

Chapter 30

ROAD AND STREET CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

(Adopted May 3, 2003)

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that roads and streets are developed and maintained in a manner consistent with road construction standards and in a manner that ensures that all new public ways and existing public ways will best serve the community and public interests, including, but not limited to public safety, fire, rescue, traffic and parking needs, in a manner that minimizes adverse environmental or aesthetic impact, and in a manner that ensures that the costs of development, maintenance and upkeep of any roads or streets incurred by the Town of Long Island are minimized to the greatest extent possible.

2. Definitions.

The terms road or street as used herein shall mean all roads, streets, avenues, or other public ways established or maintained under public authority or public or private ways dedicated to the use of the public as are included in the official records of the Town of Long Island.

3. Standards.

All new roads or streets must be laid out and constructed in accordance with Road Construction Standards to be adopted by the Town or as otherwise approved by the Planning Board.

4. Transition provision.

Pending adoption by the Town of Road Construction Standards, all road construction shall be governed by the standards set forth by the Maine Department of Transportation in the Department's publication entitled "Standard Specifications" December 2002.

5. All development proposals submitted for review and approval under Chapter 14 of Articles X or XI of the Town of Long Island Code of Ordinances that include development or upgrades of any road or street shall also be subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

6. Street Opening Permit Required (Adopted May 10, 2014)

6.1 Street Opening Permit is required when it is necessary for any excavation to accommodate any utilities that must be placed in any public way paved or gravel. Utilities shall include but not limited to electrical cables, telephone or communication lines, water lines and sewage lines. The cost of the permit is set forth in the Town of Long Island Municipal Fees Schedule and paid to the Town Clerk.

6.2 Procedure. An applicant shall file an application for a Street Opening Permit with the Town Clerk. The application will then be reviewed by the Selectmen/Road Commissioner who may issue the permit. The applicant must also obtain an easement from the Town for placing utilities in a public way.

6.3 Excavation, Backfilling & Finishing. Excavation work shall be done so as to cause minimal damage to surrounding pavement or other surfaces. Excavations shall be backfilled with gravel suitable for road construction and then finished with the original surface material.