

**PRESS RELEASE
TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE
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The Town of Weaverville is proud to maintain a public street system within the Town's municipal limits. The streets and sidewalks within the Town's public street system are all open to public traffic and are maintained by the Town. The Town has an interest in maintaining only those streets that were built to Town street standards since maintenance of streets is costly to the Town's taxpayers.

There are currently approximately 20 miles of Town streets. The Town's street standards are designed to yield a street that will have a useful life of approximately 20 years. The Town's Street Improvement Plan calls for the repaving of approximately one mile per year at a typical cost of close to \$500,000.

On January 27, 2020, Town Council adopted a public street commitment process in order for existing and new streets to be considered for acceptance into the Town's public street system and established street standards for both Town streets and private streets.

Existing Private Streets

Private streets that are currently existing or under construction have until May 1, 2020, to submit an application for a public street commitment to the Town Manager at Town Hall, 30 South Main Street, Weaverville, NC, 28787. Town Council will consider all applications on a first come, first serve basis. At one or more of its upcoming regular meetings Town Council will consider the applications and take action to either decline to accept the streets into the public street system or commit to accepting the streets and establish any conditions to the acceptance. Existing private streets that do not submit an application by May 1, 2020, will not be taken into the Town's public street system.

With monetary burdens in mind, if an existing street was not constructed to Town street standards or was not observed by Town representatives during critical phases of the construction, the acceptance of the street will likely be conditioned upon inspections and testing to determine the condition of the street and any related sidewalk or stormwater system. All testing and inspection work must be concluded within three months of the commitment and any required repair work must be completed not later than nine months from the date of commitment.

New Streets

For new development, developers must declare whether they want their streets to be private or public at the outset of the project. Developers of streets wishing for acceptance into the Town's public street system must submit an application and receive a decision concerning a public street commitment prior to development approval. If a public street commitment is issued for new residential streets then such streets must be constructed to Town street standards and undergo on-site visits and observations by Town representatives during critical phases of the construction of the street.

Street Construction Standards

The following chart outlines the Town’s street standards for various land uses:

STREET CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS		
TYPE OF USE	CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS	
	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY HOMES TOWNHOUSES (2-4 UNITS) DUPLEXES – QUADPLEXES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Department of Transportation Subdivision Road Minimum Construction Standards • No Town Construction Site Visits and Observation • NC Fire Prevention Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Street Standards • Town Construction Site Visits and Observation Required • NC Fire Prevention Code
MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction must allow for reasonable access for the anticipated traffic of the use and ease of emergency access • No Town Construction Site Visits and Observation • NC Fire Prevention Code 	<p><i>[Will be considered for public acceptance only if it furthers a significant public interest]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Street Standards • Town Construction Site Visits and Observation • NC Fire Prevention Code

For more information on the Town’s private street and public street standards and the process for acceptance into the Town’s public street system, please contact Town Manager Selena Coffey at (828)645-7116 or scoffey@weavervillenc.org.

BASIC PROCESS FOR NEW STREETS TO BECOME PUBLIC		DEADLINE
STEP 1	Developer/Owner Declaration of Public Street	
STEP 2	Application for Public Street Commitment	
STEP 3	Staff Review and Recommendation	
STEP 4	Town Council Consideration and Action	
STEP 5	Issuance of Public Street Commitment Letter with Conditions Specified	
STEP 6	Street Construction and On-Site Observation by Town Representatives at Critical Construction Phases	Construction to start within 1 year of Commitment Date
STEP 7	Construction Completed	Reasonable time with reasonably diligent efforts
STEP 8	Staff Report and Recommendation on Compliance with Conditions	
STEP 9	Preparation of Right-of-Way Plat	
STEP 10	Confirmation of Warranty and Guaranty	
STEP 11	Town Council Action on Acceptance	
STEP 12	Recordation of Plat and Execution of Deed to Town	

BASIC PROCESS FOR EXISTING STREETS TO BECOME PUBLIC		DEADLINE
STEP 1	Application for Public Street Commitment	5/1/2020
STEP 2	Staff Review and Recommendation	
STEP 3	Town Council Consideration and Action	
STEP 4	Issuance of Public Street Commitment Letter with Conditions Specified	
STEP 5	Supplemental Inspection/Testing Completed	Within 3 months of Commitment Date
STEP 6	Repair Work Completed and On-Site Observation by Town Representatives during Repair Work	Within 6 months of completion of Inspection/Testing; not later than 9 months from Commitment Date
STEP 7	Staff Report and Recommendation on Compliance with Conditions	
STEP 8	Preparation of Right-of-Way Plat	
STEP 9	Confirmation of Warranty and Guaranty on Repairs	
STEP 10	Town Council Action on Acceptance	
STEP 11	Recordation of Plat and Execution of Deed to Town	