall be in compliance with conditions established by the planning commission for design, dedication, improvement, and restrictive use of the land to conform to the physical and economic development of Brown County and the health, safety, and general welfare of the future lot owners of the subdivision and of Brown County generally.

# 105 Jurisdiction

- a. These Regulations shall be applicable to all subdivisions of land located within the unincorporated area of Brown County, except as otherwise provided by law.
- b. Family Farm Exemptions: Conveyance of a parcel or parcels of a family farm to a family member shall be exempt from the platting requirements of these regulations. There will be no restrictions on the number of panhandle lots, however, the geometric standards and lots standards shall be per Article 4 Section 405e. All other subdivision requirements shall be met. Family farm means any farm land of 75 acres or more that has been in the same family since 1994 or twenty years, whichever is shorter, and in which one or more family members has materially participated in the growing of crops or raising of livestock on the land for the duration of said time period. Material participation shall mean the active involvement in the growing of crops and/or raising of livestock at risk. For the purpose of this exemption, family members shall mean any grandparent, parent, or child or their lineal descendants, and/or the surviving spouse of a deceased child or other deceased lineal descendant.

# 106 Relation to Other Laws

- a. The provision of these Regulations shall supplement the laws of the State of Ohio, other resolutions adopted by the board of county commissioners or township trustees, or the rules and regulations promulgated by authority of such law or resolution relating to the purpose and scope of these Regulations.
- b. No subdivision plat shall be approved for recording until the requirements of these Regulations have been met and certification thereof has been endorsed upon the plat by the appropriate reviewing authority.
- c. Whenever the requirements of these Regulations are at variance with the requirements of other lawfully adopted rules, regulations, or resolutions, the most restrictive or that imposing the highest standard shall govern. These Regulations shall be interpreted as minimum requirements.
- d. Whenever a township or part thereof has adopted a county or township

zoning resolution, under Chapter 303 or 519 of the Ohio Revised Code, all proposed subdivisions shall meet the requirements of said zoning resolution, as well as the provisions of these Regulations.

# 107 Validity and Separability

If, for any reason, any clause, provision or portion of these Regulations shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect validity or legality of these Regulations as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held to be invalid. These Regulations shall not abate any legal action pending under prior subdivision regulations and shall not interfere with other applicable laws and regulations or with deed restrictions. (see section 106C)

# **108 Saving Provision**

These Regulations shall not be construed as abating any action now pending under, or by virtue of, prior existing subdivision regulations, or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or about to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm, or corporation, or as waiving any right of the county under any section or provision existing at the time of adoption of these Regulations, or as vacating or annulling any rights adopted by any person, firm, or corporation by lawful action of the county except as shall be expressly provided for in these Regulations.

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# Regulations 2

# 109 Enactment

These Regulations shall become effective from and after the date of their approval, adoption, or amendment by the county or regional planning commission and the board of county commissioners after public hearing and certification to the county recorder as required by Chapter 711 of the Ohio Revised Code. Henceforth, any other regulations previously adopted by Brown County shall be deemed to be repealed. These Regulations shall in no way affect any subdivision having received approval prior to the effective date of these regulations or any amendment thereto, provided, however, that no changes to the plan, as approved, are introduced by the subdivider and the subdivision infrastructure is constructed within the two year

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Lugust 29, 2007 effective Sept. 10, 2007

President of the Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

County Commissioners Clerk

# **Article 2 ADMINISTRATION**

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# 200 Administration, Enforcement and Interpretation

These Regulations shall be administered by the county or regional planning commission of Brown County. The planning commission, assisted by other government agencies, legal counsel, and through other advice it may solicit, shall administer and enforce these Regulations. Discretionary, conflicting, or disputed aspects of these Regulations shall be interpreted by the planning director or other individual designated by the county commissioners or planning commission.

# 201 Reservations and Repeals

Upon the adoption of these Regulations, according to law, the Subdivision Regulations of Brown County adopted December 15, 1969, as amended, are hereby repealed, except as to those sections expressly retained in these Regulations.

### 202 Amendments

The planning commission may amend, supplement or change these Regulations in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Ohio Revised Code. However, the planning commission may only amend, supplement or change regulations, requiring the actual construction of improvements, or posting of performance guarantees, after review and adoption by the county commissioners.

### 203 Variances, Exceptions and Waiver of Conditions

Where, the planning commission finds the purposes of these Regulations may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, it may approve variances, exceptions, and waivers of conditions, provided that they will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or injurious to other properties. Variances for roadway specifications and construction standards can only be made by the County Engineer. Recommendations regarding variances may be provided by the planning commission. Such variances shall not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of these Regulations, the comprehensive plan, or the zoning resolution, when they exist.

In granting variances or modifications the planning commission shall require such conditions as will, in its judgment, secure substantially the objective of the standards or requirements so varied or modified.

An application for relief shall be denied if an owner requests it merely for his own convenience, such as when the land is not usable due to error or poor assumptions on the owner's part, or when the only supporting evidence is that compliance would add significantly to development costs.

# 204 Expiration or Extension

Failure to comply with stated time periods of these Regulations shall result in the expiration of the application and associated planning commission approvals. Before expiration, the subdivider may provide a letter and extension fee stating why these time periods cannot be met and requesting their extension. The subdivider is solely responsible for knowing expiration dates and meeting or extending them in accordance with these Regulations. The planning commission shall have no duty, obligation or responsibility to remind or notify subdividers of approaching expiration dates.

### 205 Voided Applications

An application shall become void and have no rights, standing, or status under these Regulations, upon expiration, withdrawal, or disapproval.

# 206 Recording of Plat

No plat of any subdivision shall be recorded by the county recorder or have any validity until said plat has received a final approval in the manner prescribed in these Regulations.

# 207 Revision of Plat after Approval

No change, modification, or revision shall be made in any plat of a subdivision after approval has been given by the planning commission, and endorsed in writing on the plat, unless said plat is first resubmitted to the planning commission.

### **208 Fees**

The planning commission shall establish a schedule of fees, charges, expenses, and collection procedures for administration of these Regulations. The schedule of fees shall be posted in the office of the planning commission. Until all applicable fees, charges and expenses have been paid in full, no action shall be taken on any application or appeal. The subdivider shall be solely responsible for submittal of the plat and payment of fees to the local agency having jurisdiction regarding review and/or approval of proposed improvements, including water and sanitary sewage facilities.

### 209 Violations and Penalties

Whoever transfers, offers for sale, or leases for a period of more than five years any lot, parcel or tract of land from a plat of a subdivision before such plat has been recorded in the office of the county recorder or that violates these regulations shall forfeit and pay the sum of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five-hundred dollars (\$500) for each lot, parcel, or tract of land so transferred, sold, or leased. The description of such lot, parcel, or tract by metes and bounds in the deed or transfer shall not serve to exempt the seller from the forfeiture provided in this section.

No building permit shall be issued for the construction of any building or structure located on a lot or plat subdivided or sold in violation of the provisions of these Regulations, nor shall the county have any obligation to issue certificates of occupancy or to extend utility services to any parcel created in violation of these Regulations.

# 210 Appeal

Any person who believes he or she has been aggrieved by these Regulations or the actions of the planning commission has all rights to appeal as set forth in Chapter 711 of the Ohio Revised Code or any other applicable section.

# Article 3 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION, PROCEDURES AND APPROVAL PROCESS

### **Standards**

# 300 Purpose

The purpose of this article is to establish the procedure for review and approval of *land divisions*, as authorized under Chapter 711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The procedure is intended to provide orderly and expeditious processing of such applications.

### **301 General Procedure**

Before any land is subdivided the owner of the property, or his authorized agent, shall apply for and secure approval of the proposed *division including the remnant* in accordance with the following procedures:

- a. Lot Split or Minor Subdivision: These shall be processed by an individual designated by the planning commission and require a *surveyor's sketch*, a deed with a legal description, fees, and *shall comply with sections 302-306 of these regulations*.
- b. Platted Subdivision or Major Subdivision: These involve approval actions by the planning commission. The approval process for a major development, whether a subdivision, cluster development, or planned unit development (PUD), is essentially the same, and includes three principal steps: an optional sketch plan, a preliminary plan, and a final plat.
- c. Large Lot Division: Large Lot Divisions (LLD) include divisions of land ranging in size from not less than five (5) acres to not more than twenty (20) acres pursuant to Section 711.133 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Section 350 of these regulations and shall be processed by an individual designated by the planning commission.

# MINOR SUBDIVISIONS - SECTIONS 302 THROUGH 304

# 302 Outline of Conditions for Minor Subdivision

Approval without a plat of a minor subdivision may be granted by a designated representative of the planning commission if the proposed *division* of the parcel of land meets all of the following conditions:

- a. The proposed division of a parcel of land involves no more than five (5) lots, after the original parcel has been completely subdivided, any one of which is under five (5) acres (inclusive of the remainder parcel).
- b. The proposed division is along an existing public street, and *not involving the* opening, widening or extension of any street or road.
- c. The proposed division is not contrary to applicable subdivision, zoning or other regulations [ particularly Articles 4 and 10 *and* sections 702 and 703 of Article 7 of these regulations.]
- d. The proposed division is approved by the zoning inspector, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (for special sanitary districts), local health department, the county engineer, and others as may be applicable.
- e. The property has been surveyed and a *surveyor's sketch* and a legal description of the property is submitted with the application.

# 303 Administrative Procedure and Approval

- a. A minor subdivision or lot split application available at the planning commission office shall be filed by the landowner or designated representative. A complete application shall contain a surveyor's sketch, a deed, a legal description for each lot being created, a fee as set forth in these Regulations, and a certification of approval by the local health department, zoning inspector, tax map department and others as may be applicable.
- b. After the split has been given approval by any other departments with review responsibility, the deed, a copy of the health department approval and a copy of the surveyor's sketch is then checked by the designated representative of the planning commission for its conformity with these Regulations. The designated representative of the planning commission shall stamp and sign the same "approved by Brown County Planning Commission; no plat required *under R.C. 711.131*," if the lot in question meets all requirements as specified above, within seven (7) working days after submission.
- c. After being executed, the deed shall be taken to the Brown County Tax Map Department to establish the taxing parcel and subsequently to the county auditor for the transfer of property and then to the county recorder where it will become a legal lot of record. Lot split requests expire if not recorded within (1) year of initial fee payment.
- d. Incomplete or deficient proposals shall be disapproved and the subdivider notified of issues and reasons for the disapproval.

# **304 Submission Requirements**

The application for minor subdivision shall include the *following*:

- a. The survey shall conform to the rules adopted by the Brown County Tax Map Department *and Minimum Standards for the Boundary Surveys in the State of Ohio OAC 4733-37*.
- b. a completed application.
- c. all applicable fees.
- d. Location and type of all existing all existing structures.
- e. Areas within the 100 year floodplain and within floodways, as determined from flood studies or by scaling from mapping provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, shall be delineated.
- f. Vicinity sketch.
- g. If average slope is less than 1%, drainage plan shall be required.
- h. If slopes greater than 15% exist, hillside regulations apply.
- i. Parcel ID No.
- j. Other items, or provisions deemed necessary by the planning commission.

# 305 Combining Entire Existing Tax Parcels, Replat, Subdivision Vacations, Plat of Street, Common Open Spaces, and Easements for Public Utilities

- a. Combining entire existing tax parcels can be accomplished by the county auditor without planning commission approval if the existing parcels have the same deed reference, are adjacent to each other, are not separated by a public roadway, and acreage of all parcels is combined into a single tax parcel by filling out an "Application for Combination" at the auditor's office listing the tax parcel numbers to be combined.
- b. A subdivider proposing the re-subdivision of a plat previously recorded by the county recorder shall follow the same procedures required for a major subdivision. Other proposals for the alternation of a plat or the vacating of a plat shall comply with Sections 711.17-711.20 of the Revised Code.

c. Proposals for the platting of street openings, widenings, and extensions; platting of open spaces for common use by owners, occupants, or leaseholders; and easements for the extension and maintenance of public sewer, storm drainage, or other public utilities shall follow the same procedures required for a major subdivision.

# 306 Transfer of Property between Adjoining Owners

a. Where a transfer of property between adjoining owners occurs, the adjoiner parcel and residual parcel shall be subject to the requirements of these Regulations; and, the transfer of property shall be approved only if they meet these Regulations. The grantees' names on the deed shall match the ownership of the adjacent parcel being enlarged by the transfer. Deeds for combining acreage shall include the notation: "Not to be used as a separate building site or transferred as an independent parcel in the future without planning commission approval."

b. If the transfer of property is within a recorded subdivision it shall be submitted as a major subdivision.

# **MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS - SECTIONS 307 THROUGH 332**

# **307 Outline of Conditions for Major Subdivisions**

A proposal involving any of the following shall be subject to major subdivision procedures:

- a. Division of any parcel of land into two or more parcels any one of which is less than five acres, except:
  - 1. The sale or exchange of parcels between adjoining lot owners, where that sale or exchange does not create additional building sites or
  - 2. A proposed division of a parcel along an existing public street involving no more than five lots after the original tract has been completely subdivided.
  - 3. A division or partition of land into parcels of more than five acres not involving any new streets or easements of access.
- b. Creation, widening or extension of a street or access easement.
- c. Division or allocation of land as open spaces for common use.
- d. Division or allocation of land as a utility or drainage easement.
- e. Subdividing platted land in a recorded subdivision.

# 308 Pre-Application Conference and Sketch Plan (Optional)

- a. Prior to preparing a sketch plan, the subdivider may request an informal discussion with the designated representative of the planning commission to discuss the procedures for approval of the subdivision plan and to familiarize the developer with the comprehensive plan, thoroughfare plan, drainage and sewerage requirements, fire prevention, and the availability of existing utility services.
- b. The application may combine a pre-application conference with the sketch plan. The sketch plan shall include: a completed and signed application form, (5) copies of the sketch plan, and may include a fee as set forth in the appendix.

# 309 Submission Requirements

Sketch plans submitted to the planning commission, prepared in pen or pencil, shall be drawn to a convenient scale of not more than one hundred (100) feet to an inch and shall show the following information:

- a. Location or vicinity map.
- b. Ownership of property and adjacent properties.
- c. Existing and proposed public roads and easements.

- d. Existing structures.
- e. North arrow.
- f. Outline of areas to be subdivided.
- g. Approximation of proposed lot lines.
- h. Important natural features and drainage ways.
- i. A written statement about storm drainage, sewage disposal, water supply, and other facilities that exist in the area and the likely impacts of the development on those systems.

# 310 Preliminary Plan (Optional)

The developer shall submit a preliminary plan for review and tentative approval prior to the formulation and submittal of detailed construction drawings. The preliminary plan is conducted for the developer's benefit and its submission does not constitute a formal subdivision review pursuant to Section 711.10 of the Ohio Revised Code. With the submission of the preliminary plan, the applicant waives any rights to an approval under Section 711.10 of the Ohio Revised Code until such time as application is made for final subdivision plat review and is submitted to the planning commission for review and approval as detailed in these Regulations.

# 311 Preliminary Plan Form

The preliminary plan application shall contain:

- a. Complete application form available from the planning commission.
- b. Fee set forth in the appendix (if applicable).
- c. Five copies of the preliminary plan containing all required information.
- d. One set of conceptual subdivision improvement plans, provided that completed design drawings shall be required at a later time.

The preliminary plan shall be submitted in the following form:

- a. Drawn at a standard engineering scale between one hundred (100) feet to the inch and ten (10) feet to the inch.
  - b. On one or more sheets 18" x 28" in size, clearly and legibly drawn.

# 312 Preliminary Plan Content

The preliminary plans should contain the following information:

- a. Proposed name of subdivision, and location by Military Survey Name and number.
- b. Boundaries and acreage.
- c. Name, address and telephone number of the owner, subdivider, professional surveyor and professional engineer with appropriate numbers and seals.
- d. Date of survey, scale of the plat, north point, legend and a vicinity map of a scale not less than 2000 feet to an inch.
- e. Name of adjacent subdivisions, owners of adjoining parcels, and location of common boundary lines, extended to 200 feet beyond the boundary of the subdivision.

- f. *Existing and proposed* topographic contours with intervals no greater then 1 foot at 5% slope, no greater than 2 feet for slopes over 5% and less than or equal to 15%, and no greater than 5 feet for slopes greater than 15%.
- g. Location, *dimensions*, and names of existing *and proposed* streets *and other access points*, railroad rights-of-way, easements, parks, buildings, corporation and township lines; wooded areas, water courses, drainage patterns, and water bodies. *Drainage improvements shall be in compliance with Section 605b of these regulations*.
- h. Topographic features within and adjacent to the plat for a minimum distance of 200 feet unless access to adjacent property has been denied the professional surveyor.
- i. Location of floodways, floodplains, and a good faith effort to identify other potentially hazardous areas.
- j. A good faith effort to identify the location of environmentally sensitive areas.
- k. A good faith effort to identify the soil types, derived from USDA Soil Survey.
- l. A good faith effort to identify the layout, number, dimensions of each lot, and setback lines (a note listing setback dimensions may be added in lieu of showing setback lines if the plan will be made more legible).
- m. Parcels of land reserved for public use or reserved by covenant for residents of the subdivision.
- n.Written endorsement by twp., co., or state when access management standards are adopted in accordance with ORC.
- o. Type of water supply and wastewater disposal proposed, approximate locations and dimensions of all proposed and existing utilities and sewer lines, easements, drainage tiles, water mains, culverts, or other underground utilities within the tract or adjacent thereto. Written endorsements by applicable authority (Board of Health, zoning authority, county engineer, etc.) indicating compliance with regulations regarding these facilities if and when they are adopted in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.
- p. Known cemeteries, historical or archeological sites.
- q. Copy of proposed covenants and restrictions, and a schedule outlining the order of development of each section or phase of the subdivision.

# 313 Additional Information for the Preliminary Plan

The following information does not apply to all projects and may be requested during the site review or required during review and approval of applications.

- a. Statements of proposed use of lots, giving type and number of dwelling units and/or type of business or industry.
- b. Conceptual plan for commercial and industrial development, showing proposed parking, loading areas, alleys, pedestrian walkways, streets, points of vehicular ingress/egress to the development and landscape features.
- c. A drawing of all present and proposed grades and facilities for storm water drainage in cases where natural drainage is altered.
- d. A feasibility study on sewer and water facilities for land developments of two or more dwelling units.
- e. Screening, buffering and/or noise abatement measures.
- f. Typical cross-sections and centerline profiles for each proposed street, and preliminary engineering designs of any new bridges or culverts proposed in the project.

g. Other information, studies, items, or provisions deemed necessary or prudent to create buildable sites and to promote the public health, safety, and welfare.

# 314 Public Hearing

The planning commission, prior to acting on a preliminary plan of a subdivision, may hold a public hearing at such time and upon such notice as the planning commission may designate.

# 315 Filing

The preliminary plan shall be considered officially filed after it is examined by the designated representative of the planning commission and is found to be in full compliance with the formal provisions of these Regulations. The subdivider shall be notified by mail within five (5) working days as to the date of official filing, which begins the thirty (30) day review period, and the meeting at which the plan shall be reviewed.

# 316 Review and Approval of Preliminary Plans

A review team consisting of a representative of the planning commission, board of health, county engineer, and soil and water conservation district shall view the property to assess the proposed development. The planning commission shall forward copies of the preliminary plan to such officials and agencies as may be necessary for the purpose of study and recommendation. After receipt of reports from such officials and agencies, the planning commission shall determine whether the plan will be approved, approved with modifications, or disapproved. The reasons for such disapproval shall be stated in writing. The planning commission shall act on the preliminary plan within (30) working days after filing unless such time is extended by agreement with the subdivider. Approval of the preliminary plan shall be conditioned on compliance with all other applicable resolutions and regulations.

# 317 Preliminary Plan Expiration

The approval of the preliminary plan by the planning commission shall be effective for a maximum period of one (1) year from the date of its approval unless an extension of the approval has been granted in writing by the planning commission. If the final plat application is not accepted within one (1) year, the preliminary plan approval shall expire and become void.

# 318 Preliminary Plan Recall

The designated representative of the planning commission may recall unplatted portions of the preliminary plan for consideration, and reapproval, modification, or disapproval by the planning commission. The subdivider shall be notified by letter no later than 30 days before the recall is scheduled for consideration. A recall may occur if:

- a. Incomplete, inaccurate or fraudulent information influenced approval.
- b. The subdivider has failed to satisfactorily pursue platting or conditions of approval.
- c. Previously unknown or new health, safety or environmental concerns arise.

# 319 Submission to Ohio Department of Transportation

Any plan within (300) feet of the centerline of a state highway for which changes are proposed, or any land within a radius of (500) feet from the point of intersection of said centerline with any public road or highway requires the planning commission give notice by registered or certified mail to the Ohio Department of Transportation. If the Ohio Department of Transportation notifies the planning commission that it shall proceed to acquire the land needed, the planning commission shall refuse to approve the plan.

# **320 Submission to Township Trustees**

Within five days after the submission of a plat for approval, the planning commission shall schedule a meeting to consider the plat. It shall send written notice by regular mail to the clerk of the board of township trustees of the township in which a proposed plat is located. The notice shall inform the trustees of the submission of the proposal plat and of the date, time, and location of any meeting at which the planning commission will consider or act upon the proposed plat.

# 321 Grading of Site Prior to Final Approval

Subsequent to preliminary plan approval the developer may receive approval from the planning commission to begin earth excavation and construction to the grades and elevations required by the approved preliminary plan.

# **322 Model Homes**

For the purpose of allowing the early construction of model homes in a subdivision, the planning commission, in its sole discretion, may permit a portion of a major subdivision involving no more than (2) lots to be created in accordance with the procedures for minor subdivision, provided the portion has access from an existing township, county, or state highway, and provided no future road or other improvements are anticipated where the lots are proposed. An application for minor subdivision or lot split shall be submitted to the planning commission simultaneously with the preliminary plan for the entire major subdivision. Subsequent to preliminary approval, the model homes may be constructed, subject to such additional requirements as the planning commission may require.

# **323 Final Plat Procedures**

Having received the approval of the preliminary plan, if applicable, the subdivider shall submit a final plat application containing all changes required by the planning commission in the preliminary plan. The final plat shall be prepared by a professional surveyor, and the design for construction of improvements prepared by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Ohio. Within five calendar days of submission, staff shall accept and schedule the plat for the next appropriate meeting of the planning commission and notify the township in accordance with Section 711.10 of the ORC and this Section of these Regulations. Notification shall also be given to other appropriate agencies and officials.

A complete application shall contain:

- a. Complete and signed application form available from the planning commission with the fee as set forth in the appendix.
- b. Original plat document signed by the subdivider and lienholder with notary and seal and the professional surveyor with seal.
- c. Plat, signed by applicable zoning, health, sanitary and other government authorities.
- d. Six (6) sets of copies of the final plat and two (2) reproducible tracings of the plat.
- e. (2) sets of approved construction drawings (1 copy, 1 reproducible tracing) and engineering specifications as required for grading, streets, stormwater management, waterline, sanitary sewer, and other improvements. Applicants are encouraged to file the application for final plat approval only after the appropriate authority approves construction drawings and engineering specifications. Failure to do so shall result in non-acceptance of the application.
- f. Supplementary and additional information as required by these Regulations.

# **324 Final Plat Form**

The final plat shall be submitted in the following form:

a. Drawn at a standard engineering scale between one hundred (100) feet to the inch and ten (10) feet to the inch, inclusively.

- b. Plats shall be on one or more sheets eighteen (18) by twenty-eight (28) inches in size and shall be clearly and legibly drawn. The original shall be drawn on reproducible material capable of producing blue or black line paper prints.
- c. No ditto marks shall be used on the final plat and a legend of all symbols and abbreviations used shall be included on the plat.
- d. The planning commission may also require the final plat to be filed in a digital or computer format.

# 325 Final Plat Contents

The final plat shall contain the following information:

- a. Subdivision name, location by section, range, township or other accepted survey district.
- b. The plat shall comply with the <u>Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys in the State of Ohio</u> and the measurement specifications as contained in Chapter 4733-37 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- c. A vicinity map showing general location of subdivision.
- d. Name, address and telephone number of owner, subdivider, professional surveyor and professional engineer with appropriate numbers and seals.
- e. Plat boundaries, based on accurate traverse, with angular and linear dimensions determined by an accurate control survey in the field. All lot lines shall be shown with accurate dimensions in feet and hundredths.
- f. Layout, number, dimensions of each lot, and set back lines (a note listing setback dimensions may be added in lieu of showing setback lines of the plat will be made more legible).
- g. Outline of areas to be dedicated or reserved for public or common use of property owners within the plat, and previous lots or blocks and their numbers indicated by a contrasting line style in the case of a replat.
- h. Bearings and distances to the nearest established street lines, and accurate location and description of all monuments.
- i. Names, locations, dimensions, rights-of-way of all existing and proposed streets and railroads within and adjoining the plat. Radii, internal angles, points of curvature, tangent bearings, length of arcs, and lengths and bearing of chords of all streets.
- j. Locations and dimensions of all easements and rights-of-way, with dimensions, purposes and wording addressing the purpose of such easements or rights-of-way.
- k. Location of all streams, rivers, canals or lakes, and flood hazard boundaries of the area.
- l. Base flood elevations shall be determined by the developer's engineer in areas where such information has not been made available from other sources.
- m. A copy of any restrictive covenants, and other notes, items, restrictions, or provisions required by these Regulations, the planning commission or its designated representative, or other plat-signing authority.
- n. A statement or table showing total acreage in the subdivision and total acreage of lots, roads, open space, easements and other types of uses.
- o. Spaces for all signatures required by Article 11.
- p. All pertinent information required on the Preliminary Plan.

# 326 Additional Information for Final Plat

The following information shall be supplied in addition to the above required data:

- a. If a zoning change is involved, certification from the appropriate township or county zoning inspector shall be required indicating that the change has been approved and is in accordance with the requirements of the zoning resolution.
- b. A letter from the permitting agency indicating that a driveway permit has been issued or will be issued by the office of the county engineer or Ohio Department of Transportation on existing roads.

# 327 Filing

The final plat shall be filed with the planning commission not later than one (1) year after the date of approval of the preliminary plan; otherwise it will be considered void unless an extension is requested by the subdivider and granted in writing by the planning commission. The final plat shall be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

# 328 Planning Commission Action

Before any final plat is approved, the Ohio Department of Transportation must be notified as required by Section 319 of these Regulations. Staff shall provide a final plat report to the planning commission. The planning commission shall act on the final plat within thirty (30) days after filing, unless such time is extended by agreement with the subdivider, the final plat is withdrawn or a delay-of-action is requested and granted. Conditional approval of a final plat shall be limited to minor clerical and other nonsubstantive errors as determined by the planning commission. If disapproved, the reason shall be stated in the record of the planning commission. Failure of the planning commission to act upon the final plat within such time shall be deemed an approval of the plat. If disapproved, the subdivider shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the final plat, within thirty (30) days, to the planning commission for its final approval. If a final plat is refused by the planning commission, the person resubmitting the plat, which the planning commission refused to approve, may file a petition within sixty (60) days after such refusal in the court of common pleas of the county in which the land described in said plat is situated.

# 329 Public Improvements

Prior to the granting of approval of the final plat, the planning commission may require that all public improvements be installed prior to the signing of the final plat. If the planning commission does not require that all public improvements be installed and dedicated prior to signing of the final plat, the planning commission shall require that the applicant furnish a performance guarantee for the ultimate installation of said improvements. The requirements, approval and length of term for the performance guarantee shall be determined by the planning commission.

# 330 Final Plat Expiration

The subdivider shall record the final plat within 60 days of final approval, otherwise the final plat approval shall expire and become void.

# 331 Signing, Recordation and Transmittal of Copies of Final Plat

When a final plat has been approved and all conditions for approval have been satisfied, the designated representative of the planning commission shall sign the certificate of approval on the original tracing and return the same to the subdivider. The subdivider shall, within 60 days, submit a copy of the approved plat for processing by the county tax map department, county auditor, and filing with the county recorder. It shall be the responsibility of the subdivider to gain all necessary certifications before filing the plat with the county recorder. The subdivider shall provide the planning commission with a paper copy of the approved plat. After the plat is recorded, the original plat or an archival quality reproducible reproduction shall be filed with the county recorder. Any office may require the submission of the final plat in digital or computer format.

# 332 Final Plat Amendments

Procedures and requirements for changing a planning commission-approved final plat (signed, unsigned, recorded or unrecorded) shall follow the procedures for final plat approval as set forth in these Regulations. Amendment of the preliminary plan (if one was submitted) may be required before or concurrent with amendment of the final plat. Amendment fees are set forth in the appendix.

# 350 Large Lot Divisions.

# **350.01** General.

The purpose of this Section 350 is to establish the procedure for review and approval of large lot divisions as authorized under Section 711.133 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The approval procedure for Large Lot Divisions (LLD) shall be used to request a proposed division of a parcel of land along an existing public street, not involving the opening, widening or extension of any street or road, and involving the establishment of any lot ranging in size from not less than five (5) acres to not more than twenty (20) acres. A proposed division of land under and in compliance with this Section 350 shall not be considered a subdivision for purposes of division (B)(1) of Section 711.001 of the Revised Code and need only be approved under the provisions of this Section 350.

A LLD application shall be filed by the landowner or designated representative. In addition to the submittal requirements set forth below, the application shall include the proposed deed(s) for the new lots identifying Grantor and Grantee with survey drawing and legal description, the signed and completed application form, and required fee.

# 350.02 Pre-Application Conference and Sketch Plan.

Prior to filing a formal LLD application, an applicant is encouraged to request an informal discussion with the County Planning Commission *technical review committee (TRC)* to discuss the procedure for approval and to familiarize the applicant with applicable requirements. A request for pre-application conference shall require the submission of a sketch plan no larger than 11" x 17". The sketch plan shall be drawn to a convenient scale of not more than one hundred (100) feet to an inch and shall show the following information:

- A. Location or vicinity map.
- B. Ownership of property.
- C. Existing public roads and existing and proposed easements.
- D. Existing structures.
- E. North arrow.
- F. Outline of areas to be divided.
- G. Approximation of proposed lot lines and dimension.
- H. Important natural features and drainage ways.
- I. Information concerning storm drainage, sewage disposal, water supply, and other facilities that impact on the development.

Within a reasonable period of time following submittal of the sketch plan, *TRC* will meet with the applicant to discuss the proposed subdivision. Staff may request a site visit prior to such discussion, in which case, the applicant shall accompany the staff to the site visit. Within two (2) weeks following the site visit (or, if none, following the conference with the applicant), staff shall provide comments to the applicant on the proposed division.

# 350.03 Survey Requirement.

No division of land involving a metes and bounds description shall be approved or exempted unless it is accompanied by a survey and legal description certified by a Professional Surveyor licensed by the State of Ohio. The survey must meet the Minimum Standard For Boundary Surveys, Administrative Code 4733-37, and the survey and description must be approved by the County Engineer or designee.

# 350.04 Lot Frontage Requirement.

- a. Unless the applicable zoning regulations specifically provide otherwise, all lots created under this Section 350 shall have a minimum of two hundred thirty-four (234) feet of continuous frontage on an existing and improved public road measured at the right-of-way line.
- b. Panhandles for Large Lots shall be subject to Brown County Planning Commission approval, variance fees, and all other regulations that apply to panhandle lots.

# 350.05 Lot Width to Depth Ratio.

Unless the applicable zoning regulations specifically provide otherwise the maximum depth of a lot shall not exceed four (4)times the width of the lot, unless the applicable zoning regulations are more stringent.

# 350.06 Applicable Submittal Requirements.

LLD application shall include the following information:

- a. An approved survey and legal description prepared by a professional surveyor in accordance with:
  - i. Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys in the State of Ohio
  - ii. Measurement specifications as contained in chapter 4733.37 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
  - iii. Rules adopted by the Brown County Auditor's and Engineer's Offices.
- b. a completed application.
- c. all applicable fees.
- d. Location and type of all existing all existing structures.
- e. Areas within the 100 year floodplain and within floodways, as determined from flood studies or by scaling from mapping provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, shall be delineated.
- f. Vicinity sketch.
- g. If average slope is less than 1%, drainage plan shall be required.
- h. If slopes greater than 15% exist, hillside regulations apply.
- i. Parcel ID No.
- j. Any other material or information the Brown County Planning Commission finds necessary for the review of the LLD.

In addition, all corners of the proposed lots shall be marked with stakes and colored flagging prior to or at the time of filing the LLD application.

# 350.07 Review and Approval.

If the Commission, acting through the Executive Secretary and *technical* review committee (*TRC*), finds that the proposed division is not contrary to any applicable zoning, health, sanitary, or access management regulations, regulations adopted under division (B)(3) of section 307.37 of the Revised Code regarding existing surface or subsurface drainage, including, but not limited to, rules governing household sewage disposal systems or the regulations set forth in this Section 350, it shall be approved in accordance with the following schedule:

a For proposed division into not more than six (6) separate parcels, approval shall be within seven (7) calendar days after its submission;

- b. For proposed divisions into more than six separate parcels but less than fifteen (15) parcels, approval shall be within fourteen (14) calendar days after its submission;
- c. For proposed divisions into more than fifteen (15) parcels, approval shall be within twenty-one (21) days after its submission.

The burden is upon the applicant to demonstrate compliance with these Regulations. Incomplete or deficient proposals shall be disapproved and the applicant notified of issues and reasons for disapproval. Upon presentation of an approved conveyance of said parcel, the conveyance shall be stamped "Approved by Brown County Planning Commission, No Plat Required under R.C. 711.133" and signed and dated by the Executive Secretary or his designated representative. LLD deeds shall be recorded within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of approval, or the approval expires. Upon the expiration of the approval, any proposed division of the subject tract shall be filed and processed as a new application under Section 350.

# 350.08 Agricultural and Personal Recreational Purposes Exemption.

A proposed division of a parcel of land along an existing public street, not involving the opening, widening or extension of any street or road, and which meets the acreage requirements set forth in Section 350.01 but which is to be used <u>only</u> for agricultural or personal recreational purposes (as hereinafter defined) shall be exempt from the LLD approval requirements. Upon presentation of a convey*ance* of such a parcel, the conveyance shall be stamped "Approved or No Plat Required under R.C. 711.133; **FOR AGRICULTURAL AND PERSONAL RECREATIONAL USE ONLY**," and signed and dated by the Executive Secretary or his designated representative.

Nothing in this Section 350 shall be construed as excluding parcels that are exempt under this procedure that are currently being used only for agricultural or personal recreational purposes from the provisions of these Regulations for any future division or partitions of those parcels.

When parcels that are exempt from the approval requirements under this section 350.08 are subsequently to be used for other than agricultural or personal recreational purposes, the Executive *Secretary* or *a* designed representative shall first determine that such a parcel complies with the regulations set forth in Section 350.

An exemption under this section 350.08 shall require a statement, be placed on the surveyor's sketch and deed stating in bold type "Pursuant to ORC 711.133 FOR AGRICULTURAL AND PERSONAL RECREATIONAL USE ONLY subsequent use shall require compliance with Brown County Subdivision Regulations," that certifies that the proposed parcel will only be used for agricultural or personal recreational purposes, and that any subsequent change in use shall require that the Executive Secretary first determine that the parcel complies with the then current provisions of Section 350.

For purposes of Section 350 the terms "agricultural purposes" and "personal recreational purposes" shall be defined as follows:

- Agricultural Purposes a parcel or parcels that are devoted exclusively to commercial animal or poultry husbandry, aquiculture, apiculture, the production for a commercial use of field crops, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental trees, sod, or flowers, or other similar agricultural uses.
- Personal Recreational Purposes a parcel or parcels that are devoted exclusively to personal recreational use of a private type and nature that is conducted by the owner(s) of such parcel(s) or the individual(s) entitled to exclusive use and possession of such parcel(s), without fee or consideration of any kind, excluding any commercial or membership recreational type of use whether or not for fee or profit.

# Article 4 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

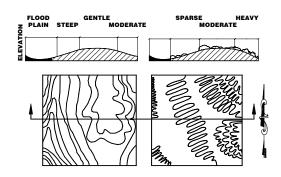
### **Standards**

# **400 General Purpose**

The purpose of good subdivision and site design is to create a functional and attractive development, minimize adverse impacts, and ensure that a project will be an asset to the county and township. To promote this purpose, the subdivision shall conform to this article's standards which are designed to result in a well-planned community without adding unnecessarily to development costs. These design controls shall help insure creation of convenient and safe streets, usable lots, space for public purposes, and will minimize the undesirable features of unplanned, haphazard growth. The planning commission has the responsibility for reviewing the design of each subdivision early in its design development to insure that all the requirements of these Regulations are addressed.

# 401 Suitability of Land

If the planning commission finds that land proposed to be subdivided is unsuitable for subdivision development due to poor drainage, flood hazard, topography, inadequate water supply, landslip potential, unstable subsurface conditions due to underground mining or other reasons and other such conditions which may endanger health, life, safety, or property; and, if by any public agencies concerned it is determined that in the best interest of the public the land should not be developed for the purpose proposed, the planning commission shall not approve the subdivision unless adequate methods for solving the problems are advanced by the subdivider. For major subdivisions a written statement may be required



by the planning commission describing characteristics of the development site, such as bedrock geology and soils, topography, flood prone areas, existing vegetation, structures and road networks, visual features, and past and present use of the site.

### **402** Conformance to Applicable Rules and Regulations

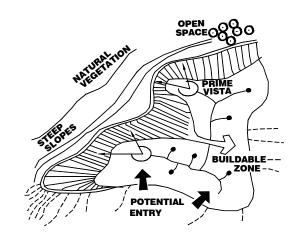
In addition to the requirements established in these Regulations, all subdivision shall comply with the following:

- a. All applicable county or township zoning resolutions and all other applicable laws in which the subdivision is to be located.
- b. The comprehensive plan, public utility plan, and capital improvement programs, including plans for all streets, drainage systems, and parks shown on the comprehensive plan as adopted by the county.
- c. The special requirements of these Regulations and any rule of the health department and/or appropriate state agencies.
- d. The rules of the Ohio Department of Transportation if the subdivision or any lot contained therein abuts a state highway or connected street.
- e. The standards and regulations adopted by the county engineer, and all boards, agencies and officials of the county.

# 403 Subdivision and Site Design

Design of the subdivision shall take into consideration existing county, municipal and regional comprehensive plans, the existing county land use plan, and shall be based on a site analysis. To the maximum extent practicable, development shall be located to preserve the natural features of the site, to avoid areas of environmental sensitivity, and to minimize negative impacts and alterations of natural features. The following specific areas shall be preserved as undeveloped open space, to the extent consistent with the reasonable utilization of land, and in accordance with the U.S. and Ohio Constitutions and state or federal regulations:

- a. Unique and/or fragile areas, including wetlands, as may be defined in Section 404, Federal Water Pollution Act, as amended; and in Ohio Environmental Protection Agency standards.
- b. Land in the floodway as identified and mapped using the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Hazard Boundary Maps.
- c. Steep slopes in excess of fifteen (15) percent unless appropriate engineering measures concerning slope stability, erosion, and resident safety are taken into account.
- d. Flat slopes less than 1% unless appropriate engineering measures concerning drainage elevation of structures and public health issues are taken into account.
- e. Habitats of endangered wildlife, as identified on federal and state lists.
- f. Historically and culturally significant structures and sites, as listed on the National Register of Historical Places.
- g. Land located within 300 feet of an existing oil or gas well.

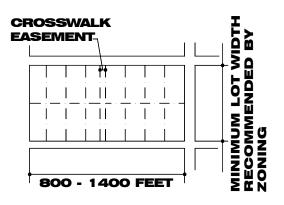


The development shall be laid out to avoid adversely affecting groundwater and aquifer recharge; to reduce cut and fill; to avoid unnecessary impervious cover; to prevent flooding; to provide adequate access to lots and sites; and, to mitigate adverse effects of noise, odor, traffic, drainage, and utilities on neighboring properties. The placement of buildings in residential developments shall take into consideration topography, building height, orientation and drainage. A drainage study shall be submitted for the proposed subdivision to insure that post-development runoff does not exceed pre-development runoff. (See section 605b). Where the study indicates an increase in runoff, engineering measures shall be designed to reduce the runoff to pre-development conditions.

### 404 Blocks

The following regulations shall govern the design and layout of blocks:

- a. The arrangements of blocks shall conform to the street design criteria set forth in these Regulations.
- b. Blocks shall be arranged to accommodate lots and building sites of the size and character required by these Regulations and any applicable zoning resolution, to provide for adequate community facilities, and with regard of the limitations and opportunities of topography.
- c. Irregularly shaped blocks, blocks intended for cul-de-sacs and loop streets, and blocks containing interior parks and playgrounds may be approved by the planning commission if properly designed and located.



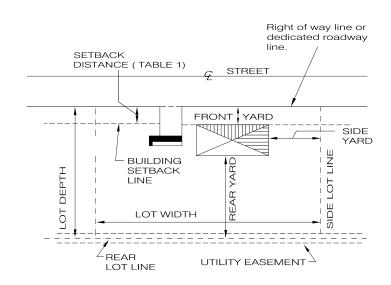
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- d. No block shall be larger than (1400) feet, or (12) times the minimum lot width required in the zoning district, and no less than (800) feet. Cross streets shall be provided between blocks.
- e. Where blocks are more than (900) feet in length, a walkway easement not less than (10) feet in width at or near the halfway point of the block may be required between streets.
- f. Blocks in the traditional gridiron pattern should consist of two tiers of lots and an easement may be included to separate them.
- g. Through lots (extending from one parallel street to the other) shall be discouraged to avoid problems between adjoining owners, and to reduce the number of streets.

# **405 Lot Improvements**

# **Lot Arrangement and Dimensions**

a. Lot arrangement, design and dimensions shall be such that all lots will provide satisfactory building sites. Driveway access to buildings on the lot shall be from a dedicated public street (existing or proposed or on a private street meeting public street standards). Lots shall be properly related to topography and the character of the surrounding development, and shall be in compliance with the county or township zoning resolution and regulations for the district in which they are ed and for the use for which they are intended.



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b. Where a county or township zoning resolution is not in effect, the minimum lot size, width and frontage shall be as specified in Table 1. Where soil conditions are of such a nature that proper operation of wells and septic tanks may be impaired, the planning commission, upon recommendation from the health department may increase the size of any or all lots in the subdivision, or may deny approval of the subdivision.

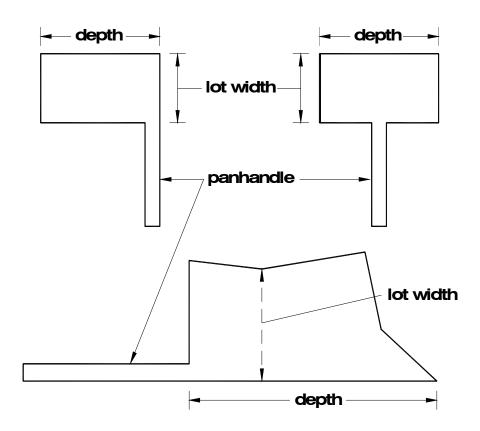
Table 1: Minimum Lot Areas and Width Requirements							
Development Type	Public Water Available  Central Sewag Treatment Available		Minimum Lot Width (feet) *	Lot Area (per family or business)	Minimum Front Building Setback Requirements (feet)		
		Available			Arterial Street	Collector Street	Local and Cul-de-sac
Single or Two Families	Yes No Yes No	No Yes Yes No	112 80 70 112	1 acre 20,000 sf 9,450 sf 1 acre	60 35 35 60	55 30 30 55	50 30 30 50
Multi-Family	Yes No Yes No	No Yes Yes No	Prohibited 90 90 Prohibited	2,700 sf 2,500 sf	40 40	35 35	30 30
Commercial	Yes No Yes No	No Yes Yes No	150 90 90 150	1 acre 4,500 sf 4,500 sf 1 acre	60 50 50 60	55 45 45 55	50 40 40 50
Industrial	Yes No Yes No	No Yes Yes No	Prohibited 100 100 Prohibited		50 50	45 45	40 40

NOTE: Lot area does not include road right-of-way. Lot areas may be increased by recommendation of the County Health Department. For slope areas where the average topographic slope is 15% or greater, refer to hillside regulations.

<sup>\*</sup> width / depth ratios will determine minimum lot width for larger lots.

- c. Dimensions of corner lots shall be large enough to allow the erection of buildings, observing the minimum front-yard setback from both streets.
- d. The maximum depth of any lot shall not be greater than four times its width.
- e. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 contained herein, a maximum of two flag or panhandle lots shall be permitted where zoning or other regulations do not prohibit them. The panhandle of panhandle lots shall not be side by side but must be separated by intervening lots. The panhandle of these lots shall be designed to meet the geometric requirements of Article 5 for streets. The panhandle shall be of sufficient width to meet the right-of-way requirements of Article 5, and in no case less than 50 feet, except lots less than three (3) acres in area may have a panhandle width of 30 feet. These 3 acre panhandle lots cannot be further divided and this shall be noted on the plat or sketch and instrument of conveyance. The subdivider shall provide documentation to the planning commission to determine this width. The maximum length of the panhandle shall not exceed 925 feet. Beginning at the lot end of the panhandle, the lot shall comply with these regulations. The lot width shall be the least dimension without regard to lot orientation.

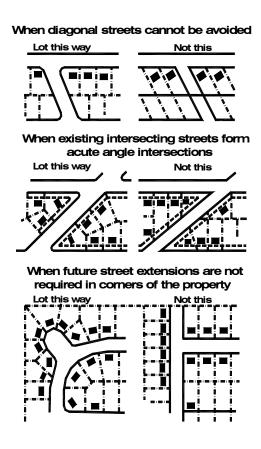
# **Lot Orientation**



- a. Residential lots shall front on a dedicated public street (existing or proposed) or on a private street meeting public street standards. All side lot lines where practicable should be at approximate right angles to street lines or radial to curving street lines, unless a variation from these rules will give a better street or lot plan. Variations are permitted to accommodate barriers such as streams and existing utility easements. However, side lot lines not deflect more than (30) thirty degrees from the perpendicular in relation to street centerlines. A side lot line shall maintain the same angle or deflection between the front lot line and the minimum building setback line as established by the zoning resolution or these Regulations.
- b. The lot line common to the street right-of-way shall be the front line. All lots shall face the front line and a similar line across the street. Wherever feasible, lots shall be arranged so that the rear line does not abut the sideline of an adjacent lot.

# **Double Frontage Lots and Access to Lots**

- a. Double frontage and reversed frontage lots shallbe avoided except where necessary to provide separation of residential development from traffic arterials or to overcome specific disadvantages of topography and orientation. Residential lots abutting arterial or collector streets, where marginal access streets are not desirable or possible to attain, shall be designed as reverse lots or with side lot lines parallel to the major traffic streets.
- b. Lots may not be created by dividing land at the end of stub streets in adjacent subdivisions, such stub streets being intended to promote continuity of street systems in adjoining subdivisions.
- c. Fifty (50) feet (minimum) of additional lot depth or a buffer strip in accordance with the landscape standards herein shall be required where a residential lot in a subdivision backs up to a railroad right-of-way, a high pressure gasoline or natural gas line, open drainage ditch, an arterial street or interstate highway, an industrial area or other existing land use which may have a detrimental effect on the residential use of the property, and where no local street is provided at the rear of such lot.



### **406** Easements

- a. Location of utility line easements within the road right-of-way shall be located outside of the improved portion of the roadway pursuant to standards of the Brown County Engineer (See Appendix K). Utility easements may also be located along the front of line or centered on the rear or side lot line as necessary for utility lines. Easements shall give access to every lot, park or public grounds. Such easements shall be a total of not less than twenty (20) feet wide.
- b. Recommendations on the proposed layout of telephone and electric company easements should be sought from all of the utility companies serving the area. It shall be the responsibility of the subdivider to submit copies of the preliminary plan to all appropriate public utility companies.
- c. Easements shall be provided for storm drainage purposes. Such easements shall conform substantially with the lines of any natural water course, channels, streams or creeks which traverse the subdivision or for any new channel which is established to substitute for an existing natural watercourse, channel, stream or creek. Such easements shall be of sufficient width to provide adequate area for maintenance, however they shall not be less than twenty (20) feet. Provisions of an easement in no way make any political subdivision responsible for maintenance of storm water facilities. The plat shall specify the entity or person responsible for maintenance of storm water facilities.
- d. Whenever practicable, the utilities shall be placed underground, according to the standards of the appropriate utility company.
- e. The location of mailboxes and similar structures in the right-of-way of a public or private street shall be constructed so as to not create a hazard to the public and shall be constructed pursuant to standards of the Brown County Engineer (See Appendix L).

### 407 Standards for Nonresidential Subdivisions

- a. In addition to the principles and standards in these Regulations, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commission that the streets, parcels, blocks, and lot patterns proposed are specifically adapted to the uses anticipated and take into account other uses in the vicinity.
- b. Proposed industrial parcels shall be suitable in area and dimension to the types of industrial development anticipated.
- c. Every effort shall be made to protect adjacent residential areas from potential nuisance from a proposed commercial or industrial subdivision, including the provision of extra depth in parcels backing up on existing or potential residential development and provisions for a permanently landscaped buffer strip when necessary.
- d. Blocks intended for commercial and industrial subdivisions shall be designed specifically for such purposes and shall include adequate provision for parking, loading and delivery services. Such blocks shall not be less than (250) feet in width and not less than (500) feet in length.
- e. Lots intended for other non-residential use shall be specifically noted and designed for such purposes, and shall have adequate provisions for off-street parking, setbacks, and loading and unloading areas.

# Article 5 STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

### Standards

### 500 General

These Regulations shall control the manner in which the road system is arranged on the land to permit the safe, efficient, and orderly movement of traffic; to meet, but not exceed, the needs of the present and future population; to have a simple and logical pattern; to respect natural features and topography; and to present an attractive streetscape. The county engineer shall review all street road plans for conformance with these standards and his determination shall be final.

# 501 Conformity to Development Plans and Zoning

No subdivision shall be approved unless the area to be subdivided has frontage on and access from an existing street on the official thoroughfare map, or if there is no official thoroughfare map, unless such street is an existing state, county, or township highway, road or a street shown upon a plat approved by the planning commission and recorded in the county recorder's office. Such street or highway must be suitably improved as required by these Regulations or guaranteed, with a performance bond, to be improved as required by these Regulations. In addition, no final plat of land within an existing zoning district shall be approved unless it conforms with requirements of the zoning district.

# 502 Official Road Design Standards

Design standards and required improvements to arterial streets and roads are contained in Table 2. Construction design criteria of these streets are to be determined by the county engineer when such streets abut or cross the proposed subdivision. In all cases right-of-way dedications shall be required for streets leading to new subdivisions.

When developing along one side of an existing street or roadway included in the official thoroughfare plan, the subdivider shall be responsible for construction of the existing roadway within the bounds of his subdivision to the roadway standards in this article, except for the pavement. Where the existing paved surface width does not meet these standards the developer shall increase the shoulder width to permit future widening of the pavement to meet these standards. If the developer damages the existing road surface, he shall pave the full width of the existing pavement, when in the opinion of the county engineer the pavement has been damaged, with a two inch overlay.

Table 2: Street Design Standards for Arterial Roads					
R/W Width (feet)	Sidewalks (feet)	Planting Strip (feet)	Median (feet)	Pavement Width (feet)	
70	5	8	None	44	
82	5	5	14	48	
90	5	9	14	48	
120	5	12	14	72	

### **503 Street Names**

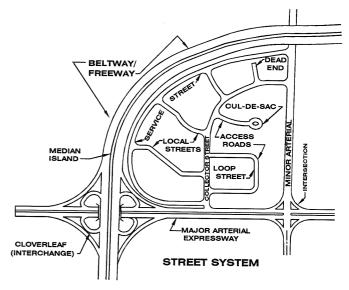
Street name signs or numbers of a type in use throughout the county shall be erected by the subdivider at all intersections. Names of new streets shall not duplicate or nearly duplicate those of existing or platted streets, irrespective of the use of the suffix "street," "avenue," "circle," "boulevard," "drive," etc., and shall be displayed at each street intersection with street signs of the type established by the county. When a new street is a direct extension of an existing street, the name shall remain the same. Sign color shall conform with the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices requirements. Street names shall be subject to the approval of the county engineer. The subdivider is responsible for the cost of purchasing and installing all signage.

### 504 Street and Circulation System Design

a. The arrangement, character, extent, and location of all streets shall conform to the thoroughfare plan of the county; such streets shall be considered in their relation to

existing and planned streets, topographic conditions, public convenience and safety, and in their relation to the proposed uses of land to be served by such streets. The planning commission in conjunction with the county engineer reserves the right to disapprove any street plan which does not represent good design or does not insure continuity of the existing street system.

b. The road system shall be designed to serve the need of the neighborhood and to discourage through traffic in the interior of such subdivision. Residential driveway access shall not be permitted onto principal arterials. Major subdivisions shall be designed to discourage residential driveway access onto major arterial and collector roadways by using access roads. Minimizing driveway access points or curb cuts by using access roads shall be encouraged.



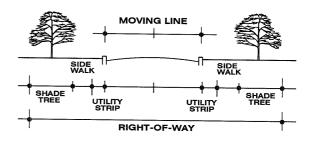
There shall be no private streets, lanes, roads or ways nor any private easement used for the purpose of primary access to any subdivision, including subdivisions exempt from platting under Ohio Revised Code Section 711.131 unless constructed and maintained to county road specifications and standards. The cost of maintenance of such private streets, roadways and easements shall be borne equitably by benefitting property owners. Proper legal steps shall be taken to guarantee the continuing maintenance of such streets, roadways and easements.

### 505 Street Vacation

The planning commission shall not recommend the vacation of any street dedicated to and accepted by the public if such vacation will adversely affect the proper functioning of the existing street system or any future street plan prepared by, or approved by, the planning commission. The procedure to vacate a street or alley may be found in Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.01.

### 506 Rights-of-Way

- a. The right-of-way shall be measured from lot line to lot line and shall be sufficiently wide to contain the cartway, curbs, sidewalks, utilities, graded areas and shade trees, if required.
- b. The right-of-way of a new street that is a continuation of an existing street shall in no case be continued at a width less than that of the existing street.
- c. The right-of-way for roads shall be in accordance with the major thoroughfare plan, and shall provide for future development.



Street Type	R-O-W Width (feet)	Street Type	DOWWAL (C. )
Street Type	N-0-W Width (leet)	Street Type	R-O-W Width (feet)
Major Arterial	120-300	Local Street/Road	50-80
Minor Arterial	60-100	Access Street	50-80
Major Collector	60-80	Alley	50-50
Minor Collector	60-80	Cul-de-Sac	50 radius
Local Industrial	60-80		

# 507 Horizontal Alignment

When there is an angle of deflection of more than one (1) degree between two (2) centerline tangent sections of a residential street, the following conditions shall be met:

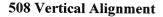
- a. The preferred maximum degree of curvature is (D) 16° 00'
- b. The maximum allowable degree of curvature shall be23° 00'.
- c. Sight conditions shall be such that a minimum stopping sight distance of two hundred (200) feet is provided.

A minimum tangent length of one hundred (100) feet shall be introduced between reverse curves.

Where Degree of Curvature is defined as: D = 5,729.6/R

Where R = Radius of the curve.

Design criteria for other than residential streets shall meet the requirements of the county engineer.



All changes in grade in residential streets shall be connected by vertical curves, the minimum length of which satisfies the following requirements:

- a. Fifty (50) times the algebraic difference in the rate of grade.
- b. A minimum stopping sight distance of two hundred (200) feet.



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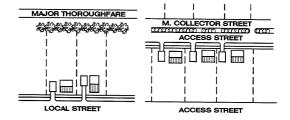
c. The appropriate maximum gradient as specified in the "Street Design Standards" contained in Table 4 shall not be exceeded. No street grade shall be less than 0.6 percent and in no case shall a street grade on a collector or arterial street be more than five (5) percent within one hundred (100) feet of an intersection. Lesser classification of streets shall in no case have a street grade in excess of 10 percent within one hundred (100) feet of an intersection. For slopes, refer to hillside regulations.

- a. Permanent dead-end streets shall not be permitted. Temporary dead-end streets shall be permitted only as a segment of a continuing street plan subject to extension into undeveloped acreage. Temporary dead-end streets shall extend to the boundary of such undeveloped acreage and shall be provided with an interim turnaround satisfactory to the county engineer in design. The planning commission shall reserve the right to limit the length of such a dead-end street based on principles of proper planning, but in no case shall such street exceed 1000 feet. The planning commission may require a street along the boundary between a proposed subdivision and the undeveloped acreage to provide for future development.
- b. Cul-de-sac streets shall not exceed a length of one thousand (1,000) feet measured to the center of the radius of the turnaround. The terminus shall be circular with a minimum radius of fifty (50) feet measured from a point on the street centerline.
- c. The dedication of new half-streets shall not be permitted. If a parcel to be subdivided exists adjacent to a dedicated or platted and recorded half-width street or alley, the other half-width of such street or alley falling within the proposed subdivision shall be platted, provided that in the opinion of the planning commission such right-of-way is necessary for the proper development of the area.

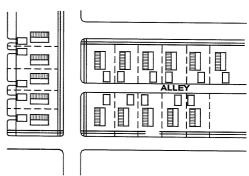
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- such right of way is necessary for the proper development of the area.
- d. Where a subdivision adjoins an arterial street, a marginal access street shall be designed to control access from lots fronting on it. Points of access to the arterial street shall be spaced at a minimum of thirteen hundred twenty (1320)

feet. A planting strip having a minimum width of twenty (20) feet shall be provided between the pavement of the marginal access street. The minimum width of the marginal access right-of-way shall be fifty(50) feet. In addition, the planning commission may also require the provision of buffer planting strips, the platting of loop streets or cul-de-sacs connected to such parallel streets, or any combination thereof.



- e. Easements or reserve strips controlling access to streets shall be prohibited except where deemed necessary by the planning commission and where their control is definitely placed with the county.
- f. In subdividing land along existing streets or roads and within a proposed subdivision, provisions for the dedication of land for one or more access streets to undeveloped land not fronting on an existing street or road shall be incorporated. Said access streets shall be spaced not less than eight hundred (800) feet, nor more than one thousand four hundred (1,400) feet apart.
- g. Alleys may be approved in residential subdivisions when justified by subdivision street design, to provide vehicular access to parking areas. Alleys may be approved in commercial and industrial subdivisions if no other provisions can be made for adequate service access. The minimum widths for alleys shall be thirty (30) feet. Alley intersections, sharp changes in alignment, and dead-ends shall not be permitted unless extreme conditions would warrant.



## 510 Street Design Standards for all Streets Except Cul-de-Sacs and Loop-Type Local Streets

The design and improvement standards contained in Table 4 are minimums for all local streets and collector streets, except cul-de-sacs and loop-type streets, in residential subdivisions.

Table 4: Minimum Street Design	n Standards for Local and	<b>Collector Streets</b>
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I	COLLECTOR STREET					
Terrain Classification	Level	Rolling	Hilly	Level	Rolling	Hilly
Right-of-way (ft.)	50*	60*	60	60	70	80
Pavement Width (ft.)	20	20	20	24	24	24
Minimum Stopping Sight Distance (ft.)	200	200	200	200	200	200
Maximum Grade	4%	8%	15%	4%	8%	15%
Maximum Spacing when intersected with an arterial (ft)	-	-	-	1320	1320	1320
Minimum Center Line Radius of Streets with an angle of turn of:						
(1) Between 80 and 100	250	250	250			
(2) Less than 80 or more than 100	350	350	350	350	350	350
Minimum Shoulder Width (ft.)	4	4-6	6	4	4-6	6

<sup>\*</sup>A utility easement ten (10) feet in width may be required along each side of the street right-of-way for these streets.

**Note:** Exceptions to the standards contained in this table are permitted under certain conditions for large lots. Hillside lots with grades of more than 15% are also subject to exceptions as provided under Article 10, Hillside Regulations.

Table 5: Minimum Street Design Standards for Cul-de-Sacs and Loop-Type Street					
Terrain Classification	Level	Rolling	Hilly		
Right-of-Way (ft.)	50*	60*	60*		
Pavement Width	20	20	20		
Minimum Stopping Sight distance (feet)	250	200	200		
Maximum Grade	4%	8%	8%		
Maximum cul-de-sac length	1000	1000	1000		
Maximum cul-de-sac radius (row)	50	50	50		
Maximum cul-de-sac radius (pavement)	40	40	40		
Minimum Center Line Radius of Streets with an angle of turn of: (1) Between 80 and 100 (2) Less than 80 or more than 100	150 250	150 250	150 250		

<sup>\*</sup> A utility easement ten (10) feet in width may be required along each side of the street right-of-way for these streets.

Table 6: Intersection Design Standards						
Terrain Classification	Level	Rolling	Hilly			
Maximum Approach Speed (mph)	25	25	25			
Clear Sight Distance (ft. length along each approach leg)	90	90	70			
Vertical Alignment with intersection	crown	5% maximum **	5% maximum **			
Minimum Angle of Intersection Streets		60* degrees				
Minimum Edge of Pavement Radius (ft.) a local-local b. local-collector c. collector-collector d. collector, marginal access-arterial		25 - all classes 30 - all classes 35 - all classes 40 - all classes				
Minimum Centerline Offset of adjacent intersection (ft) a. local-local b. local-collector c. collector-collector d. collector, marginal access-arterial		150 - all classes 150 - all classes 200 - all classes 1320 - all classes				
* This should be considered an absolute minimum.						
** Engineering measures shall be taken to preclude water runoff from flowing into the intersection.						

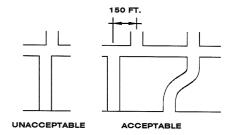
## 511 Street Design Standards for Cul-de-Sac and Loop-Type Streets

The design and improvement standards contained herein are minimum for cul-de-sac and loop type local streets in a residential subdivision. All such streets shall be designed and constructed in accordance with standards as specified in Table 5. Cul-de-sacs are required whenever a street is intended to be permanently dead-ended.

#### 512 Intersection Design Standards

The design and improvement standards for intersections are suggested minimums for all street intersections in subdivisions.

All such intersections shall be designed and constructed in accordance with standards as specified in Table 6. Multiple intersections involving junctions of more than two (2) streets shall not be permitted. Proposed streets shall intersect one another as nearly at right angles as topography or other limiting factors will permit. No intersection of streets on angles less than sixty (60) degrees shall be approved.



## 513 Streets for Commercial Subdivisions

Streets serving business developments and accessory parking areas shall be planned to connect with arterial streets so as not to generate traffic on local streets. The intersection of driveways from parking areas with arterial or collector streets shall be located so as to cause the least possible interference with traffic movement on the streets, and shall be located not less than one hundred (100) feet from the intersection of an arterial or collector street with any other street, and shall be spaced not less than two hundred (200) feet from each other. The planning commission may require marginal access streets to provide maximum safety and convenience.

#### 514 Streets for Industrial Subdivisions

Collector streets for industrial subdivisions shall be planned to serve industrial areas exclusively and shall connect with arterial streets so that no industrial traffic will be directed into any residential streets. The intersections of service streets from parking areas, with arterial or collector streets shall not be less than one hundred (100) feet from the intersections of the arterial or collector street with any other street. Streets shall be planned to be extended to the boundaries of any adjoining land planned for industry, except if severe physical conditions prevent this or if the planning commission finds such extension is not in accord with the approved plan of the area.

#### 515 Driveways

- a. A private driveway may be used to provide vehicular access to a single family detached dwelling unit.
- b. Access roads or vehicular ways within subdivisions containing single-family attached dwelling units or multi-family dwellings shall be considered streets and designed and constructed according to these Regulations.
- c. A driveway permit or letter indicating the access point as approved shall be obtained from the office of the county engineer (See Appendix L), or Ohio Department of Transportation. Proof of such permit shall be submitted with the final plat, or plat dedication shall include a statement requiring all lot owners to apply for a driveway permit prior to development.
- d. When adequate frontage is available on a non-limited access highway, two driveways to a property used for a single purpose may be permitted.
- e. Driveways shall have a maximum grade of (15) percent. Driveways shall be located not less than three (3) feet from the side lot line. The subdivider or developer shall place the approved drainage structures under intersecting driveways when required. Driveways shall be designed so as to drain into the roadside ditch and not onto the roadway surface. A permit will have to be obtained from the Brown County Engineer (See Driveway Application Appendix M.)

Table 7: Recommended Driveway Dimensions						
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial			
Minimum Width	10	15	20			
Maximum Width	20	24	40			
Turn Radius Minimum	10	15	25			
Turn Radius Maximum	25	50	50			
Minimum Angle of Intersection	45	45	45			

<sup>\*</sup>The minimum width of commercial driveways is intended to apply to one-way operation. In high-pedestrian activity areas, such as in a business district or in the same block with an auditorium, school or library, the maximum basic width should be 30 feet. The width is intended to be measured along the right-of-way line. The maximum radius for major generator driveways should be much higher than the values shown. Minimum acute angle is measured from edge of pavement, and generally based on one-way operation. For two-way driveways, and in high pedestrian activity areas, the minimum angle should be 70 degrees.

## 516 Off Street Parking (applies where no zoning is in effect)

#### **Number of Spaces**

An adequate number of off-street parking spaces shall be required in all developments to accommodate residents and visitors. Because the parking requirements included in Table 8 are for peak needs, the planning commission may designate areas that will serve as temporary parking areas. These would include grassy areas with an adequate aggregate base to be used as overflow parking during peak parking periods.

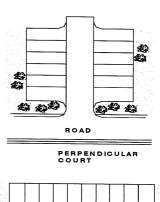
#### **Size of Spaces**

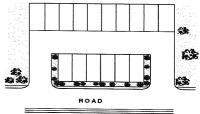
Each off-street parking space shall measure nine (9) feet in width by eighteen (18) feet in length. Parking spaces for the physically handicapped shall measure twelve (12) feet in width. For every 25 spaces, there must be at least one (1) handicapped accessible space, labeled and signed for such use.

#### **Parking Areas**

a. Off-street parking areas shall be located within a reasonable walking distance of the buildings they are designed to serve.

b. Access to parking areas shall be designed so as not to obstruct free flow of traffic. There shall be adequate provision for ingress and egress from all parking spaces to ensure ease of mobility, ample clearance, and emergency vehicle and pedestrian access.





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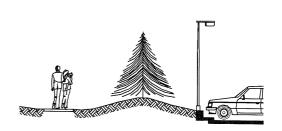
Table 8: Recommended Parking Requirements				
Type of Uses	Off-Street Parking Requirements			
One/Two Family Dwellings	2 spaces/DU.			
Townhouses and Multiple Family	2 spaces/DU.			
Mobile Homes	2 spaces/unit.			
Office Uses	2 spaces plus 1 space for each 200 sq. ft. of usable floor area.			
Office Uses	1 space for each 100 sq. ft. of usable floor area.			
Industrial Uses	1 space for employee in the largest working shift.			
Churches and Temples	1 space for each 3 seats.			
School	2 per classroom, but not less than 1 per teacher and staff			
Restaurant	1 per 3 seats			
Fast-Food Establishment	1 per 30 sq. ft. of usable floor area			
Retail Store	1 per 200 sq. ft. of usable floor area			
Shopping Center Under 400,000 sq. ft.	4 per 1,000 sq. ft. of usable floor area			
Shopping Center 400,000-599,999 sq. ft.	4.5 per 1,000 sq. ft. of usable floor area			
Shopping Center 600,000 + sq. ft.	5 per 1,000 sq. ft. of usable floor area			
Medical Center	1 per 250 sq. ft. of usable floor area			

Note: Where and if these standards conflict with applicable zoning regulations, the zoning regulation's standards shall apply.

- c. Parking lots containing ten (10) or more spaces, shall be planted with at least one (1) tree per eight (8) spaces, no smaller then 2" caliper (tree trunk diameter at chest height).
- d. Parking areas shall be screened along lot lines bordering institutional or residential uses and along streets. Native trees and shrubs shall be planted wherever possible.
- e. The width of all aisles providing direct access to individual parking stalls shall be in accordance with the requirements specified below. Only one-way traffic shall be permitted in aisles serving single-row parking spaces placed at an angle other than ninety degrees.

## 517 Sidewalks and Graded Areas

- a. Sidewalks may be required in all subdivisions. Where the average lot line frontage is 100 feet or less, sidewalks may be required on both sides of the street. Where the average lot line frontage is greater than 100 feet, sidewalks may only be required on one side of the street. Where the average lot line frontage is greater than 150 feet, sidewalks may not be required.
- b. In conventional developments, sidewalks shall be placed in the right-of-way, parallel to the street, unless an exception has been permitted to preserve topographical or natural features or to provide visual interest, or unless the applicant shows that an alternative pedestrian system provides safe and convenient circulation.
- c. Pedestrian-way easements ten (10) feet wide may be required by the planning commission through the center of blocks to provide circulation or access to schools, playgrounds, shopping or other community facilities.
- d. Sidewalks shall measure four (4) feet in width; wider widths may be necessary near pedestrian generators and employment centers.
- e. Sidewalks and graded areas shall be constructed according to the specifications set forth in these Regulations.
- f. Public sidewalks may be required for industrial lots, subject to the approval of the planning commission.



### 518 Street and Walkway Lighting

The planning commission may require the subdivider to install street lights in accordance with standards and specifications of the county engineer, with consultation provided by the local electric utility company, in each residential subdivision which contains a majority of lots with an individual lot width of one hundred (100) feet or less at the front property line. Such lights shall be located at each street intersection within the subdivision and at other locations deemed necessary by the county engineer. Streetlights shall be designed, with appropriate lamps and reflectors, to minimize light pollution.

## 519 Monuments, Markers, and Pins

Monuments shall be set at all subdivision corners and iron pins at lot corners. At least four permanent markers shall be set in each plat of ten lots or less, and as many additional permanent markers as the surveyor deems necessary to properly control his original survey. Such permanent markers shall be placed in a manner so that the line of sight between such markers can be observed from one marker to the other. Such markers shall be made of either stone or concrete at least four inches in diameter, or four inches square, and property marked with suitable center point. The markings on such markers may consist of a cross cut with the legs of the cross at least three inches long and at least one eighth inch deep.

Solid iron pins of at least one inch diameter may also be used as permanent markers. All stone accounts the control of the cross at least one inch diameter may also be used as permanent markers.

Solid iron pins of at least one inch diameter may also be used as permanent markers. All stone, concrete, or iron pin markers shall be at least thirty (30) inches long and the bottom of such markers shall be set at least thirty inches below finished grade.

If the location for a permanent marker is originally determined to be in an area of solid rock it may be relocated and offset from its original position. Such location must be noted on the plat.

Iron pins, not less than one half (½) inch in diameter and thirty (30) inches long, shall be placed by the surveyor at all lot corners other than those marked by permanent markers. Before approval and recording the subdivision plat, the required permanent reference monuments and the specified iron pins shall be designated on the plat and shall be set in the subdivision where designated.

In addition to the above requirements, the subdivision shall be tied in to an existing established Military Survey Marker, highway or streets, etc.

## **520 Culverts and Bridges**

- a. Where natural drainage channels intersect any street right-of-way, it shall be the responsibility of the subdivider to have satisfactory bridges and/or culverts constructed. Where bridge culverts are required, minimum requirements shall be observed as follows:
- b. All bridge culverts shall extend for an adequate distance to accommodate the required roadway embankment slopes. The cover over the culvert and its capacity and bridge load rating and capacity shall be determined by the developer's professional engineer and approved by the county engineer. The minimum diameter of the culvert pipe shall be twelve (12) inches. Depending on the existing drainage conditions, head walls may be required. Where driveway culverts are wholly or partially in the street right-of-way, they shall have a minimum length of twenty (20) feet and minimum diameter of twelve (12) inches. The driveway culverts shall be laid so as to maintain the flow lines of the ditch or gutter.

#### **521 Street Improvements**

All streets and thoroughfares shall be graded to their full width, including side slopes, and improved in conformance with the standards given or referred to in these Regulations. These standards are considered minimum and are subject to change where deemed necessary. All materials and construction procedures shall be procedures shall be in accordance with the current Construction and Materials Specifications of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation or the specifications on file in the county engineers office, whichever are more stringent.

#### 522 Street Width

Minimum street pavement widths shall conform to the standards of these Regulations. Pavement widths greater than those specified may be deemed necessary by the county engineer and the planning commission, and shall be constructed by the developer.

#### **523 Street Subgrade**

- a. The subgrade shall be free of sod, vegetative or organic matter, soft clay, and objectionable materials for a depth of at least two (2) feet below the finish surface.
- b. The subgrade shall be properly rolled, shaped, and compacted in accordance with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Specifications. All soft areas shall be removed and replaced with suitable material to achieve the required approval. Backfills over sewers, culverts and underground utilities in the roadway shall also meet the specifications in ODOT's Construction and Material Specifications.
- c. Sub-base grade tolerance shall be no more than one (1) inch in sixteen (16) feet, and shall be subject to the approval of the county engineer.
- d. Where granular subbase is not a part of the pavement design, and rock, shale or coal is encountered, the subgrade shall be excavated to a depth of 2 feet below the surface of the subgrade for the cross section width of the roadway between points 1 foot beyond the shoulders. The additional excavation shall be filled with suitable embankment material.
- e. Where granular subbase is a part of the pavement design, and rock, shale or coal is encountered, the subgrade shall be excavated to a depth of 18 inches below the subbase for the cross section width of the roadway between points 1 foot beyond the shoulders. The additional excavation shall be filled with suitable embankment material.

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f. Approval of the sub-grade must be obtained from the county engineer prior to the application of the base course.

#### **524 Street Base Course**

The developer has the option of using any of the following base courses, based on soil and traffic conditions and subject to the approval of the county engineer: aggregate, bituminous aggregate, asphalt concrete, or equally suitable base course. Thickness shall be determined by the county engineer, and approved by the planning commission, based upon the physical properties of the base course used and the physical properties of the roadbed.

#### **525 Street Surface Course**

Upon the expiration of the established maintenance period for the base course, the surface course shall be constructed using either asphalt concrete or bituminous mix. Specific material and thickness recommendations shall be determined by the county engineer based upon traffic conditions.

### 526 Full-Depth Asphalt Pavement

If streets are to be constructed out of "full-depth" asphalt, an asphalt pavement in which asphalt-aggregate mixtures are used for all courses above the subgrade may be necessary. The county engineer will determine pavement thicknesses. For local streets pavements may vary from eight (8) to ten (10) inches depending upon subgrade conditions. For collector streets, pavements may vary from ten (10) to twelve (12) inches, and for arterial and industrial streets from ten (10) to sixteen (16) inches, depending upon the engineer's recommendation.

### 527 Open Ditches and Slopes

Open ditch construction for roadside drainage shall be constructed according to Ohio Department of Transportation specifications. Minimum depth of ditches shall be two (2) feet below the edge of pavement, and one (1) foot minimum at top of hill and toe of bank. All ditches shall be protected against erosion. Curlex or approved equal shall be used in ditches up to 2.5%. Sod shall be used in the bottom and side of ditches up to 5%, and rip rap gutters shall be used in ditches over 5%.

#### **528 Street Construction Standards**

Street construction design is based upon the California Bearing Ratio (C.B.R.) value of the soil subgrade. Where more than one soil type of varying CBR value occurs on the proposed street, design shall be made on the basis of the lowest CBR. While actual on-site testing is recognized as a proper method of determining CBR values, the use of soil types may be utilized in lieu of on-site testing as a satisfactory substitute. For purpose of street construction standards, Table 9 shows three (3) classifications of soil with its engineering design calculation.

	Lo		Local S		Local Street (5) Col		Colle	ollector Street (10)			Minor Arterial		Major Arterial & Industrial (75)	
	C.B.R.	4	5	7	4	5	7	4	5	7	4	5	7	
Aggregate	304	9"	8"	8"	10"	9"	8"	12	11	10	12	11	10	
Base	301 or 405 404 or	3"	2"	2"	3"	3"	3"	3	3	3	6	6	6	
	405	2"	2"	2"	2"	2"	2"	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Deep Strength	301	6"	5"	5"	7"	6"	5"	8"	7"	6"	9"	8"	7"	
Asphalt	402	11/2	1½	1½	11/2	1 ½	1 ½	1 ½	1 ½	1 ½	1 ½"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	
	404	1 ½"	1 ½"	1 1/2"	1 ½"	1 ½"	1 ½"	1 1/2	1 ½"	1 ½"	1 ½"	1 ½"	1 ½"	

C.B.R. = California Bearing Ratio (a measure of soil-bearing capacity • 301 = Bituminous aggregate base • 304 = Aggregate base • 402 = Asphalt concrete • 404 = Asphalt concrete • 407 = Tack coat (RS-1) • 408 = Prime coat (RC-30, MC-70, RT-2, or RS-2) •

NOTE: The number in parentheses is the design traffic number and is the "n" number of 18,000 lb. equivalent loads per day. When it is possible this loading will be exceeded, the county engineer may elect to change the roadway design specification. All monuments and iron pins shall be identified on the final plat, and shall be in place at the time the roads and other improvements are inspected for acceptance by the planning commission and county engineer.

## Article 6 UTILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

#### **Standards**

#### 600 General

A professional engineer, licensed in Ohio, shall design any plans for public water supply, stormwater and wastewater facilities.

#### **601 Water Supply**

- a. Where a public water supply is reasonably accessible or required because of groundwater pollution problems, the subdivision shall be provided with a complete water distribution system including a connection for each lot. Appropriately spaced fire hydrants shall be required by the planning commission in conformance with NFPA standards. Public water distribution and public well systems shall meet the requirements of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, as cited in the Ohio Revised Code.
- b. Where public water supply is not available, as determined by the planning commission and the county health department, or not required, the subdivider shall supply acceptable evidence of the availability of water. The subdivider may be required to drill one (1) or more test wells in the area to be platted. Individual private wells shall be located at least fifteen (15) feet from property lines; fifty (50) feet from all septic tanks; fifty (50) feet from all tile fields and other sewage facilities; fifteen (15) feet from all sewer lines; and shall not be located within any areas of flooding. As a precaution against seepage, a watertight seal shall be provided around the well casing. If no zoning is in effect, the minimum lot area requirements of these Regulations shall apply. In all cases where it has been determined that individual water supplies from private wells are not feasible, a public water distribution system shall be required.
- c. When a public water main is accessible, the developer shall install adequate water facilities subject to the specifications of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the county health department. Depending on the number of housing units, residential subdivisions shall be connected to an existing public or community water supply system if such service is available within the distances defined in Table 7.

For developments with more than 15 units and located within one (1) mile of an existing public or community water system, they shall provide a connection to such water supply system. For developments with more than 15 units and located more than one mile from an existing system, the water supply system.

system. For developments with more than 15 units and located more than one mile from an existing system, the water supply system strategy shall be determined on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration density of the development, costs, groundwater availability and quality.

d. Private wells and other water distribution systems may be accepted for maintenance and operation by the county sanitary engineer if the ownership is vested to the county and if the water distribution system has been constructed according to the specifications and approved by the sanitary engineer.

#### **602 Fire Protection**

- a. Fire hydrants with two and one half  $(2 \frac{1}{2})$  inch outlets and one (1) large pumping connection shall be provided by the subdivider in all subdivisions.
- b. Hydrants shall be located between property lines and roadway ditches with all outlets facing or parallel to the street. Hydrants shall be placed at the corners of all blocks and at midblock for blocks exceeding eight hundred (800) feet in length. Hydrants shall also be required at the entrance and end of all cul-de-sacs exceeding four hundred (400) feet in length.

**Table 10: Water Supply Extensions** 

**Distance** 

400 Feet

600 Feet

800 Feet

1000 Feet

2000 Feet

Size of Development

1 Unit

2 Units

3 Units

4 Units

5 - 15 Units

- c. Hydrants shall be spaced to provide necessary fire flow. The average area per hydrant shall not exceed 120,000 square feet. In addition, hydrants shall be spaced so that each residence shall be within 600 feet of a hydrant.
- d. A hydrant shall be located at all low points and at all high points with adequate means of drainage provided.
- e. The type of hydrant and control valves and the location of the hydrant shall be approved by the fire chief or person responsible for the fire protection for political subdivision in which the plat is located.
- f. The minimum size of any water line serving any hydrant shall not be less than six (6) inches in diameter and shall be on circulating water lines. The size and location of water lines shall be approved by the county engineer, the fire chief, or person responsible for the fire protection.
- g. Where no public water supply is available, the planning commission may require fire ponds with dry hydrants.

#### **603 Sanitary Sewers**

- a. Where an adequate public sanitary sewer system is reasonably accessible in the determination of the planning commission, public sanitary sewers shall be installed to adequately serve all lots, including lateral connections to the public system. Public sewer system extensions shall meet the requirements of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and county standards. Combinations of sanitary sewers and storm sewers shall be prohibited.
- b. Where a public sanitary sewer system is not reasonably accessible, the subdivider may provide a central treatment plant for the subdivision, provided that such central treatment plant is installed in accordance with state, EPA, and county health department requirements.
- c. Lots may be served by individual disposal systems only with approval of appropriate state and county health officials. Where the installation of individual disposal systems is considered, the absorptive ability of the soil, surface drainage, ground water level and topography shall be the criteria used for determining whether or not the installation of individual systems is permissible. In no case shall the discharge from an individual disposal system, including curtain drains, discharge into a public roadway ditch. When individual, on-lot sewage systems are approved, each lot so served shall be of a size and shape to accommodate the necessary length of a leach field at a safe distance from and at a lower elevation than the proposed building(s). Such lot size and shape shall conform to the requirements of the zoning district in which they are located. If no zoning is in effect, the standards set forth in these Regulations shall be met.

e. Depending on the number of housing units, residential subdivisions shall be connected to an existing public sanitary sewer system if public service is available within the distances defined in Table 11 (below).

Table 11: Sanitary Sewer Extensions				
Size of Development	Distance			
1 Unit	400 Feet			
2 Units	600 Feet			
3 Units	800 Feet			
4 Units	1000 Feet			
5 - 10 Units	2000 Feet			

f. for developments with more than 10 units and located within one mile of an existing public sanitary sewer system, adequate justification shall be provided as to why they should not provide a connection to the existing public sewer system.

#### 604 Design Criteria for Sanitary Sewers

These design criteria are not intended to cover extraordinary situations. Deviations will be allowed and may be required in those instances when considered justified by the county sanitary engineer.

a. **Design Factors:** Sewer capacities shall be adequate to handle the anticipated maximum hourly quantity of sewage and industrial waste together with an adequate allowance for infiltration and other extraneous flow. Sewers shall be designed for the total tributary area using the criteria in Table 12.

Table 12: Design Criteria for Sanitary Sewers				
Development Type	Flows			
1-family and 2-family dwellings	0.2 c.f.s./acre			
1-2 story apartments 3-6 story apartments	0.2 c.f.s./acre 0.2 c.f.s./acre			
Commercial - Small store, offices Commercial - Shopping centers High-Rise	0.2 c.f.s./acre 0.2 c.f.s./acre As directed by county sanitary engineer			
Industrial	As directed by county sanitary engineer			

**Note:** These design factors shall apply to watersheds of 300 acres or less. Design factors for watersheds larger than 300 acres and smaller than 1,000 acres shall be computed on the basis of a linear decrease from the applicable design factor for an area of 300 acres to the design factor of .05 c.f.s./acre for an area of 1,000 acres unless otherwise directed by the County Sanitary Engineer.

- b. **Size:** The diameter of sewers proposed shall not exceed the diameter of the existing or proposed outlet, whichever is applicable, and shall be no less than eight (8) inches.
- c. **Minimum Slope:** All sewers shall be designed to give mean velocities, when flowing full, of not less than 2.0 feet per second and not greater than 10.0 feet per second. All velocity and flow calculations shall be based on the Manning Formula using an "n" value of 0.013.
- d. **Alignment:** All sewers shall be laid with straight alignment between manholes, unless otherwise directed or approved by the county sanitary engineer.

<b>Table 13: Minimum Slopes for Sewer Size Indicated</b>				
Sewer Size (inches)	Minimum Slope (feet per 100 feet)			
8	0.60			
10	0.44			
12	0.36			
15	0.28			
18	0.24			
21	0.20			
24	0.16			

- e. **Manholes:** Manholes shall be installed at the end of each line; at all changes in grade, size, or alignment; at all intersections; and at distances not greater than 400 feet for sewers 15 inches and smaller, and 500 feet for sewers 18 inches in diameter and larger. The difference in elevation between any incoming sewer and the manhole invert shall not exceed 12 inches except where required to match crowns. The use of drop manholes will require approval by the county sanitary engineer.
- f. **Sewerage Location:** Sanitary sewers shall be located within street or alley rights-of-way unless topography dictates otherwise. When located in easements on private property there shall be access to all manholes. A manhole shall be provided at each street or alley crossing. End lines shall be extended to provide access from street or alley right-of-way when possible.

#### 605 Drainage and Storm Sewers

All storm drainage design shall be planned and executed so as to preserve natural topographic features and vegetative cover, to minimize change to existing topography, and to preserve natural drainage systems.

- A. Natural drainage channels with easements of adequate width shall be provided as determined by the county engineer and approved by the planning commission. Storm drainage from lots, including drain tile around basements, shall not be permitted to discharge into any sanitary sewer facility, but shall connect to an adequate drainage outlet.
- b. The subdivider shall construct all necessary facilities including underground pipe, inlets, catch basins, or open drainage ditches, as determined by the planning commission, to provide for the adequate disposal of subsurface and surface water and maintenance of natural drainage courses. The best available technology shall be used to minimize off-site stormwater runoff, increase onsite filtration, encourage natural filtration functions, simulate natural drainage systems, and minimize off-site discharge of pollutants to ground and surface water. Best available technology may include measures such as retention basins, recharge trenches, porous paving and piping, contour terraces, and swales. Stormwater management shall follow the standards established in Rainwater and Land Development: Ohio's Standards for Stormwater Management, Land Development and Urban Stream Protection, Second Edition, 1996 (Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation) or any later version that is published as an update. Subdivision development shall not increase the rate of runoff and an increase in the volume of runoff shall require a reduction in the rate of runoff equal to ½ the percent increase in the volume of runoff.
- c. When necessary, outlet ditches of an approved type and size shall be required as part of the construction. If same is across private property, rights-of-way or easements shall be obtained by the subdivider or developer for the construction and future maintenance. These rights-of-way or easements shall be shown on the construction and future maintenance. These rights-of-way or easements shall be shown on the construction plans. Whenever possible, post-development drainage patterns shall be the same as pre-development drainage patterns. The design of streets and grading shall be such that runoff from roofs, driveways and other impervious surfaces will be collected in ditches and/or gutters in short runs three hundred (300) feet to four hundred (400) feet in length. The runoff shall then be diverted from the surface, into a natural water course. Streets shall be located away from water courses unless storm sewers are to be installed. The channel downstream of the subdivision shall be improved adequately by the developer to convey the storm runoff from the subdivision and across the adjacent property owner so that damages from flooding are minimized.
- d. The subdivider shall guard against the creation or continuation of swampy areas or stagnant pools, unless they are a component of a designed wetlands open space. The planning commission may require fill, swale, and/or channel improvements in order to forestall such problems.
- e. Adequate measures for the protection of open and closed drainage channels shall be provided. Maintenance easement widths shall be determined by the county engineer. The velocity flow on an open ditch shall not exceed four (4) feet per second in soil ditches or six (6) feet per second in turf gutters. Paved gutters will be required if velocities of flow are greater that those specified, or if it is otherwise likely that destructive erosion will result. Drainage ditches shall not be permitted to discharge into any sanitary sewer facility.
- f. No water course shall be altered in such a way as to change the amount or direction of flow; no fill, building or structures shall be situated in natural water courses unless provision is made for the flow of water in a manner satisfactory to the county engineer.

## 606 Electric, Gas, and Telephone Improvements

a. Electric and telephone service shall be provided within each subdivision. Telephone, electric, and conduits, and cables shall be constructed underground except in cases where the county engineer determines that topographic, bedrock, or underground water conditions would result in excessive costs to the subdivider. In all instances a permit shall be obtained from the County Engineer prior to construction. (See Appendix K)

- b. Overhead utility lines where permitted shall be located at the rear of all lots unless the county engineer, upon the recommendation of utility company, provides reasons that justify the location of easements at another location. The width of the easement per lot shall be not less than ten (10) feet and the total easement width shall be not less than twenty (20) feet.
  - c. Whenever a sanitary sewer line and electric and/or telephone line are each placed underground in the same utility easement, the total easement width shall be not less than twenty (20) feet.
  - d. Whenever a major gas transmission line is on or adjacent to property proposed to be subdivided, adequate measures shall be taken to insure that all buildable sites are at a minimum safe distance from the transmission line easement, as recommended by the gas transmission company and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

#### **607 Oversize and Offsite Improvements**

The county planning commission, may require that utilities, pavements, and other land improvements for the proposed subdivision be designed oversized, and/or with extensions provided, to serve nearby land which is an integral part of the neighborhood service or drainage area as determined by the county engineer and/or sanitary engineer.

The subdivider shall be required to pay only his or her percentage cost of construction of major arterial streets as determined by the county engineer. The subdivider shall be required to pay for all oversize improvements that pertain to sanitary sewers and waterlines and storm drainage requirements inherent to the plat and shall be required to pay for oversized sanitary sewer and/or water line improvements where such oversizing has been required for conformance with the sanitary sewer and water comprehensive plan of the county.

# Article 7 ENVIRONMENTAL AND LANDSCAPING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

#### **Standards**

#### 700 Purpose

To provide for the development of more esthetically pleasing subdivisions, careful thought shall be given as to how best to preserve existing plant material and topographic features.

#### 701 Public Sites, Open Space and Recreation

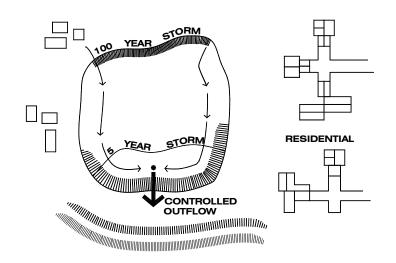
- a. Where a park, playground, school, public access to water frontage, or other proposed public property, which is shown in the comprehensive plan (if one exists), is located in whole or in part in a proposed subdivision, the planning commission may request the dedication of such area within the subdivision or that provision be made for the acquisition of such area by the proper agency within a period of two (2) years or other mutually acceptable period.
- b. The planning commission, in conjunction with the county commissioners or township trustees, may require that land area totaling three percent (3%) of the land included in the plan of the subdivision be conveyed to the county or township for park purposes. In lieu of the conveyance for park purposes, the planning commission may, in conjunction with the county commissioners or township trustees, require the subdivider to pay a mutually agreed upon amount of money for the maintenance of a park in the vicinity of the subdivision and likely to be used by the subdivision residents.
- c. Where a large-scale subdivision or planned unit development is proposed, the planning commission may require that consideration be given to sites for schools, parks, playgrounds, and other such areas for common use and that provisions be made for such reservation or acquisition by the proper agency.
- d. The planning commission may reserve the right to deny approval to a subdivision if such subdivision disregards the preservation of natural features such as wooded areas, water courses, beaches, areas of natural or historical significance and similar irreplaceable assets which add value to residential development and the community.

#### 702 Flood Areas and Storm Drainage Ditches

All subdivisions shall comply with current county floodplain regulations on file in the planning commission office. Appropriate measures shall be taken to elevate buildings to required levels. A proposed subdivision may be denied if access to the subdivision is periodically blocked by floodwaters.

Flood control or storm drainage facilities shall be provided as follows:

- a. Access to flood control or storm drainage ditches and channels shall be provided by easements of not. less than twenty (20) feet in width, located on one side of the flood control or drainage ditch, channel or similar facilities.
- b. Flood control or storm drainage easements containing underground facilities shall have a minimum width of twenty (20) feet.



c. Whenever a flood control or storm drainage ditch or channel has a depth of five (5) feet or more, or a bank slope of two (2) feet horizontal to one (1) vertical or steeper, a five (5) foot high masonry wall or a five (5) foot high chain line fence may be required by the planning commission.

#### 703 Soil Erosion Requirements

- a. In the development of a subdivision, the developer shall not cause or allow earth-disturbing activities that can pollute a public or private surface ditch, subsurface drainage, stream, river or lake. The developer shall also, to the greatest extent possible, take steps so that sediment will not be deposited onto an adjoining property. Adequate control of soil erosion and sedimentation, through the use of best management practices with both temporary and permanent measures, shall be used during all phases of clearing, grading, and construction to conserve soil resources and to maintain existing water quality. Sediment control shall follow the standards and specifications in Rainwater and Land Development: Ohio's Standards for Stormwater Management, Land Development and Urban Stream Protection, Second Edition, 1996 (Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation).
- b. When a proposed development area consist of one (1) or more acres of earth-disturbing activities, the owner of record shall develop and submit to the Soil & Water Conservation District for review and approval, a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan. Such a plan shall contain sufficient information, drawings and notes to describe how soil erosion and off-site sedimentation will be kept to a minimum, both during and after construction. A copy of such plan shall be filed with the planning commission.
- c. When a proposed development area involves less than one acre, it is not necessary to submit a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan; however, the developer shall comply with the standards and specifications in <u>Rainwater and Land Development</u>: Ohio's Standards for Stormwater Management, <u>Land Development and Urban Stream Protection</u>, Second Edition, 1996 (Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation). Upon request, submittal of specific soil erosion and sedimentation prevention measures to be or being implemented may be required to determine compliance.
- d. Soil erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be certified by a professional engineer registered in the State of Ohio before being submitted to the Soil and Water Conservation District and the planning commission for review and approval.

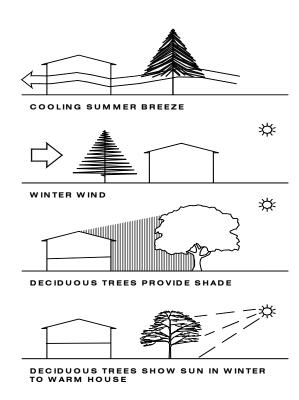
#### 704 Landscape Plan

A landscape plan shall be submitted with each site plan application. The landscape plan shall identify existing trees, shrubs, and ground covers; natural features such as rock outcroppings; and other landscaping elements. Where existing plants are to be retained, the applicant shall include in the plans proposed methods of protecting them during construction.

#### 705 Site Protection and General Planting Requirements

- a. **Topsoil Preservation:** Topsoil shall be temporarily stored and later redistributed on all regraded surfaces so as to provide at least (4) inches of even cover to all disturbed areas of the development and shall be stabilized by seeding or planting.
- b. **Removal of Debris:** All stumps and other tree parts, litter, brush, weeds, excess or scrap building materials or other debris shall be removed from the site and disposed of in accordance with the law. No tree stumps, or portions of tree trunks or limbs shall be buried anywhere in the development. If trees and limbs are reduced to chips, they may be used as mulch in landscaped areas, subject to approval by the planning commission.
- c. **Protection of Existing Plantings:** Maximum effort should be made to save fine or exceptional plant specimens. No material or temporary soil deposits shall be placed within four (4) feet of shrubs or ten (10) feet of trees designated on the landscape plan to be retained. Protective barriers or tree wells shall be installed around each plant and/or group of plants that are to remain on the site. Barriers shall not be supported by the plants they are protecting, but shall be self-supporting. They shall be a minimum of four (4) feet high and constructed of a durable material that will last until construction is completed. Snow fences and silt fences are examples of acceptable barriers.

d. **Slope Plantings:** Landscaping of all cuts and fills and/or terraces shall be sufficient to prevent erosion, and all roadway slopes steeper than one (1) foot vertically to three (3) feet horizontally shall be planted with ground cover appropriate for the purpose and for soil conditions, water availability, and environment.



#### **706 Paving Materials**

Design and choice of paving materials used in pedestrian areas shall consider such factors as function, climate, characteristics of users, availability, cost, maintenance, glare, drainage, noise, appearance, and compatibility with surroundings.

Acceptable materials shall include, but are not limited to, concrete, brick, cement pavers, asphalt, and stone.

#### 707 Walls and Fences

Walls and fences shall be erected where required for privacy, screening, separation, security, erosion control, or to serve other necessary and reasonable functions. The design and materials used shall be functional and compatible with existing and proposed site architecture. No fence or wall shall be so constructed or installed as to constitute a hazard to traffic or safety.

## Article 8 REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS

#### **Standards**

#### **800 Improvement and Cost Estimate Information**

Before the signing of the final plat, all applicants shall be required to complete, to the satisfaction of the county engineer, county health department or other appropriate agency, all the streets, sanitary improvements, and other public improvements, including lot improvements on the individual lots, as listed on the preliminary plan and engineering plans and as construction-certified on the final plat. When required improvements are not completed, the subdivider shall insure their completion with a performance guarantee acceptable to the planning commission and board of county commissioners.

All required improvements shall be made by the developer, at his or her expense, and cost estimates for various materials and labor shall be provided as requested by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Ohio. The developer shall dedicate public improvements to the local government, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances on the dedicated property and public improvements.

#### 801 Performance Guarantee for Installation and Maintenance of Improvements

To guarantee the construction and/or maintenance of required improvements prior to the approval and recording of the final plat, the subdivider shall be required to provide a performance guarantee in one or a combination of the following arrangements:

- a. **Performance Bond, Certified Check, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit:** The subdivider shall post a bond, executed by a surety company, or a certified check or irrevocable letter of credit equal to the estimated cost plus ten (10) percent of the required improvements. The bond shall be in favor of the board of county commissioners, and shall guarantee construction of the improvements according to the plans and specifications approved by the planning commission. The term of the bond shall not exceed two (2) years plus a one (1) year maintenance period for a total of three (3) years. The planning commission may grant an extension where due cause can be shown. The bond amount can be reduced to a percentage of its original amount during the one year maintenance period. Under no circumstances shall the required performance bond, cash deposit or irrevocable letter of credit be tied to or be considered a portion of the developer's financing for the development.
- b. **Deposit:** The subdivider may make a deposit with the county treasurer, with a responsible escrow agent, or with a trust company. The deposit shall be money or negotiable bonds in an amount equal to the estimated cost plus ten (10) percent of the required improvements. If a cash deposit is made, an agreement may be executed to provide payments to the contractor or the subdivider from the deposit as the work progresses and is approved by the responsible county officials.

#### **802 Temporary Improvements**

The applicant shall build and pay for all temporary improvements required by the planning commission and shall maintain those temporary improvements for the period specified by the planning commission. Prior to construction of any temporary facility or improvement, the developer shall file with the planning commission a separate performance guarantee in an amount equal to the estimated cost of the temporary facilities, which shall ensure that the temporary facilities will be properly constructed, maintained and removed.

#### **803 Extension of Time**

If the construction or installation of any improvements or facility, for which guarantee has been made by the developer in the form of a performance bond, cash deposit, or irrevocable letter of credit, is not completed with two (2) years from the date of final approval of the recorded plat, the developer may request the board of county commissioners to grant an extension of six (6) months, provided he can show reasonable cause for inability to complete said improvements within the required two (2) years. The request shall be accompanied by revised cost estimate of construction to be completed.

#### **804** Failure to Complete Improvements

In case the subdivider fails to complete the required public improvements work within such time period as required by the conditions or guarantees as outlined above, the board of county commissioners may proceed to have such work completed and reimburse itself for the cost thereof by appropriating the cash deposit, certified check, surety bond, or by drawing upon the letter of credit, or shall take the necessary steps to require performance by the bonding company.

#### 805 Progressive Installation

After the preliminary plan of a proposed subdivision has been approved by the planning commission, the subdivider may improve a part of the entire area and submit a final plat for that improved portion to the planning commission for approval.

### **806 Inspection of Improvements**

The planning commission shall coordinate with the county engineer, county health department, or other appropriate agency to provide for inspection of required improvements during construction and ensure their satisfactory completion. The applicant shall pay to the planning commission an inspection fee of 5% of the estimated cost of improvements, and shall notify proper administrative officials at least twenty-four (24) hours before each phase of the improvements is ready for inspection. Inspection fees for roadway and drainage improvements shall be remitted to the county engineer. Inspection fees for sanitary sewer shall be remitted to the sanitary engineer. Work requiring periodic inspections and an inspection schedule shall be finalized by the developer and inspectors before any work begins. If, in the opinion of the inspector, installations are improper or inadequate, the inspector shall issue a stop order. The developer may appeal the inspector's findings to the county engineer and/or sanitary engineer within forty-eight (48) hours. Failure to comply with the inspector, county and/or sanitary engineer's directive, will be deemed a violation of these Regulations subject to having the approved final plat invalidated by the board of county commissioners.

## 807 Acceptance of Streets, Storm Drainage, Sanitary Sewer and Water Distribution Improvements for Use and Maintenance by the Public

The subdivider shall have properly constructed and maintained all required improvements at the time he requests their acceptance by the board of county commissioners. Upon completion of all improvements, the developer shall request that the county engineer perform an inspection for conditional acceptance. After the inspection, the county engineer will do one of the following:

- a. Issue a letter to the board of county commissioners, with a copy to the developer, recommending conditional acceptance and the amount of a maintenance bond.
- b. Issue a letter to the developer, with a copy to the board of county commissioners listing items of work necessary to accomplish satisfactory completion of the improvements.

Upon completion of the improvements and conditional acceptance by the board of county commissioners, the developer shall furnish a maintenance guarantee in the amount of 25% of the total performance guarantee or \$1000.00, whichever amount is the larger. The subdivider shall be responsible for routine maintenance of all improvements and shall repair all failures due to faulty construction as soon as they become apparent. Said subdivider shall also make repairs due to erosion or abuse by utility companies installing utilities and shall repair all failure, for all other reasons, during the one (1) year period. He shall restore the improvements at the end of the maintenance period.

The improvements will be eligible for final acceptance one year after the conditional acceptance. The maintenance bond shall remain in effect until final acceptance by the board of county commissioners. Before the board of county commissioners will release the maintenance bond or maintenance fund, the developer shall submit a sworn statement that all bills and financial obligations incurred for maintenance or restoration of the subdivision improvements have been fully paid.

One year after conditional acceptance, the developer shall, after restoring all improvements to an acceptable condition, and after all monies are paid, request that the county engineer perform an inspection for final acceptance. After the inspection, the county engineer will do one of the following:

a. Issue a letter to the board of county commissioners, with a copy to the developer, recommending final acceptance of the improvements and release of maintenance bond(s).
b. Issue a letter to the developer, with a copy to the board of county commissioners, listing items of work necessary to accomplish before the recommendation for final acceptance can be made.
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## Article 9 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

#### **Standards**

#### 900 General Statement

The planned unit development is a contiguous area to be planned and developed as a single entity containing one or more structures to accommodate residential, commercial and/or industrial uses in accordance with applicable zoning resolutions. Zoning approval of a planned unit development does not constitute subdivision approval. The procedure for approval of planned unit developments are subject to the approval procedure specified by Article 3 of these Regulations.

#### 901 Purpose of Planned Unit Development

Planned unit development of land may be permitted in order to provide a means for a more desirable physical development pattern than would be possible through the strict application of zoning regulations and subdivision regulations. The planning commission will permit certain variety and flexibility in land development to encourage the subdivider to adjust design to irregular topography, economize in the construction of utilities, and create architectural variation as well as attractive and usable buildings and building sites.

#### 902 Uses Permitted

Compatible residential, commercial, industrial, public and quasi-public uses may be combined, provided that the proposed location of the commercial or industrial uses will not adversely affect or disregard adjacent property, public health, safety, and the general welfare. A variety of housing and building types is encouraged by permitting a higher per acre housing density and a reduction in lot dimensions and yard and building setbacks, compared with conventional development standards.

### 903 General Requirements

- a. The gross area of the tract to be developed under the planned unit development approach shall comprise not less than (10) acres, unless otherwise approved by the planning commission.
- b. The total ground area occupied by buildings and structures shall not exceed (80) percent of the total ground area, unless previous development in the neighborhood has a greater ground coverage, in which case the plan the plan may increase the ground coverage of buildings and structures to correspond with the average coverage in the neighborhood.
- c. A minimum of (10) percent of the land developed shall be reserved for open space and similar uses such as an internal park network, recreational facilities, and preservation of natural features.
- d. The minimum lot size shall be not less than (70) percent of the lot area per family or use which would be otherwise be required under these Regulations. Lot widths and required yards may be reduced to (80) percent of the requirements of these Regulations.
- e. The design of the internal circulation system shall provide convenient access to dwelling units and non-residential facilities; separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, shall be adequate to carry anticipated traffic, including access for emergency vehicles.

#### 904 Open Space

The amount of open space reserved in the planned unit development shall either be held in corporate ownership by the owners of the project area, for the use of those who buy property, be held by an association of property owners within the development, or be dedicated to the county or township and retained as open space or related uses.

All land dedicated to county or township shall meet the requirements of the planning commission. Public utility or water course easements are not acceptable for open space dedication unless such land is usable as a trail and approved by the planning commission.

#### 905 Management of Common Property

A homeowner's association, or in the case of non-residential development, an owners association, shall be established to provide for the maintenance of all facilities and/or properties held in common within planned unit developments. These shall include, but not be limited to, private streets and walkways, private recreational facilities, common lots and open space areas.

The developer shall submit evidence as to the financial ability of the homeowners association to maintain any property or facilities held in common ownership, including the estimated annual cost of maintaining all common properties and facilities; the estimated monthly fee which shall be assessed to each residential property; and an estimate of the value of the dwelling units which will be constructed within the planned development. Any homeowners association and accompanying regulations shall be reviewed and approved by the county prosecutor.

#### 906 Open Space Improvement Guarantee

At the time of the application for final plat approval, the subdivider shall provide:

- a. A performance guarantee in accordance with Section 801 of these Regulations, in the amount of the estimated cost of the proposed improvements.
- b. A maintenance guarantee, in accordance with Section 801 of these Regulations, in such amount as determined and approved by the planning commission that shall be arranged for a period of (1) year from the date of acceptance of the improvements.

#### 907 Conformity to Existing Streets and Thoroughfare Plan

Whenever a planned unit development abuts or contains an existing or proposed major thoroughfare or minor existing street, the roadway standards as contained in these Regulations shall be applicable.

#### 908 Public Streets

The planning commission may require certain streets within the planned unit development be public if it determines that the project density necessitates the use of public streets for adequate circulation.

#### 909 Private Streets

Private streets may be permitted in planned unit developments and shall meet the construction requirements of these Regulations. Private streets shall be owned and maintained by abutting property owners and other person to whom the streets provide access.

#### 910 Staging of Residential Planned Unit Development

- a. Each stage of a planned unit development must be so designed so as to stand independently of future related stages, in the event future stages are not constructed. The construction and provision of all the common open spaces and public and recreational facilities which are shown on the final development plan must proceed at the same rate as the construction of dwelling units.
- b. If a planned unit development contains non-residential uses, these uses may be constructed first, but only if the planning commission approves such construction on the final development plan.

## Article 10 HILLSIDE REGULATIONS

#### Standards

#### 1000 General

These Regulations apply to all hillside areas. A hillside is defined as sloping ground with an average slope of more than fifteen (15) percent. The subdivider shall submit detailed information concerning geologic conditions, soil types, and underground water level in order that a determination can be made by the planning commission as to the safety of development of the particular site. New development shall maintain existing levels of slope stability and not increase the potential for slope failure. Development in hillside areas shall follow the technical standards and specifications in Rainwater and Land Development: Ohio's Standards for Stormwater Management, Land Development and Urban Stream Protection, Second Edition, 1996 (Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation).

### 1001 Determination of Average Slope

The average slope for any hillside development shall be determined by the planning commission during the time of preliminary subdivision design. Determination will be on an area-by-area basis with each lot sized according to the average slope falling within each area.

#### 1002 Minimum Lot Requirements for Single Family Homes

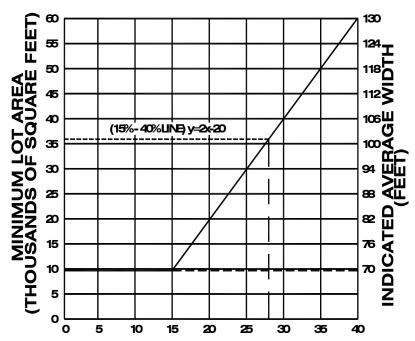
TABLE 14

The minimum lot requirements in the graph designated as Table 16 shall be used to determined the minimum lot area for a single family home. The average percent of slope is determined by the planning commission. The lot area in thousands of square feet shall then be determined by charting the average natural ground slope and the minimum lot area. Rounding shall be made to the nearest five (5) foot frontage interval.

## 1003 Grading Plan and Controls

The grading plan shall show contour lines at ten (10) foot intervals where the average slopes exceed fifteen (15) percent and at five (5) foot intervals where slopes are less than fifteen (15) percent. Elevations are to be based on the sea level datum (USGS), if available. Lot layout and the approximate dimensions shall be shown for each lot and each building site. Engineering data shall show the existing topography and the approximate finished grades, location and size of each building site, lot layout and lot dimensions, and finished grade of streets prior to consideration of the final plat.

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#### AMERICE PERCENT OF NATURAL GROUND SLOPE

EXAMPLE As indicated above, the minimum lot size for a single family house on a lot with public sever and an average slope of 28 percent is 36,000 s.f. The minimum lot width is 101 feet. The resulting lot depth is 355 feet.

NOTE The more restrictive of this table and Table 1 Section 405 shall apply.

#### 1004 Cuts and Fills

Cut and fill slopes shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in a manner that will maximize stability and minimize erosion. Consideration shall be given to length and steepness of slope, soil type, unslope drainage area, and groundwater conditions when determining appropriate drainage management and slope stabilization measures.

Rock or similar irreducible material with a maximum dimension greater than eight (8) inches, organic materials, and construction and demolition debris shall be prohibited from fills, unless such fills are intended and approved by the county engineer as mass rock fills or disposal fills.

Fills shall be compacted in eight-inch lifts to a density that is appropriate for the intended use. That density shall be determined by laboratory analysis of the fill material prior to its placement.

The horizontal distance from the top and from the toe of an existing or proposed unrestrained cut or fill slope to the nearest existing or proposed structure, property line, or paved surface shall be at least two and one-half (2½) the vertical height of the cut or fill, unless local geology or character of materials indicates that a different distance is appropriate.

No land shall be graded, cut or filled so as to create a slope exceeding a vertical rise of one (1) foot for each two and one half (2 ½) feet of horizontal distance between abutting lots, unless a retaining wall of sufficient height and thickness is provided to retain the graded bank. Major cuts, excavation, grading, and filling, that materially changes the site and its relationship with surrounding areas or materially affects such areas, shall not be permitted is such excavation, grading, and filling will result in a slope exceeding a vertical rise of one (1) foot for each two and one half (2 ½) feet of horizontal distance between abutting lots or between adjoining tracts of land, except where adequate provision is made to prevent slides and erosion by cribbing and retaining walls.

## 1005 Compaction of Fill

All fill underlying a proposed roadway shall be compacted to a density of ninety (90) percent or greater. Inspection of fill shall be conducted by the county engineer. Where required by the county engineer and approved by the planning commission, the subdivider shall have fill material tested by a responsible testing company at the subdivider's expense.

## 1006 Retaining Walls

Retaining walls may be required whenever topographic conditions warrant or where necessary to retain fill or cut slopes within the right-of-way. Such improvements shall require the approval of the county engineer.

## 1007 Minimum Hillside Requirements

The following regulations shall govern the front yard, side yard, street right-of-way and pavement requirements in hillside subdivisions:

Table 15: Minimum Hillside Requirements							
Group	Slope	Front Yard Setback (feet)	Side Yard in %f Lot Width	Right of Way	Pavement		
1	15-20%	25'	10%	60'	20'		
2	26-30%	23'	10%	70'	20'		
3	31%-over	20'	10%	80'	20'		

## 1008 Street Alignment

The following regulations shall govern street alignment:

a. Vertical profile grades shall be connected by vertical curves up to a maximum of fifteen (15) percent on straight horizontal alignment, but only for short stretches.

## 1009 Driveways

The maximum grade on that portion of a driveway within a public right-of-way shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent. Each drive shall provide a sufficient space and distance to turn around prior to entering the street. When the average slope on a lot will exceed fifteen (15) percent, the driveway location shall be shown on the preliminary plan (or final plat if no preliminary plan was submitted). Driveways shall be designed and constructed so as to drain into the roadway ditch and not onto the roadway surface. The area of the driveway adjacent to the roadway shall drain away from the roadway.

## Article 11 REQUIRED STATEMENTS AND SIGNATURES TO BE AFFIXED ON THE PLAT

## 1100 Required Statements

A. Deed Reference

Some or all of the following statements, or similar appropriate statements, may be required to be affixed on the subdivision plat. The planning commission may require modifications to the statements. All signatures, except the signatures of the county auditor, county recorder, and the planning commission shall be obtained prior to approval of the subdivision plat by the planning commission.

Situated in (Military Survey)acres and being (part or) all of the land conveyed to _ (Official Records) Book Page,	Township, and descri County, Ohio.	County, Ohio, containing bed in the deed recorded in Deed
<b>B. Owner's Consent and Dedication</b>		
We, the undersigned, being all the owners and lien holders of the execution of the said plat and do dedicate the streets, parks or p	ne lands herein platted, do ublic grounds as shown h	hereby voluntarily consent to the ereon to the public use forever.
Any "Public Utility Easements" as shown on this plat are for the streets. This easement and all other easements shown on this plat construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or remore or other utility lines or services, stormwater disposal and for the trees or other obstructions within said easement, or immediately streets and for providing ingress and egress to the property for shuildings or other structures may be built within said easements reduce clearances or either overhead or underground facilities; to maintain the facilities; or (4) create a hazard.	at, unless designated for a moval of water, sewer, gas e express privilege of cutt y adjacent thereto, to the f said purposes and are to be s, nor may the easement as	a specific purpose, are for the s, electric, telephone, cable television, ing, trimming or removing any and all free use of said easements or adjacent e maintained as such forever. No rea be physically altered so as to (1)
The above public utility easements are for the benefit of all pub	lic utility service provide	rs including, but not limited to
(List all applicable public utility service providers in sentence f (Signature of owner, all lien holders and two witnesses for each	orm) signature required)	
C. Certificate of Notary Public		
State of Ohio, S.S.		
Be it remembered that on this day of, 20 said State, personally came (and execution of the foregoing plat to be their voluntary act and deep	before me the under	rsigned, a Notary Public in and for o acknowledged the signing and
In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and Notary Seal on th	e day and date above writ	tten.
(Signature)		
(Print name here)		
NOTARY PUBLIC		
State of Ohio My commission expires		

## A survey of this subdivision plat of land owned by (owner's name) was made by me, on (date). This is a correct representation of the land surveyed and platted and the lots have been staked and reference monuments have been set of found to exist as (The signature, registration number, and seal of the surveyor shall be placed beneath this paragraph). (Signature) Print name and registration number here)\_\_\_\_\_ Registered Surveyor E. Planning Commission Approval This plat was approved by the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Commission on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of **Executive Director** F. Zoning Inspector Approval COUNTY (\_\_\_\_\_TOWNSHIP) ZONING INSPECTOR I hereby approve this plat on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. County (\_\_\_\_\_\_ Township) Zoning Inspector G. County Engineer Approval I hereby approve on this plat on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. (If streets and/or roads are included in the subdivision and have been constructed according to Brown County specifications, prior to the submission of the plat for approval, the following statement shall be added to the Engineer's Approval: "The streets and/or roads, as shown on this plat, have been constructed according to the Brown County specifications" and are hereby approved). H. Drainage Approval: A pre-development/post development drainage study has been submitted and appropriate drainage facilities are incorporated in the project. The County Engineer assumes no legal obligation to maintain or repair any drainage structures or open drainage ditches or channels designated as "drainage easements" on this plat. The easement area of each lot and all improvements within it shall be maintained continuously by the lot owner. Within the easements, no structure, planting, fencing, culvert, or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may obstruct, retard, or divert the flow through the watercourse.

Brown County Engineer

D. Certificate of Surveyor

Date

An erosion and sediment control plan has bee requirements and appropriate control measure	en submitted in accordance with the Soil and es are incorporated in the project.	Water Conservation District
J. Board of Health Approval:	SWCD	Date
A review of the subject property has been cor for on-site sewage treatment and have been ap	nducted by the Health Department. The lots, approved by the Board of Health.	as shown on this plat, are adequate
J. Commissioners Approval:	Brown County Sanitarian	n Date
We, the undersigned Commissioners of Brown authorize the Recorder of Brown County, Ohibeen constructed according to the Brown County. Approval: "We specifically reserve our accept until such time they have been approved by the (If the streets and/or roads have been constructed plat for approval, the following statement shan "We the Commissioners of Brown County, Ound/or roads and hereby add the same to the real of the Information of County (Information of County Commissioners).  Attest:  Clerk, Board of County Commissioners.	io, to file the plat for record. (If streets and/outty specification, the following statement shotance of all streets and/or roads in said subditione County Engineer".  It detected according to the Brown County specificall be added to the Commissioners Approval: which hereby accept the streets and/or roads, as road system of (name) Township.  The subdivision, then the two preceding paragraphs.	r roads in the subdivision have not hall be added to the Commissioners ivision as public streets and/or roads ations prior to the submission of the as shown on this plat, as public streets
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I. Erosion and Sediment Control Approval:

### Article 12 DEFINITIONS

#### A. Interpretation of Terms or Words

For the purpose of these Regulations, certain terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

- a. The word "person" includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, or corporation as well as an individual.
- b. The present tense includes the future tense, the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular.
- c. The word "shall" is a mandatory requirement, the work "may" is a permissive requirement, and the word "should" is a preferred requirement.
- d. The words "used" or "occupied" include the words "intended, designed, or arranged to be used or occupied.
- e. The word "lot" includes the words "plot or parcel".
- f. The word "County" where used shall mean the County adopting these Regulations and its legal entities.

## **B.** Glossary

Alley: See Thoroughfare.

**Block:** That property abutting one side of a street and lying between the two nearest intersecting streets, or between the nearest such street and railroad right-of-way, unsubdivided acreage, river or live stream, or between any of the foregoing and any other barrier to the continuity of development.

**Block Frontage:** Property abutting on one side of a street, and lying between the two nearest intersecting or intercepting streets, or between the nearest intersecting or intercepting street and railroad right-of-way, waterway, or other definite barrier.

Board: The board of county commissioners.

Building: A structure designed to be used as a place of occupancy, storage or shelter.

**Building Site:** A parcel of land under separate deed or description which complies with these regulations and which may be transferred individually to new ownership.

Comprehensive Development Plan: A plan or any portion, thereof, adopted by the planning commission and the county commissioners showing the general location and extent of present and proposed physical facilities, including housing, industrial, and commercial uses, major streets, parks, schools, and other community facilities. This plan establishes the goals, objectives, and policies of the community.

**Condominium:** Condominium means and includes the land, together with all buildings, improvements, and structures thereon, all easements, rights and appurtenances belonging thereto, and all articles of personal property which have been submitted to the provisions of Chapter 5311 of the Ohio Revised Code and which is subject to said Chapter 5311.

Corner Lot: See Lot Types.

**Covenant:** A written promise or pledge.

Cul-de-sac: See Thoroughfare.

Culvert: A transverse drain that channels under a bridge, street, or driveway.

Dead-end Street: See Thoroughfare.

Density: A unit of measurement; the number of dwelling units per acre of land.

Gross Density: the number of dwelling units per acre of the total land to be developed.

**Net Density:** the number of dwelling units per acre of land when the acreage involved includes only the land devoted to residential uses.

**Density, Low Residential:** Land to be utilized for residential purposes, including public housing, and industrialized units, which does not exceed two (2) dwelling units per gross acres.

**Density, Medium -Low Residential:** Land to be utilized for residential purposes, including public housing and industrialized units, which does not exceed four (4) dwelling units per gross acre. For the purpose of street design requirements, the medium-low density residential classification shall be considered as medium density.

Density, Medium Residential: Land to be utilized for residential purposes, including public housing and industrialized units, which does not exceed eight (8) dwelling units per gross acre.

**Density, Medium-High Residential:** Land to be utilized for residential purposes, including public housing and industrialized units, which does not exceed sixteen (16) dwelling units per gross acre. For the purposes of street design requirements, the medium-high density residential classification shall be considered as high density.

**Density, High Residential:** Land to be utilized for residential purposes, including public housing and industrialized units, which does not exceed thirty-two (32) dwelling units per gross acre.

**Develop:** To make a development; also to do any grading or filling of land, whether undeveloped or already subdivided, so as to change the drainage or the flow of water, or to do any work upon the land that is capable of serving as a subdivision or development of building sites in the future.

**Developer:** Any individual, subdivider, firm association, syndicate, partnership, corporation, trust, or any other legal entity commencing proceedings under these regulations to effect a subdivision of land hereunder for himself or for another.

**Driveway:** A vehicular travelway used to provide access from a street to dwelling units or commercial or industrial activities. Driveways are designed for low travel speeds and are often used as, or are integral with, parking areas for vehicles.

**Dwelling Unit:** Space within a building comprising living, dining, sleeping and storage rooms as well as space and equipment for cooking, bathing, and toilet facilities, all used by only one (1) family and its household employees.

**Easement:** A grant by the property owner of the use of a strip of land by the public, a corporation, or other persons, for specified purposes.

**Engineer:** Any person registered to practice professional engineering by the state board of registration as specified in Section 4733.14, Ohio Revised Code.

Environmental Protection Agency: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)

Erosion: The wearing away of the earth's soil surface by water, wind, gravity, or any other natural process.

**FEMA:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Final Plat:** A revised version of the preliminary plan showing exact locations of lot lines, rights-of-way, easements, and dedicated areas. The final plat is recorded in the office of the County Recorder.

Flood: An overflowing of water, from watercourses, onto land which is normally dry.

**Flood, 100-Year:** The temporary inundation of normally dry land areas by a flood that is likely to occur once every 100 years (i.e., that has a one percent (1%) chance of occurring each year, although the flood may occur in any year.)

**Flood Plain:** Any land area susceptible to be inundated by water from the base flood. The term refers to that area designated as subject to flooding from the base flood (100-year flood) on the "Flood Boundary and Floodway Map" prepared by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Grade:** The amount of rise or descent of a sloping land surface, usually measured as a percent where the numbered percent represents the amount of vertical rise or fall, in feet, for every 100 feet horizontally. For example, a one foot vertical rise over one hundred horizontal feet represents a one percent slope.

Health Department: City-County Health District.

Highway Director: The Director of the Department of Transportation.

**Improvements:** Street pavement or resurfacing, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines, storm drains, street lights, flood control for drainage facilities, utility lines, landscaping, and other related matters normally associated with the development or raw land into building sites.

Land Contract: A legal agreement between a landowner and another person or persons interested in purchasing real property owned by the landowner, wherein the landowner agrees to receive regular payments, at specified intervals for a specified period of time, from the purchaser and at the end of the specified time period agrees to transfer ownership of the property to the purchaser.

Letter of Credit: A written statement from a bank or loan company, written against the good standing of a developer, guaranteeing necessary funds, the amount to equal a professional engineer's cost estimate for subdivision improvements, to complete such improvements should the developer fail to complete them within the time frame and conditions as specified in the subdivision approval agreements. (See also, Performance Bond or Surety Bond).

Location Map: See Vicinity Map.

**Lot:** For purposes of these regulations, a lot is a parcel of land that is *created in accordance with these regulations as a major*, *minor*, *or large lot division of land*.

Lot Area: The area of a lot computed exclusive of any portion of the right(s) of way of any public or private street.

**Lot Depth:** The depth of a lot shall be the distance connecting the *midpoint of a line between the* foremost points of the side lot lines at the front and the *midpoint of a line between the* rearmost points of the side lot lines in the rear and remaining equidistant from the side lot lines throughout the lot. The depth shall be measured in such a manner as to give the longest length possible when the determination of the side lot lines and the front and rear lot lines are in question.

Lot Frontage: The front of a lot shall be *construed* to be the portion nearest the street. For the purpose of determining yard requirements on corner lots and through lots, all sides of a lot adjacent to streets shall be considered frontage, and yards shall be provided as indicated under Yards in this section.

Lot of Record: A lot which is part of a subdivision recorded in the office of the county recorder, or a lot or parcel described by metes and bounds, the description of which has been so recorded.

Lot Types: Terminology used in these regulations with reference to corner lots, interior lots and through lots is as follows:

- a. Corner Lot: A lot located at the intersection of two or more streets. A lot abutting on a curved street or streets shall be considered a corner lot if straight lines drawn from the foremost points of the side lot lines to the foremost point of the lot meet at an interior angle of less than one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees.
- b. Interior Lot: A lot other than a corner lot with only one frontage on a street.
- **c.** Through Lot: A lot other than a corner lot with frontage on more than one street. Through lots abutting two streets may be referred to as double frontage lots.
- d. Reversed Frontage Lot: A lot on which frontage is at right angles to the general pattern in the area. A reversed frontage lot may also be a corner lot.
- **e. Flag Lot:** A lot whose only frontage on a public road is through a strip of land whose width is less than the minimum lot width in section 405 Table 1 or whose width at some point throughout its depth increases by more than three times the lot width measured at the setback line.

Lot Width: The horizontal distance between side lot lines measured at the narrowest point throughout its depth or along the required building setback line whichever is lesser. When the street line is curved, the measurement along the building set back line shall be made on the arc, on or parallel to the curve of the street line.

Major Thoroughfare Plan: The Comprehensive Plan adopted by the County Regional Planning Commission indicating the general location recommended for arterial, collector, and local thoroughfares within the unincorporated area of the county.

**Maintenance Bond:** An agreement by a subdivider or developer with the county guaranteeing the maintenance of physical improvements for a period of one (1) year from the release of the performance bond.

**Minor Subdivision:** A division of a parcel of land that does not re quire a plat to be approved by a planning authority according to Section 711.131, Ohio Revised Code. also known as Lot Split.

**Monuments:** Solid iron rods which will be set at all lot or parcel corners within the subdivision per <u>Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys in the State of Ohio and Chapter 711 ORC.</u>

**Open Space:** An area open to the sky which may be on the same lot with a building. The area may include, along with the natural environmental features, swimming pools, tennis courts, and any other recreational facilities that the planning commission deems permissive. Streets, structures for habitation, and the like shall not be included.

**Original Parcel or Tract:** A parcel of land as it existed on the effective date of the 2006 amendments to these regulations adopted pursuant to Senate Bill 115 revising Chapter 711 of Ohio Revised Code.

Out Lot: Property shown on a subdivision plat outside of the boundaries of the land which is to be developed and which is to be excluded from the development of the subdivision.

Owner: Any individual, firm, association, syndicate, co-partnership, corporation, trust or any other legal entity having sufficient proprietary interest in the land sought to be subdivided to commence and maintain proceedings to subdivide the same under these Regulations.

**Pad:** A building site prepared by artificial means, including, but not limited to, grading, excavation, or filling, or any combination thereof.

Parcel: Any piece of land described by a current deed.

Parking Space, Off-Street: For the purpose of these Regulations, an off-street parking space shall consist of an area adequate for parking an automobile with room for opening doors on both sides, together with properly related access to a public street or alley and maneuvering room, but shall be located totally outside of any street or alley right-of-way.

**Performance Bond or Surety Bond:** An agreement by a developer with the county for the amount of the estimated construction cost (as approved by county commissioners and county engineer) guaranteeing the completion of physical improvements according to plans and specifications within the time prescribed by the subdivider's agreement. (See also, Letter of Credit)

**Performance Guarantee:** Any security that may be accepted by a municipality as a guarantee that the improvements required as part of an application for development that are satisfactorily completed.

**Person:** An individual, trustee, executor, other fiduciary, corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, or other entity acting as a unit.

**Planned Unit Development:** An area of land, in which a variety of housing types and/or related commercial and industrial facilities are accommodated in a pre-planned environment under more flexible standards, such as lot size and setbacks, than those restrictions that would normally apply under these Regulations. The procedure for approval of such development contains requirements in addition to those of the standard subdivision, such as building design principles and landscaping plans.

**Plat:** The map, drawing, or chart on which the developer's subdivision is presented to the planning commission for approval, to the county recorder (final) for recording.

**Preliminary Plan:** The initial proposal, including both narrative and site design information, intended to provide the planning commission with an understanding of the manner in which the site in question is to be developed.

**Public Way:** An alley, avenue, boulevard, bridge, channel, ditch, easement, expressway, freeway, highway, land, parkway, right-of-way, road, sidewalk, street, subway, tunnel, viaduct, walk, or other ways in which the general public entity have a right, or which are dedicated, whether improved or not. (See Right-of-way)

**Replat:** A subdivision or plat, the site of which has heretofore been platted or subdivided with lots or parcels of land. It may include all or any part of a previous subdivision or plat.

Reserve Strip: An area of land adjacent to a public right-of-way which is retained in ownership by the subdivider for the purpose of denying access to the adjacent land.

**Right-of-Way:** A strip of land taken or dedicated for use as a public way. In addition to the roadway, it normally incorporates the curbs, lawn strips, sidewalks, lighting and drainage facilities, and may include special features (required by the topography of treatment) such as grade separation, landscaped areas, viaducts, and bridges. (See Public Way)

**Setback Line:** A line established by the subdivision regulations generally parallel with and measured from the lot *frontage* line, defining the limits of a yard in which no building or structure, other than an accessory building, may be located above ground. *Established from the end of the panhandle*.

**Sewers, Central or Group:** An approved sewage disposal system which provides a collection network and disposal system and central sewage treatment facility for a single development, community or region.

**Sewers, On-Site:** A septic tank or similar installation on an individual lot which utilizes an aerobic bacteriological process, or an equally satisfactory process, for the elimination of sewage, and provides for the proper and safe disposal of the effluent, subject to the approval of health and sanitation officials having jurisdiction.

**Sidewalk:** That portion of the road right-of-way outside the roadway, which is improved for the use of pedestrian traffic. See Walkway.

**Sketch Plan:** An informal drawing which shows how a developer proposes to subdivide a property and which gives sufficient site information for the planning commission representatives to offer suggestions for site development.

**Slippage Potential:** The potential which land has to move, under the force of gravity, should it be disturbed during construction activity.

**Stopping Sight Distance:** The distance down a roadway for which a motorist is able to have unobstructed sight. Stopping sight distance is reduced by vertical and horizontal road curvature, fixed objects on the side of the road, and overhanging vegetation.

**Subdivider:** Any individual, developer, firm, association, syndicate, partnership, corporation, trust, or any other legal entity commencing proceedings under these regulations to affect a subdivision of land hereunder for himself or for another.

Subdivision: "Subdivision" means either of the following:

- (1) The division of any parcel of land shown as a unit or as contiguous units on the last preceding general tax list and duplicate of real estate and public utility property, into two or more parcels, sites, or lots, any one of which is less than five acres for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of transfer or ownership, provided, however, that the following are exempt:
  - (a) A division or partition of land into parcels of more than five acres not involving any new streets or easements of access,
  - (b) The sale or exchange of parcels between adjoining lot owners, where that sale or exchange does not create additional building sites,
  - (c) If the planning authority adopts a rule in accordance with section 711.133 of the Revised Code that exempts from division (B)(1) of this section any parcel of land that is four acres or more, parcels in the size range delineated in that rule.
- (2) The improvement of one or more parcels of land for residential, commercial, or industrial structures or groups of structures involving the division or allocation of land for the opening, widening, or extension of any public or private street or streets, except private streets serving industrial structures, or involving the division or allocation of land as open spaces for the common use by owners, occupants, or leaseholders or as easements for the extension and maintenance of public or private sewer, water, storm drainage, or other similar facilities.

**Surveyor:** Any person registered to practice surveying by the State Board of Registration as specified in Section 4733.02, of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Tract:** The term is used interchangeably with the term *parcel*, particularly in the context of subdivisions, where one "tract" is subdivided into several "lots".

**Technical Review Committee:** A committee of representatives of the county engineer's office, the city/county health department, the planning commission, the Soil and Water Conservation District and the county planner who shall meet with developers or property owners proposing a major subdivision, a commercial or industrial subdivision, or a minor subdivision on which a technical review member requires additional information. The technical review committee shall offer advice and assistance to the planning commission.

**Terrain Classification:** Terrain within the entire area of the preliminary plat is classified as level, rolling, hilly, or hillside for street design purposes. The classifications are as follows:

- a. Level: Land which has a cross slope range of four (4) percent or less;
- b. Rolling: Land which has a cross slope range of more than four (4) percent but not more than eight (8) percent;
- c. Hilly Land which has a cross slope range of more than eight (8) percent but not more than fifteen (15) percent;
- d. Hillside: Land which has a cross slope range of more than fifteen (15) percent.

**Thoroughfare, Street, or Road:** The full width between property lines bounding every dedicated travelway *or right of way lines where highway easements are used*, with a part thereof to be used for vehicular traffic and designated as follows:

- **a.** Alley: A minor street used primarily for vehicular service access to the back or side of properties abutting on another street. Design speed is 10 miles per hour.
- **b. Arterial Street:** A general term denoting a highway primarily for through traffic, carrying heavy loads and large volume of traffic, usually on a continuous route. Design speed is generally 55 miles per hour.
- **c.** Collector Street: A thoroughfare, whether within a residential, industrial, commercial, or other type of development, which primarily carries traffic from local streets to arterial streets, including the principal entrance and circulation routes within residential subdivisions. Design speed is generally 35 miles per hour.

- **d.** Cul-de-Sac: A local street of relatively short length with one (1) end open to traffic and the other end terminating in a vehicular turnaround. Design speed is generally 25 miles per hour.
- **e. Dead-end Street:** A street temporarily having only one (1) outlet for vehicular traffic and intended to be extended or continued in the future.
- **f. Local Street:** A street primarily for providing access to residential, commercial, or other abutting property. Design speed is generally 25 miles per hour.
- g. Loop Street: A type of local street each end of which terminated at an intersection with the same arterial or collector street, and whose principal radius points of the one hundred and eighty (180) degree system of turns are not more than three thousand (3000) feet from said arterial or collector street, nor normally more than six hundred (600) feet from each other.
- h. Marginal Access Street: A local or collector street, parallel and adjacent to an arterial or collector street, providing access to abutting properties and protection from arterial or collector streets. (Also called Frontage Street).

#### Through Lot: See Lot Types.

**Variance:** A modification of the strict terms of the relevant regulations where such modification will not be contrary to the public interest and where owing to conditions peculiar to the property and not the result of the action of the applicant, a literal enforcement of the regulations would result in unnecessary and undue hardship.

**Vicinity Map:** A drawing located on the plat which sets forth by dimensions or other means, the relationship of the proposed subdivision or use to other nearby developments or landmarks and community facilities and services within the county in order to better locate and orient the area in question.

Watershed: The drainage basin in which the subdivision drains or that land whose drainage is affected by the subdivision.

Wetland: An area of land, as defined by the federal definition at the time of preliminary plan submission, inundated by water for a portion of each year resulting in the land possessing unique soil and vegetative types.

Yard: A required open space other than a court unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure from three (3) feet above the general ground level of the graded lot upward, provided, accessories, ornaments, and furniture may be permitted in any yard, subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstructions of visibility.

- a. Yard, Front: A yard extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot and from the front lot line to the front of the principal building.
- **b. Yard, Rear:** A yard extending between side lot lines across the rear of a lot and from the rear lot line to the rear of the principal building.
- **c. Yard, Side:** A yard extending from the principal building to the side lot line on both sides of the principal building between the lines establishing the front and rear yards.

**Zoning Inspector:** The zoning inspector of the county or township, appointed by the board of county commissioners or the board of township trustees.

## Appendix E - Final Plat Checklist Subdivision Name: Owner: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ The following items (do, do not) conform with the requirements of the County Subdivision Regulations. Items not conforming are explained on the reverse side of this checklist. Does Does Not Items 1. Application form complete 2. Other necessary forms (specify) 3. One original final plat/appropriate # of copies complete 4. One original set of subdivision improvement plans and required # of copies complete with name, address and phone number of the professional engineer with appropriate number and seal 5. Sheet size and map scale 6. Proposed name (no duplication) and location 7. Name, address, & phone # of owner, subdivider, and professional surveyor with appropriate numbers and seals Date of survey, scale of plat, north point, and acreage 8. 9. Plat boundaries based on a field boundary survey, as defined in Ohio Administrative code (OAC) 4733-37, all lot numbers and lines shown with accurate dimensions in feet and hundredths 10. Building front, rear, and side setback lines with dimensions 11. Outline of areas to be dedicated or reserved for public use or common use by subdivision residents and outlines of previous lots or blocks and their numbers, indicated by a contrasting line style, in the case of a replat 12. Bearings and distances to the nearest established street lines and accurate location and description of all monuments 13. Names, locations, dimensions, right-of-way of all existing and proposed streets and railroads within and adjoining the plat. Radii, internal angles, points of curvature, tangent bearings, length of arcs, and lengths and bearing of chords of all streets 14. Purposes, locations, and dimensions of all easements 15. Locations of all water bodies and flood hazard boundaries 16.

Base flood elevations have determined by a professional engineer when necessary

	Does	Does Not	Items
17.			The owners of record, acreage, deed book and page references for all abutting metes and bounds tracts and the names of all abutting subdivisions, with lot lines, lot numbers and plat book and page references
18.			A copy of any restrictive covenants, and other notes, items, restrictions, or provisions required by the subdivision or the county
19.			If a zoning change is involved, certification from the appropriate township or county zoning inspector
20.			A letter from the permitting agency indicating that a driveway permit has been issued or will be issued by the office of the county engineer, township trustees, of Ohio Department of Transportation on existing roads
21.			Final plat was submitted within 12 months of preliminary plan approval
22.	N		Stormwater study and stormwater management plan
23.			Sediment and erosion control plan

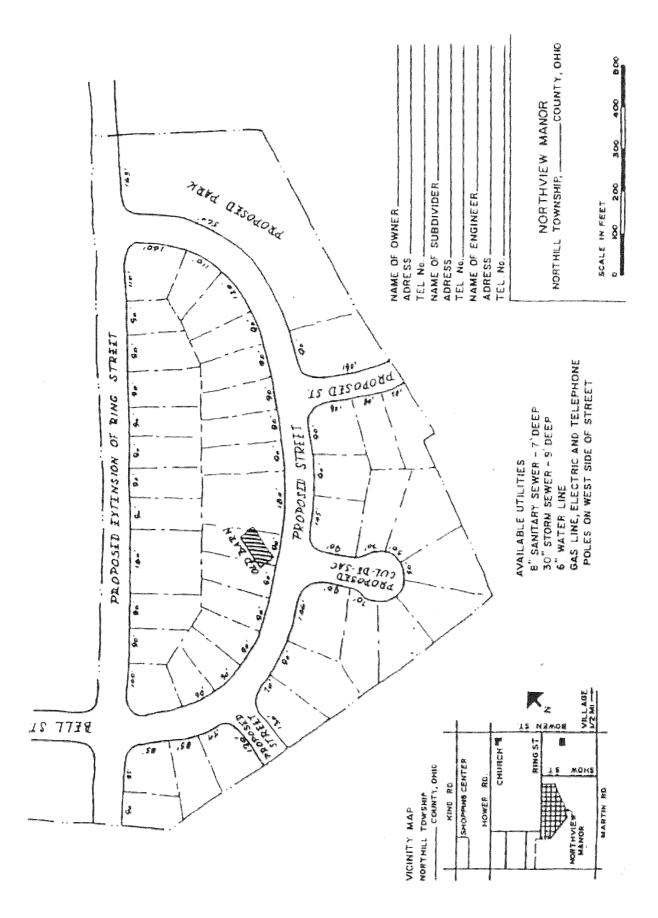
## Appendix F - Subdivision Environmental Review Checklist Subdivision Name: Owner: Date: The following questions should be answered as part of the sketch plan and preliminary plan process. By giving serious consideration to the issues posed by the questions, environmental problems posed by subdivision creation can be minimized. Yes No 1. Does the subdivision conflict with any existing plans? Does the subdivision affect the use of recreation area, an area of important visual value, or preempt a site with potential recreation or open space value? 3. Will any unique natural or manmade features in the subdivision area be disturbed? Do the engineering plans follow state-recommended guidelines for erosion control? 4. Do the engineering plans follow state-recommended guidelines for stormwater 5. management? Do the engineering plans adequately protect against geologic hazards, particularly land slippage and unstable soils? Does the subdivision change existing topography or involve construction on any 7. floodplain, natural drainage course, or watercourse? Are cuts and fills adequately engineered? Is the subdivision one of a series of cumulative actions, which, although individually 8. small, may as a whole have significant environmental impact? 9. Does the subdivision area serve as a habitat, food source, nesting place, crossing, wintering area, source of water, etc. for any wildlife species? 10. Are there any rare or endangered plant species in the subdivision area? 11. Could the subdivision change existing features of any stream frontage or greenbelt areas? Will the subdivision remove substantial amounts of vegetation, including ground cover? 12. 13. Will the subdivision affect the hydrology of the region? 14. Will the subdivision serve to encourage development of presently undeveloped areas or intensify development of already developed areas? Have adequate measures been taken to plan for this development? 15. Is there appreciable opposition to the subdivision or is it likely to be controversial? 16. Will the subdivision create new or aggravate existing health or safety hazards? 17. Will the subdivision generate significant amounts of dust or odor? 18. What will be the effects on traffic volumes and flow in the vicinity of the subdivision? 19. Will the subdivision contribute to the loss of agricultural land? 20. Have adequate measures been taken to minimize pollution of the air, water, and soil?

Measures shall consider the subdivision's future impacts of noise pollution; light pollution; air pollution from dust; water pollution from chemical applications, soil erosion, and human effluent, and soil pollution from chemical applications and human

effluent.

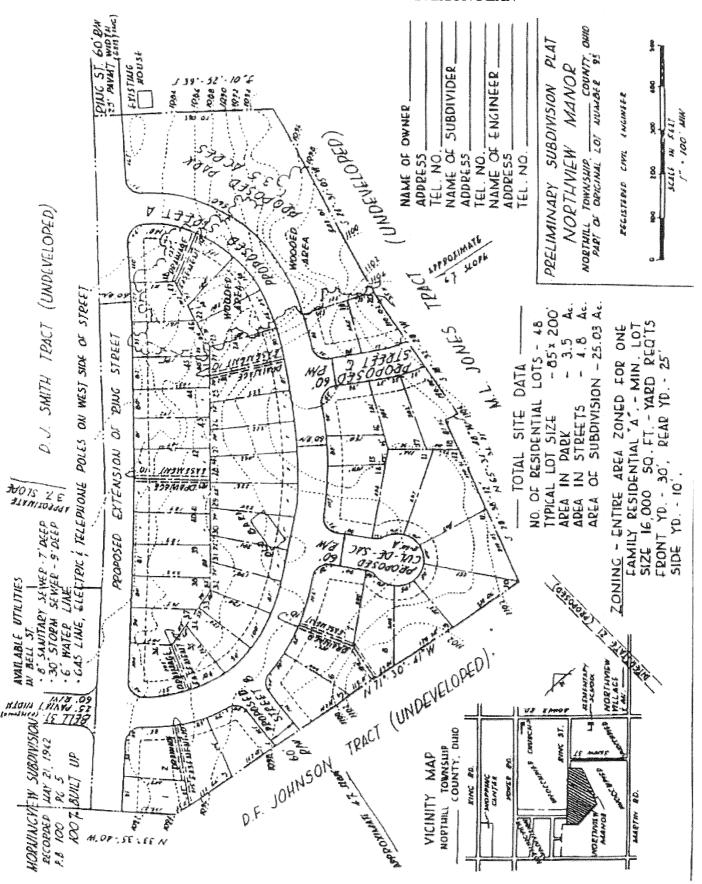
## APPENDIX G

## TYPICAL PRE-APPLICATION SKETCH



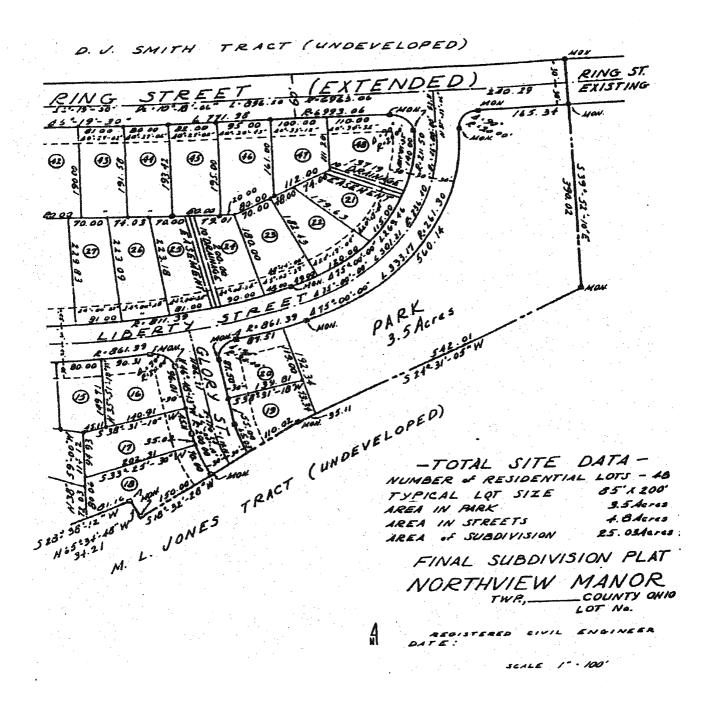
## **APPENDIX H**

## TYPICAL PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN



## APPENDIX I

## TYPICAL FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN



## APPENDIX J UTILITY PERMIT APPLICATION

Board of County Commissioners

**County Engineer** 

## BROWN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT GEORGETOWN, OH 45121

## PERMIT TO WORK WITHIN COUNTY/TOWNSHIP ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS

FEE:	DATE:	PERMIT NO:	
Subject to the Ger is granted by the Boa	neral Conditions, Standard and Spard of County Commissioners, he	pecial Provisions filed with your office, and reinafter referred to as the Board, to:	
Name of Individual of	or Company	Address	Phone
Description of Work	and Location (Road Name etc.)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
This permit for instal revoked by the Board	llation shall be effective until	by operation of law.	, unless sooner
	NERAL CONDITIONS:	, I	
<ul> <li>6. The permit holder v promptly at permit</li> <li>7. This permit is valid</li> <li>8. A permit will be red</li> <li>9. The permit holder a</li> </ul>	will be required to make any necessary holder's expense to accommodate art for this installation only. Future insequired for installations constructed out and permit holder's contractors shall be attions shall be submitted with this perty owners shall be notified by the perty owners shall owners and perty owners are stated as the perty owners are perty owners.	ginal condition. Decifically authorized by granting authority. Avated materials will not be permitted. Depublic road. Debugged by the regulations for safety as detailed in the repairs or relocation of facilities within or over a provided the regulations of facilities within or over a private property which must cross over or under the representation of the control of the responsible for calling the Ohio Utilities Protection.  The remit holder, at least 48 hours prior to commence and the remit and shall defend any action brought due to the defend any action brought due to the defend and the remit occurring with actions within the right-a-way.  The remit remit holder is the responsible for damage to the facilitie by its own negligence or willful conduct. The remit from the township affected.  Deve grade shall be installed on Right-Of-Way.  BROWN COUNTY HIGHW	er the existing right-of-way unty or Township. ermit. er the road right-of-way. ection Service prior to ement of work. aims to persons or property due his work. ethin twelve months of completion as placed under this permit in the
Chairm	an of Board		
		Brown County I	
Date	ACCEPTANI	DateCE OF PERMIT AGREEMENT	
is nereby accepted by	of the benefits accruing to the P	ermitee by reason of the foregoing permit a Permitee hereby agrees to comply with all o	greement, this said agreement f the terms, provisions,
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## **APPENDIX K** APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY PERMIT

PHONE		DATE
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## **Todd Cluxton**

**Brown County Engineer** 25 Veterans Blvd Georgetown, Ohio 45121 937-378-6456 phone 937-378-4175 fax www.browncountyengineer.org info@browncountyengineer.org

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT DRIVEWAY ON

	F WAY & HOUSE NUMBER REQUEST
Application is hereby made by	( Name)
(Current Address)	
(City, State, Zip Code)	
For permission to construct, use and maintai	n a driveway at the following described location:
Approximately (How many feet) feet off of	going on the (NESW)
	Township Road, (Driveway will be on this road)
Road No (Attach a plan or	r sketch of the proposed driveway, if possible). Work will
commence on or about and wil	l require approximately days. If this permit is
granted, I/we agree to comply with all the te	erms, conditions, restrictions and regulations of the County
Engineer printed or written on the reverse	side hereof; to maintain all lights, signs, and barricades
necessary for the protection of the traveling	public at all times; and to save harmless and indemnify the
Board of County Commissioners, County En	gineer, and the County of Brown from any and all claims for
damages that may arise out of the operation	of this permit.
	You have received a copy of the Brown County Standards for Driveway Culvert Installation
	(owner)

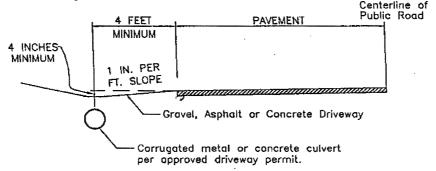
## BROWN COUNTY STANDARDS FOR DRIVEWAY CULVERT INSTALLATION

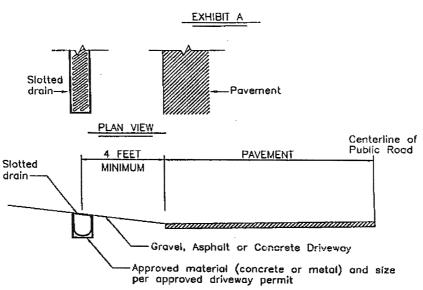
The following standards are a result of state and federal regulations relating to maintaining highways free and clear of hazardous conditions and obstructions.

#### DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION:

Driveways requiring culverts shall be constructed in the approved traditional method (exhibit A). The exception to this is in instances where the drive must slope up from the existing edge of pavement. The approved alternate method (exhibit B) may be used in such cases.

These approved methods shall also apply whenever an existing driveway culvert is replaced.





#### CULVERT INSTALLATION:

#### EXHIBIT B

Driveway culverts shall be located a minimum of 4 feet beyond the edge of pavement. Slotted drains shall be placed as close to the 4 ft. minimum as possible to divert the maximum amount of runoff and the slotted surface shall be kept free of debris.

#### MAINTENANCE:

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain his/her driveway and culvert in good condition. This will require periodic cleaning of the culvert and removing any gravel from the road that may come from the driveway.

## APPENDIX L REQUIREMENTS FOR MAILBOX INSTALLATION

### BROWN COUNTY STANDARDS FOR MAILBOX INSTALLATION

The following standards are a result of state and federal regulations relating to maintaining highways free and clear of hazardous obstructions and facilitating mail service.

#### MAILBOX SUPPORTS:

All supports for mailboxes shall be of the "breakaway" type. Satisfactory supports shall be as follows:

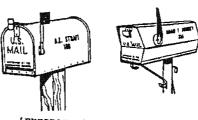
- a. Maximum 4" x 4" timber
- b. Maximum 2 1/2" diameter standard wall pipe
- c. Any material with equal breakaway characteristics of above.

Those mailbox support installations considered to be massive or otherwise hazardous fixed objects will not be permitted.

#### MAILBOX DESIGN:

Mailboxes of the approved traditional (exhibit A) or contemporary (exhibit B) designs are required whenever a mailbox is installed or unsuitable mail receptable is replaced.

Exception: Custom built rural type mailboxes may be used if prior approval is given by the postmaster and county engineer.

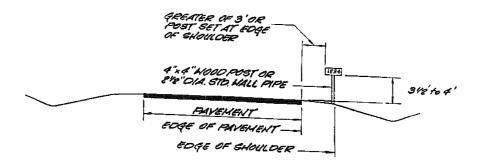


(EXHIBIT A)

(EXHIBIT B)

#### MAILBOX INSTALLATION:

Rural mailboxes shall be located at or beyond the shoulder edge in such a manner that maximum safety to highway traffic is afforded. In no case shall the leading edge of the mailbox installation be closer than 3 feet to the edge of the pavement. Mailboxes should be installed with the bottom of the box between shown on the mailbox.



## **APPENDIX M**

Certification For Exemption of Parcels to be Used Only For Agricultural or Personal Recreational Purposes Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 711.133

The undersigned Grantor(s), make the following statements for the express purpose of inducing the Brown County Planning Commission (the "Commission") to exempt from the approval requirements of Section 350 of the Brown County ce of AL

Subdivision Regulations (the "R	Regulations") the following described pro-	operty (the "Property") and to stamp the conveyance CULTURAL AND PERSONAL RECREATION.
1. The Grantor(s) certify that the	e Property proposed for exemption is des	scribed as follows:
2. The Grantor(s) and Grantee(s recreational purposes as defined	e) certify that the Property is to and shall in Section 350 of the Regulations.	be used ONLY for agricultural or personal
agricultural or personal recreation successors and assigns unless are	onal purposes, no such change is use sha	e Property is subsequently changed in use from all be made by the Grantor(s) or Grantee(s) or their emmission or his designated representative first of Section 350 of the Regulations.
The undersigned Grantor(s) and	Grantee(s) have signed this Certification	n on the date(s) set forth below.
Grantor(s):	Grantee(s):	
(Name)	(Name)	
Date:	Date:	
(Name)	(Name)	<del></del>

(Name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

	SCHEDULE OF SUB	DIVISION FEES		
Major Subdivision - Preliminary Plan	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Review (includes first lot)	100.00	100.00		50.00
Each additional lot	20.00	20.00		10.00
Per lot		1900		
Major Subdivision - Final Plan	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Review (includes first lot)	100.00	100.00		100.00
Each additional lot	20.00	20.00		40.00
Major Subdivision - Final Plan without Preliminary Plan Review	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Review (includes first lot)	200.00	200.00		150.00
Each additional lot	40.00	40.00		50.00
Per lot				
PUD Plan - Residential (Planned Unit Development)	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Per acre	50.00	50.00		50.00
PUD Plan - Commercial/Industrial (Planned Unit Development)	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Per acre	35.00	35.00		35.00
Minor Subdivision/Lot Splits	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Review (includes first lot)	100.00	100.00	1	100.00
Each additional lot	20.00	20.00		20.00
Per lot				20.00
Replat	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Per lot <i>created/other</i>	100.00/20.00	100.00/0.00	-	100.00/20.00
Variance Request	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Engineer
Review	100.00		-	<u> </u>
County Subdivision Regulations	Planning Comm.	Soil & Water	Health Dept.	Frairca
Per set	8.50	Son & Water	incarin Dept.	Engineer