

# **CITY OF BRISTOL – PUBLIC WORKS**

## ***UNACCEPTED STREET SERVICE POLICY***

**1. Policy Name**

Unaccepted street service policy

**2. Responsible Division and effective date.**

Public Works Engineering Division

Policy effective date 7/19/07

**3. Rationale or Purpose**

This policy is designed to reflect the City of Bristol’s policy for dealing with parameters for providing normal City services on unaccepted streets that are part of a new development [which requires streets to be constructed in accordance with City Ordinances for acceptance] and other unaccepted streets meeting specific conditions described in 6.f. of this policy.

**4. Policy Statement**

This policy defines the City services that will be provided on unaccepted streets that meet certain criteria.

**5. Scope**

This policy applies to City services that will be provided on unaccepted streets meeting the criteria of this policy and the City of Bristol Code of Ordinances.

**6. Procedures – City Services Provided on Unaccepted City Streets**

The City of Bristol shall furnish the normal municipal services [including but not limited to solid waste, recycling and snow removal] to the occupants of dwelling houses along unaccepted highways or streets provided:

- a. Such unaccepted street or highway shall be completed to the stage of binder course [for the purposes of this section, a "binder course" is defined as one course of bituminous concrete to a completed depth of one and one-half (1 1/2) inches over the traveled portion of such unaccepted street or highway] and with tapered or sloped [1/2" per foot] hot asphalt base material at all manholes and catch basins [placed prior to November 15th ]; and
- b. Such unaccepted street or highway shall be completed to the stage of binder course for the total frontage of any road abutting a house lot for which the services are to be provided, and such binder course shall be contiguous and complete from a presently paved street or highway to the furthest point on any unaccepted highway or street for which services are to be provided; and
- c. the dwelling to receive services has been issued a certificate of occupancy by the Building Department; and
- d. A performance guarantee is on file with and approved by the planning commission of the City of Bristol; and

- e. An Escrow Concentration Account in the amount equal to fifteen (15%) of the amount of the performance guarantee listed in d. above has been provided to the City to cover any repairs that may be needed to be made to the road infrastructure of the unaccepted street in order for the City to continue providing services; or
- f. Where an unaccepted street was in existence in passable condition, has an all weather surface and was maintained by the City for a period of ten (10) years prior to January 1976. This exception is not to be construed to include unimproved so-called "paper streets" and said dwellings shall not be in violation of any zoning or building regulations.

**7. Roles/Responsibilities**

Property owner or their builder is required to obtain necessary Certificate(s) of occupancy. Developer is responsible for providing all improvements as required above and required to provide performance guarantee and Escrow Concentration Account as indicated above. Public Works is responsible for providing normal municipal services [including but not limited to solid waste, recycling and snow removal].

**8. Definitions**

See City of Bristol, Code of Ordinances  
**Section 21-92 Definitions**

**9. References**

See City of Bristol, Code of Ordinances  
**Section 21-140.** Erection of buildings on unaccepted streets and issuance of building permits thereon.

**10. Consequences of Non-Compliance**

The City of Bristol will not provide normal municipal services on unaccepted streets that do not meet the criteria of this policy.

**Approval authority: Board of Public Works**

**Approved date: 7/19/07**

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