

TITLE 9

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CHAPTER 9.04

OBSTRUCTIONS FROM STREETS, ROADS AND ALLEYS

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9.04.01 All streets must be kept open Be it enacted by the City Council of Decatur, that all streets, roads, alleys and public grounds in the city of Decatur be opened and kept open and clear of buildings, fencing, pens, stock lots, wood piles, coal dumps, ditches, cuts, excavations, dumps of dirt, earth or waste, telegraph, telephone or electric light poles, boxes, barrels, logs, lumber, machinery, wagons, vehicles of any kind, or anything that hinders or obstructs the free use of said streets, roads, or alleys or public grounds. (Ord. No. 26, Sec. 1.)

9.04.02 Fine Any party or parties, incorporation or company, placing or keeping any such obstructions in or on any street, road, alley or public grounds in the city of Decatur having sixty (60) days notice by the Street Superintendent, Mayor or other authorized city personnel to remove such obstruction shall be deemed a violator of this ordinance and upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars for each offense. Provided, however, that this ordinance does not apply to the placing temporarily material for public or private improvement, unloading or loading wagons or vehicles. (Ord. No. 26, Sec. 2.)

CHAPTER 9.08

STREET CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

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9.08.01 General provisions

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this code is to set forth the procedures, requirements, and minimum standards governing the construction of streets in subdivisions within the jurisdiction of the city of Decatur.
- B. **Jurisdiction.** The territorial jurisdiction of the minimum standards for streets for subdivisions includes the land within the corporate limits of the city of Decatur and the surrounding area as designated on the planning area map.
- C. **Definitions:**
 - 1. **Dedication.** Land in the improvements offered to the city, county, or State and accepted by them for public use, control, and maintenance.
 - 2. **Right of Way.** The land open, reserved, or dedicated for a street, walk, drainage, or other public purposes.
 - 3. **Street.** The strip of land, including the entire right of way, intended primarily as a means of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, which may also be used to provide space for sewers, public utilities, trees and sidewalks.
 - 4. **Street, local.** A street used primarily to provide access to abutting properties.
 - 5. **Subdivision.** A division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two or more lots or other division of land, for the purpose of transfers of ownership or development, extension of utilities, dedication of easements or right of way, whether immediate or future, including all changes in street or lot lines, provided, however, that were no new streets, water mains, sanitary sewer maintenance, or easement or access involved, the following shall not be included in this definition, and may be processed as an informal plat:

- a. The combination or recombination of portions of previously platted lots where the local number of blocks is not increased and the original lot areas are not decreased.
- b. The subdivision or re-subdivision of land where public land, sewer and improved streets are available and the resulting lots comply with the requirements of the zoning code. (Ord. No. 90-04, Sec. 1.)

9.08.02 Street and utility plans and specifications At the time of submission of the preliminary plat, the subdivider shall submit three (3) copies of street plans, profiles, specifications, cross sections, and grading and drainage plans, as prepared by the engineer for distribution to the Planning Commission.

He shall also submit preliminary street grading, including but not limited to: a topographic map of the proposed subdivision on which the location of the proposed streets are sketched, along with (1) an estimate of the street grades; (2) directions of water flow; (3) location and approximate size of drainage structures; and (4) a typical street cross section. An engineer shall be in attendance when the Planning Commission reviews the preliminary plat so that the questions concerning street design and drainage may be answered by the engineer.

At the time the street and utility plans and specifications are submitted, the City shall be notified whether electric service is to be overhead or underground, so that appropriate planning can be initiated by the City.

Any changes to the subdivision made after approval of the preliminary plat shall require Planning Commission approval prior to the start of construction of the area affected by the change. (Ord. No. 90-04, Sec. 2.)

9.08.03 Design standards Street grading, base, paving, and construction shall be in accordance with the City requirements as follows:

- A. Street Components. The subdivider shall be required to have proper size ditches and culverts designed, submitted, and approved as a supplement to the preliminary plat and prior to final plat approval. Said design plan shall be made a part of the final plat.

After the proposed grading has been completed, with the necessary cuts or fills completed, the sub-base shall be thoroughly and adequately compacted to the minimum requirements as stated in the "Minimum Standards Table for Pavement Thickness Design." The area under the proposed pavement shall be tested, and a copy of these test results present to the Planning Commission.

Where construction shows soil types other than those anticipated by the engineer, the street superintendent shall require detailed pavement design data including

soil investigations by the engineer and any other testing necessary to insure that a satisfactory sub-base can and will be constructed.

After approval of the sub-base, the subdivider shall proceed to construct the base course, where required, of not less than four (4) inches of SB2 base. If the base course is required (under hot mix asphalt concrete surface), the subdivider shall have the compacted base course tested and shall present the testing results to the City Council or to the Planning Commission for approval prior to placement of the surface course.

After the base course has been approved, the surface course shall be placed of not less than three (3) inches of hot mix asphalt or concrete. The specific material requirements and construction procedures for all street construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction published by the Arkansas State Highway Commission. A copy of these specifications may be obtained from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Little Rock, Arkansas or the City Recorder.

Surface course shall be placed with a mechanical spreader and finish equipment which are self-propelled, capable of spreading and finishing the mixture true to line, grade and cross section without the use of side forms or side supports. The paver shall be capable of laying the mixture to the width of at least twelve (12) feet, and shall be equipped with mechanical compensating devices to adjust to grade.

For concrete paving, placement shall be by mechanical vibrating machine of approved type and design. The machine may be either mounted on the mechanical spreader or operated as a separate unit on an individual carriage traveling on the forms. If the contractor so elects, he may use a slip-form paver in lieu of the conventional paving train and stationary side forms.

After completion of placement of the surface course, the subdivider shall present sufficient evidence to the Planning Commission to establish the thickness and density of the surface course.

B. Street Borders. Local street borders shall consist of curb and gutter constructed of concrete according to the following standards:

1. Curb and Gutter for Asphalt Streets. Concrete curb and gutter for asphalt streets shall have a back height of not less than 14 inches, a base width of not less than 24 inches, face of curb height of 6 inches, and a gutter width of 18 inches.
2. Curb and Gutter for Concrete Streets. In the event the Subdivider elects to construct concrete streets, then the thickness of the face of the gutter can

be reached to conform with the actual pavement thickness as defined, i.e., if 5 inches of concrete street pavement is constructed, the face of the gutter may be reduced from 8 inches to 5 inches in thickness.

3. Roll-Type Concrete Curb and Gutter. Roll-type concrete curb and gutter on streets where this type of construction is permitted shall be identical in all dimensions to the curb and gutter as set out in (1) and (2) above, except the intersection of the gutter and face of the curb shall be constructed with a radius of approximately 12 to 15 inches.

C. Concrete Drainage Swells. Concrete drainage swells of not less than four (4) feet in width minimum, formed to grade, shall be constructed across those intersections where it is necessary to transport water from one side of the intersection to the other. The thickness shall be equal to the pavement thickness as required in "Minimum Standards Table for Pavement Thickness Design", of this code. The concrete swell shall be placed along a line drawn straight across the intersection. On concrete street construction, the swell shall be shaped and separated by expansion joints.

1. The specific design of ditches and culverts as related ditch-type street construction shall be considered together. The rationale for their design is based upon the area to be serviced by the ditches. The ditch design is based on the area which will drain into the ditches, as well as the projected frequencies and amounts of rainfall. The sign of both the ditches and culverts shall be determined by a professional engineer.
2. The side slopes are recommended to be no more than 4:1 with a rounded bottom at least four (4) feet wide (minimum depth 1 ½ to 3 feet). In any case, the side slope shall never be steeper than 2:1, with the minimum bottom width not less than eighteen (18) inches.
3. In order to prevent the depositing of sediment, the minimum gradient for earth and grass line channels shall be 0.5% (six (6) inches per one hundred (100) feet), and should be kept constant or increasing if possible.
4. To avoid erosion, the design of the ditches shall include velocities always less than that permissible for the particular kind of soil.
5. Ditch bottoms shall be protected from erosion. They may be sodded or seeded with the aid of temporary quick growing grasses. Grasses may also be used in combination with other more rigid types of linings, the grass being on the upper bank slopes. Linings may consist of stone dumped, hand-placed or grouted, preferably laid on a filter blanket of gravel or crushed stone. Many steep erodible channels may be lined with asphalt or concrete.

6. Design grades and culvert inverts shall be staked in the field to ensure proper ditch construction. Proper design of culverts shall include headwalls and wingwalls at each end, their size dependent upon the culvert size. Backfill around drainage structures shall be with adequately compacted crushed stone.(Ord. No. 90-04, Sec. 3.)

CHAPTER 9.12

SYSTEM FOR NAMING STREETS

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9.12.01 Purpose This ordinance establishes a system for assigning street names and address numbers which will assist the public and private sector in locating individual streets, buildings and places in an easy and logical manner and for the protection of public health and safety of all persons living, working or visiting in the city of Decatur. (Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 1.)

9.12.02 Street address map The official Street Address Map is a part of this ordinance and shall contain the ordinance number and certifications which appear upon this document. The map shall identify all named streets, numbering centerlines and block numbering grids which specify address number ranges. A typical section of land shall be divided into 16 blocks, or grids, north/south and east/west. Each grid interval shall be 330 feet except in non-standard areas identified on the map.

The official Street Address Map shall be automatically updated upon final plat approval of any plat or large scale development. The map shall include a revision block which lists the date and ordinance number of the latest change. (Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 2.)

9.12.03 Centerlines Roller Ave. and its extension to city of Decatur's east and west city limits shall be the centerline street for north and south address numbers. Main St. and its extension to city of Decatur's north and south city limits shall be the centerline for east and west address numbers. Address numbers shall increase outward from the intersection of the centerline streets. (Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 3.)

9.12.04 Street names For the purpose of this ordinance the word "street" shall mean all roadways, public and private, open for general public travel. Access drives to apartment and commercial complexes shall not be considered as streets and shall not be named as such.

Streets running east and west shall be identified with the suffix "avenue". Streets running north and south shall be identified with the suffix "street".

Streets which are also state and federal highways will be identified by their local street name followed by their state or federal designation in parenthesis on the official Street Address Map. For example, N. MAIN STREET (AR 102).

Cul-de-sac streets which have only one entrance/exit shall not be called "avenue" or "street" but shall have a suffix name such as "cove, lane, place, or terrace to indicate their dead end nature.

Loop streets are circular or rectangular plan streets which begin at one point and end at another point along a common street and do not connect to any other streets. Street name suffixes on these streets must not be "street" or "avenue" but, shall be "loop, circle, court" or other name indicating a closed street layout. (Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 4.

9.12.05 Address numbers Address numbers shall be even on the north and east sides of the street and odd on the south and west sides of the street. 100 numbers shall be assigned to each identified grid block with the lowest number beginning at the intersection of the grid centerlines. Address numbers shall be determined by the number grid in which the property is located.

In new residential subdivisions each standard sized lot shall be given a pre-assigned street number by the Recorder/Treasurer upon final plat approval. Address numbers will be assigned to large lots relative to their capacity to be divided into two or more minimum sized lots for the minimum width allowed by the zoning district. Address numbers shall be assigned to lots in the appropriate odd or even numerical sequence relative to their location, such as 201, 203, 205 etc.

Address numbers for unplatted residential and all other nonresidential buildings shall be determined by calculation. The distance from the center of the driveway (or the building) to the corner or grid line nearest the grid centerline shall be measured to get a driveway Location Distance. The Location Distance divided by the block length is multiplied by 100 to get a location number. The location number is added to the block range to get an address number.

EXAMPLE: Driveway Location Distance.....200 feet.
Block Length330 feet.
Block Address Range 1200-1299
1. 200 divided by 330 = 0.606
2. 0.606 multiplied by 100 = 60.6
3. 60.6 added to 1200 = 1260.6
4. The address number will be 1260 or 1261 depending upon which side of the street the building is located.

When street intersections are within 120 feet of a grid line the number series change shall be made at the intersection to be more logical to the public. When a long block faces two blocks divided by a street, the number series on the long block shall change at the intersecting street so that houses facing each other will have compatible addresses.

Diagonal streets which run 45 degrees or less from a north/south line will be numbered by the north/south grid and those more than 45 degrees from the north/south line will be numbered by the east/west grid. Curving streets will be assigned numbers based upon the grid of their greatest length. For instance, if the beginning is more south than east of the end then the north/south grid will be used.

On loop streets and cul-de-sac streets address numbering shall be generated from the entrance nearest the grid centerline. Address numbers shall increase or decrease relative to their initial movement from the grid centerline and continue to the opposite end as if the street were in a straight line. Block number changes will be made every 330 feet with odd and even numbers remaining on the same side of the street as they began.

- A. Apartment buildings on public streets shall be assigned individual addresses. Apartments buildings clustered about a central parking area immediately facing a public street shall also be assigned separate addresses.
- B. When apartments are arranged along a private street a sign showing the apartment complex name, with the public street address below it, must be posted at the entrance. In these instances each building is lettered A, B, C etc. A central postal facility for all apartments must be located so it is readily accessible to the mail carrier from the public street serving the complex.
- C. Each apartment must be identified on the exterior entrance by number or building letter and number for multiple buildings. The numbers shall be in sequence 1, 2, 3 etc. Apartments in lettered buildings shall have the building letter as part of each apartment number, such as B-210. . When units are on multiple floors, ground floor numbers shall be in the 100 series (101, 102, 103 ...), second floor in the 200 series (201, 202, 203 ...) etc. If a common hallway is used for several apartments, the external hallway entrance to each apartment shall contain a list of the apartments served. When addressing townhouses and other buildings containing units separately owned, each address shall be placed upon the principal external entryway to the unit.
- D. The official address for each apartment on a public street shall be the building address followed by the apartment number, such as "329 Fernway Avenue, Apt 8". Addresses for units in apartment buildings not on a public street shall include the public street address and the building number with the apartment designation. The official address for each apartment will be the public street address followed by the building letter, a dash, and the apartment number - such as "329 Fernway Avenue, Apt C-104".(Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 5.)

9.12.06 Signs, numbers and system maintenance Public and private street signs shall be installed at the expense of the original developer and thereafter maintained by the DECATUR STREET DEPARTMENT.

Private street signs shall be required. They shall conform to the public street sign standards except shall have a blue background with white letters.

- A. Only street name signs which are authorized by the Street Department shall be installed within the corporate limits of the city of Decatur. All street name signs, public or private, found not to conform with this ordinance shall be removed by the Street Department. Non-conforming, damaged or deteriorated public street signs shall be replaced as soon as possible by the street department.
- B. Requests for private street signs on existing streets shall be submitted to the Recorder/Treasurer. The Recorder/Treasurer shall forward authorization to the Street Department immediately upon completion after which the Street Department shall have the sign prepared and installed as soon as possible. Address numbers shall be assigned by the Recorder/Treasurer and shall be installed by the builder before final inspection and shall be the owners responsibility thereafter.

Replacement of address numbers is required within 15 days after written notice to the owner by the Building Inspector. New and replacement numbers must be placed so that they will be clearly visible from the street of primary access to the building.

Address numbers shall be a minimum of 3 inches high with black block letters on a white background and shall be visible from the street. Other colors which have sufficient contrast to be read from the street under normal nighttime conditions may be approved by the Building Inspector. The numbers shall be placed as near as possible to the primary entrance of the building and preferably above the entrance doorway. The location, style, size and color of the required numbers shall be approved by the Building Inspector. Appeals concerning numbers shall be made to the City Council.

9.12.07 Number assignment, review and approval Official records of address numbers shall be maintained by the Recorder/Treasurer. If the Building Inspector's office is the first point of contact regarding new buildings that office shall coordinate with the Recorder/Treasurer to obtain an official address assignment. The City Council shall have the final authority to change any assignment upon an appeal by any affected party.

All proposed street names and name changes shall be reviewed for continuity with this ordinance by the Recorder/Treasurer who shall recommend alternative names when a proposed name duplicates or is so similar to an existing name that confusion could hamper prompt delivery of emergency services. The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on street name

changes and shall make a recommendation to the City Council. Appeals of street name assignment can be made to the Planning Commission. The City Council shall have the final authority to change any assignment upon an appeal by any affected party. (Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 7.)

9.12.08 Amendments On any proposed amendments to these regulations or to the Street Address Map the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing, a notice of which shall be published in a local newspaper of general distribution at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing. Following the public hearing, the City Council may adopt the amendment or amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission or as determined by a majority vote of the City Council. (Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 8.)

9.12.09 Penalty Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 plus prosecution costs for each offense. (Ord. No. 89-02, Sec. 9.)

9.12.10 Name changed

- A. The name of the street named and known as “West Street” be and is hereby changed to “Charley Street”. Such change in street name shall be in full force and effect upon final passage of this ordinance together with its publication and the passage of time as specified by ordinance and at law. The city hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute such contracts, agreement, purchase orders and similar documents to properly formalize such renaming, to replace signage and to otherwise make effective the street name change. (Ord. No. 99-01, Sec. 1.)
- B. East Street shall hereinafter immediately be known as Setser Street and the City of Decatur shall have authority to change street signage and designations on maps, etc., as needed to effect this change. (Ord. No. 15-02, Sec. 1.)

CHAPTER 9.16

TRANSPORT AND RELOCATION OF BUILDINGS

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9.16.01 Certain movement prohibited without a permit No person shall move any house, dwelling, structure or large heavy object on, over, along or across any street, alley or sidewalk within the city without first securing a permit therefore. No house, swelling or structure shall be moved from outside or within the city to a location in the city except and excluding only now manufactured buildings and new modular type buildings which have otherwise met all city requirements. Houses, dwellings and structures may only be moved out of or through the city. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 1.)

9.16.02 Permits Application for a permit required by this chapter shall be made to the Recorder/Treasurer of the city of Decatur, Arkansas, on forms to be provided by the city from time to time. Information provided on the application shall include the loaded height and width of any structure or object to be moved, and shall designate the route over which the same is to be moved and the time when the same is proposed to be moved. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 2.)

9.16.03 Permit fee The fee for a permit required by this ordinance shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 3.)

9.16.04 Route to be established The city of Decatur Street and Water Superintendent and City Building Inspector, in cooperation with the moving contractor shall select the safest, most direct route out of or through the city as determined by the width of streets, height of overhead wires, setback of structures and other utilities adjacent to the street, proximity of trees to the street and volume of vehicular traffic. The route selected will be designated on the permit as the approved route of travel for the structure. Unapproved variance from the designated

route will result in revocation of permit, forfeiture of the permit fee and prosecution. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 4.)

9.16.05 Liability insurance required Each applicant for a permit required by this chapter shall furnish a certificate of liability insurance to the Recorder/Treasurer against damages to persons or property by reason of such moving in connection with each permit sought, in the following amounts:

- A. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1000,000.00) for bodily injury to any one person per occurrence;
- B. Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for bodily injury to more than one (1) person per occurrence.
- C. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for damage to property per occurrence. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 5.)

9.16.06 Maximum height and width of structure The maximum permissible loaded height of any building or heavy object to be moved shall be eighteen (18) feet and the maximum permissible loaded width of any building or heavy object to be moved shall be twenty-six (26) feet. No permit is required for any building or heavy object that is eight feet six inches (8'6") or less in width, and thirteen feet six inches (13'6") or less in height. Any request for a permit to move any structure or object which exceeds the maximum permissible loaded height or width shall be presented to the city of Decatur Planning and Zoning Commission and the Decatur City Council for approval before the City Building Inspector shall issue the permit. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 6.)

9.16.07 Notice required Any applicant desiring to move a house, structure or heavy object out of or through the city shall be required to file application for permit and notify the Decatur Recorder/Treasurer of such intent at least thirty days prior to the desired moving date. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 7.)

9.16.08 Structure to be moved in a timely manner All structures and heavy objects for which a moving permit has been issued, must be moved on the date specified on the permit. Failure to do so shall result in the revocation of the moving permit and forfeiture of the permit fee to the city. If in the opinion of the City Building Inspector or Street and Water Superintendent, extreme climatic conditions have prevented the applicant from moving the structure, then another date may be designated for movement of the structure without penalty. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 8.)

9.16.09 Consent of owners of utility lines and coaxial Prior to the issuance of any permit required by this ordinance, the applicant shall furnish the Recorder/Treasurer with written evidence of the consent of the owners of any utility lines or coaxial cables not owned by the city

which will be moved as a result of moving the structure or heavy object for which the permit is to be issued. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 9.)

9.16.10 Structures to be moved in accordance with terms of the permit It shall be unlawful for any person to move any structure or large object on, over or across any street, alley or sidewalk in the city in a manner contrary to the terms of the permit secured for such moving. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 10.)

9.16.11 Penalties Failure of persons who are moving structures or large, heavy objects through or out of the city of Decatur to obtain a permit or to otherwise comply with the terms of this ordinance will be prosecuted and subject to fines of not more than \$500.00 for the first offense and not more than \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense. (Ord. No. 99-07, Sec. 11.)