

# Town of Benton

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Section 1 Plan and Profile

Applicants for the acceptance of a new street must file a Plan and Profile showing street lines, turnarounds, cul-de-sac, all storm drainage and sewers, ( and shall also show a specified radius of turns at all intersections , amended March 11, 1978). Such plan is to be filed with and approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Planning Board before construction is started.

Section 2 Compliance

No street shall be accepted by the Town of Benton as a public way unless the provisions of this Ordinance have been complied with and the construction of such street inspected between each phase of construction by the Selectmen or someone acting their behalf.

Section 3 Street Requirements

The width of the street right-of-way shall be sixty-six (66') feet wide and the entire area will be cleaned of all stumps. Any trees remaining outside of the paved way and shoulder shall be subjected to selective cutting. The street shall be graded to a subgrade of a minimum of fifteen (15") inches base gravel and a three (3") inch finish gravel. ( This street to be surfaced with a two (2") inch base and a one (1") inch finished coat of bituminous concrete, for a total finish coat of three (3") inches. The paved portion of the street shall be not less than twenty (20') feet in width. Shoulders shall be four (4') feet in width. Ditches, when required, shall have a three (3') foot to one (1') foot down-slope and back-slope and have a depth of from two (2') to four (4') feet, Amended on March 9, 1985, ). ( Intersections shall be designed in such a manner as to allow removal of snow without difficulty, Amended March 11, 1978).

Section 4 Dead End Streets

All dead end streets shall have a turnaround or cul-de-sac of sufficient size to accommodate emergency and snow removal vehicles. ( Amended March 9, 1985)

Section 5 Sidewalk

Sidewalks may be required at the discretion of the Planning Board and/or Selectmen. ( Amended March 9, 1985).

#### Section 6 Water Mains and Sewer Lines

Water mains shall be laid outside the twenty (20') foot roadbed. Sewer lines to be laid a minimum of one-eighth (1/8") inch to the foot slope on a well compacted base ( back filled with selected material appropriate for the prevention of frost action on the lines and protection of the line and street, Amended March 9, 1985). Sewers to be no less than eight (8") inches in diameter. All sewers shall be installed by the developer.

#### Section 7 Town Approval

At such times as the developer of a street has complied with the above requirements, the Board of Selectmen, after inspecting said street and approval of same, shall place an Article ( on a Town Warrant and shall place this Article before the voters at a Town Meeting, Amended March 9, 1985 ) .

#### Section 8 Building Construction

No Building construction shall be started until the street has been approved by the Board of Selectmen or someone acting on their behalf.

#### Section 9 Enforcement

( Any person, corporation or developer who violates any section of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not less than \$100 for each violation. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense , Amended March 12, 1977 ).

#### Section 10 Amendment

This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of the legally constituted municipal governing body. Amendments may be initiated by the municipal officers, a majority vote of the Planning Board, or written petition by a number of voters equal to at least ten (10%) percent of the number of votes cast in the municipality in the last gubernatorial election.

#### Section 12 Validity and Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.