

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON
CITY OF CALHOUN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 82: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II - STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS; TO REPEAL ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Calhoun seek to amend the former municipal code of ordinances to change the width requirements for the right of way and street/land widths for residential subdivision development within the municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Calhoun seek to amend and adopt these provisions to require that the roadways developed for residential subdivisions within the city be widened to allow not only for the increase in size for personal vehicles such as trucks, SUVs and crossovers, but also to better accommodate for smaller lot sizes resulting in smaller residential driveways that has lead to more vehicles belonging to residents or home occupants being parked for long periods of time in the street creating traffic issues and safety concerns for emergency vehicle access;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION ONE: *CHAPTER 82: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II - STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SECTION 82-33. Right-of-way*, including the discrete sections and subsections, is hereby stricken in it entirety and replaced with ***CHAPTER 82: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II - STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SECTION 82-33. Right-of-way*** to read as follows:

“ **Sec. 82-33. Right-of-way.**

(a) Minimum right-of-way for each street classification shall be as follows:

Street Category	Minimum Right-of-Way (feet)	As Measured from Centerline (feet)
Major collector-Industrial	80	40
Minor collector-Commercial	65	32.5
Local (residential subdivision)	60	30

(b) Additional street right-of-way width may be required to be dedicated at intersections or other locations fronting the property where turning lanes, storage lanes, medians, or realignments are required for traffic safety, and minimum right-of-way standards would be inadequate to accommodate the improvements. See Standard Details 401, 402 and 403.”

SECTION TWO: CHAPTER 82: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II - STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SECTION 82-34. *Street/lane widths*, including the discrete sections and subsections, is hereby stricken in its entirety and replaced with **CHAPTER 82: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II - STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SECTION 82-34.** *Street/lane widths* to read as follows:

“ **Sec. 82-34. Street/lane widths.**

(a) A minimum of eleven-foot travel lanes are required on all streets. Street widths and lane assignments are based upon the functional classification of said street:

Functional Classification	Width (feet)	Lane Assignments
Local (residential subdivision)	22	Varies
Minor collector-Commercial	24	Varies
Major collector-Industrial	24 to 36	Varies

(b) Street width and design are variable based upon current and/or proposed operational characteristics of the roadway, and are subject to city review and approval. Major collectors are streets that are subject to heavy pavement loadings (industrial drives, trucking areas, high impact commercial activities). See Standard Details 401, 402, and 403.”

SECTION THREE: CHAPTER 82: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II - STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SECTION 82-48.

Curb and gutter, including the discrete sections and subsections, is hereby stricken in its entirety and replaced with *CHAPTER 82: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II - STREET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SECTION 82-48. Curb and gutter* to read as follows:

“ **Sec. 82-48. Curb and gutter.**

(a) *Required; general standards.* All new streets or street widening sections shall be provided with curb and gutter. All gutters shall drain positively, with no areas of ponding. Curb and gutter shall be set up with sub-grade and base using the standard street setup specifications. Concrete drop inlets are not allowed. Use Department of Transportation (DOT) specification 36” metal hood, grate and frames.

(b) *Residential streets.* Roll over curb, six inches by 24 inches by ten inches, can be installed per street inspector approval (see Standard Detail 414-RB). Concrete shall be Class “A” (as defined by the Georgia DOT) and have a minimum strength of 3,000 psi at 28 days.

(c) *Commercial streets.* Minor and major collector streets are required to use L-back curb six inches by 24 by 12 inches (see Standard Detail 414). Concrete shall be Class “A” (as defined by the Georgia DOT) and have a minimum strength of 4,000 psi at 28 days.

(d) *Existing curbing.* When the development ties into existing curbing, the curb and gutter shall match the existing width.

(e) *Minimum grades.* Curb and gutter shall be set true to the line and grade of the street, horizontally field staked, and finished to the section shown on the plans. Line and grade shall be set by developers' engineer or surveyor.

(f) *Other requirements.* Inferior workmanship or unprofessional construction methods resulting in unacceptable curb and gutter will be cause for rejection of the finished work. Disturbed areas along all curbing shall be back-filled, stabilized, and grassed. Cracked or broken curbs and sidewalks shall be replaced at the discretion of the street inspector.”

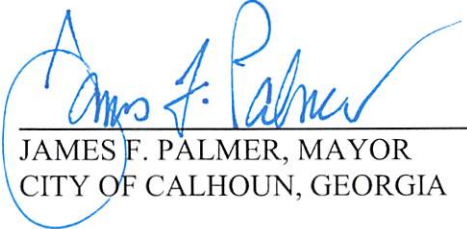
SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall become effective immediately following enactment by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia, the public health, safety, and welfare

requiring it.

SECTION FIVE: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION SIX: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase shall be declared unconstitutional, or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases herein.

SO ADOPTED, this the 24th day of July, 2023.



JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR
CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

ATTEST:



SHARON NELSON, CITY CLERK

Date of First Reading: 6/19/2023
Date of Second Reading: 7/17/2023
Date of Public Hearing: 7/24/2023

