

ORDINANCE # O-98-34

**ADOPTION, DEFINITIONS, AND STANDARDS
FOR EDDY COUNTY ROADS**

WHEREAS, Eddy County is desirous of establishing uniform definitions, criteria, and standards for all roads which are being, and will be in the future, adopted and maintained as Eddy County Roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

I. Definitions

- A. **Eddy County Road:** A road which has been adopted and placed on the County inventory for maintenance.
- B. **Primary Road:** A primary road is a County road which has been paved by either a hot mix overlay, chip/seal, or concrete and meets or exceeds minimum County road standards.
 - 1. All roads in a County subdivision shall be primary roads.
 - 2. All roads that service a subdivision or are an integral part of a subdivision shall be primary roads.
 - 3. An area that is subdivided for residential or commercial (non-agriculture) purposes shall be serviced by a primary road.
- C. **Secondary Road:** A secondary road is an unpaved road which meets or exceeds minimum County road standards. A secondary road services the rural area; outside the extra-territorial zone of an incorporated municipality.

II. Minimum Standards

- A. In order for Eddy County to accept roads for County inventory and maintenance, the following minimum standards shall be complied with:
 - 1. **Pre-Construction Conference:** A pre-construction conference shall be held prior to any construction at the time and place designated by the Eddy County Road Department.
 - 2. **Right-Of-Way:** A legally sufficient Grant-of-Right-Of-Way shall be supplied to the County meeting the following:

foot minimum depth of ditches with 4:1 shoulder slopes and 3:1 back slopes. Variances to this typical road section to fit area topography shall be obtained from the Eddy County Road Department.

- b. Drainage shall be insured over the entire road and must not impede traffic or alter design of the roadbed.
 - c. Culverts shall be of sufficient size to carry the normal flow of the drainage.
 - d. Culverts shall have 18 inches of compacted cover.
 - e. Minimum length of culverts placed perpendicular to the driving surface shall be 40 feet.
5. **Property Turnouts:** The following standards shall be met on all turnouts:
- a. Shall be 30 feet width, minimum.
 - b. Turnouts shall be constructed of all-weather material.
 - c. Low water crossings (dips) shall be constructed so as not to impede drainage.
 - d. Culverts may be used under turnouts where deemed necessary, but culvert placement shall be held to a minimum.
6. **Cattle Guards:** The following standards shall be met on all cattle guards:
- a. All cattle guards traversing the roadbed shall be built and placed to minimum specifications which shall be obtained from the Eddy County Road Department.
 - b. Minimum width from wing to wing shall be 24 feet.
7. **Bituminous Pavement:** The following standards shall be met on bituminous pavement:
- a. Bituminous pavement shall be placed on a base constructed to meet current County specifications.
 - b. The minimum specifications for bituminous pavement shall be obtained from the Eddy County Road Department.

CERTIFICATION:

I, Karen Davis, Eddy County Clerk, hereby certify that Ordinance Number O-98-34 being "Adoption, Definitions, and Standards For Eddy County Roads" ordinance, was passed, approved, and adopted by the Eddy County Board of Commissioners on this 6th day of November, 1998.

By: *Karen Davis*
Karen Davis, County Clerk

My term expires: 12/31/98

