

## ROAD ADOPTION POLICY

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ROADS MAY BE ACCEPTED INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM BY THE FISCAL COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH KRS 179.470 AND THE MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS CODE.

Prior to Fiscal Court consideration of a road for acceptance into the county road system, the County Road Supervisor shall certify that the following minimum specifications have been met or exceeded.

- a. A written request must be furnished to the Powell County Fiscal Court for a street or roadway to be accepted into the Powell County road system.
- b. Surveyed center-line and legal description of proposed road prepared by a licensed Kentucky registered land surveyor.
- c. A copy of all property owner's deeds and a certification of title certifying good, marketable and fee simple title in the property owner's name proposing to deed the road right-of-way to the county.
- d. Certification by the property owners that fences, buildings, gates, and cattle gates have been removed from the proposed county road and right-of-way.
- e. Roads will not be accepted into the County Road Maintenance Program in which livestock have access. All livestock must be contained within fenced area.
- f. Right-of-way must be a minimum of forty (40) feet with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet gravel surface with four (4) inches of #2's, then covered with six (6) inches of dense grade, properly ditched and tiled, and restricted from parking. Culverts shall be of sufficient size to meet the minimum requirement as set forth by the Ky. Transportation Cabinet 25 year storm design. County Road Supervisor shall recommend to the Fiscal Court any deviation from these requirements.
- g. Asphalt shall be applied to the gravel base meeting the minimum requirements of three (3) inches of base material and two (2) inches of surface.
- h. Road surface shall be smooth and crowned.
- i. Road banks shall be stabilized and in grass or suitable cover.
- j. Roads with a grade greater than fifteen (15) percent, as determined by a qualified engineer, may not be considered for acceptance into the county road system.

- k. Roads with no outlet shall contain a cull de sac to meet both the Department of Transportation's and the local school system's specifications for a school bus turn around which is 45 x 60.
- l. Bridges on any roads/streets must be approved by the County Road Supervisor and meet the Department of Transportation specifications for bridges. All bridges should be as wide as the subject road/ street and have approved DOT guardrail.
- m. All platted subdivision streets and/or subdivided land shall have a minimum of 50% of lots sold and must also meet the following specifications:

**SUBDIVISION:**

"Subdivision" means the division of a parcel of land into two (2) or more lots or parcels for the purpose, whether immediate or future, or sale, lease, or building development, or if a new street is involved, any division of a parcel of land. Providing that a division of land for agriculture purpose into lots of parcels five (5) acres, or more and not involving a new street shall not be deemed a subdivision. The term includes resubdivision and when appropriate or to the land subdivided and division or redivision of land into parcels of less than one acre occurring within twelve (12) months following a division of the same land shall be deemed a subdivision within the meaning of this section. (KRS 100.11)

**SUBGRADE PREPARATIONS:**

Prior to placement of rock base materials, all subgrades must be proofed rolled with a tandem truck loaded with a minimum of 15 tons of load to be furnished by the developer. The County Road Supervisor or his designee shall witness and inspect the proof rolling to determine any inferior roadbed preparation.

**AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL:**

Base material shall consist of pugmilled dense grade aggregate (DGA) limestone, meeting the Kentucky Department of Highway's specifications for this material. It shall be applied four (4) inches thick and compacted to a target density no less than eighty-four (84) percent of solid volume.

**ASPHALT:**

Asphalt surface shall be applied by qualified contractor licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**STREET SIGNS:**

All street signs shall be erected prior to acceptance with developer assuming all costs.

- n. The County Road Supervisor shall recommend to the Fiscal Court any additional requirements for road or subdivision specifications prior to acceptance into the county road maintenance program.

\*\*\* Property owners and/or developers assume all costs of preparation (surveying, engineer's fees, etc.) for acceptance into the county road system.

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