City of Poulsbo

Engineering Division-Memorandum



To:	Concerned Parties and Staff
From:	Andrzej Kasiniak, P.E., City Engineer
Subject:	Clarification – Driveways and Driveway Approaches
Date:	April 18, 2014

Reference the following:

City of Poulsbo Construction Standards: Streets – Section 2, Page 5 D. Driveways and Driveway Approaches

"e. If residential lots are 60 foot wide or less, driveways shall be shared between adjacent lots, or sidewalks shall be detached."

PMC 18.260.120 Planned Residential Developments (PRD) Street Standard Alternatives

"D. Sidewalks separated from public streets or private road may be required by the city engineer upon review of the project lot widths and proposed driveway locations."

The intent of the above Construction Standard is to support design that minimizes undulating sidewalks through residential neighborhoods.

Based on a site specific site application in a PRD with 50' to 60' lot widths, it was determined that the shared driveway and/or detached sidewalk did not effectively solve the undulating sidewalk and resulted in site layout and economical grading issues. In accordance with Construction Standard Section 1C - The City Engineer granted a deviation such that shared driveways and detached sidewalks were not required. The sidewalks were located at the curb. The proposed design complies with the PMC for PRD (adopted by Ordinance 2014-04, Feb. 14, 2014).

The Construction Standard Section 2D will be revised to delete "60 foot" and replace with "less than 50 foot" wide in the next update.

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