

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL

Policy Subject: **CONVERTING A PRIVATE ROAD TO A PUBLIC ROAD**

Authorized by Board of Road Commissioners

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1. STATEMENT OF POLICY

- 1.A. Property owners along an Existing Private Road may request that the Lapeer County Road Commission (CRC) assume jurisdiction over a Private Road.
- 1.B. A petition bearing the signatures of owners of at least **51%** of the frontage on the Private Road must be presented to the Board of Road Commissioners before any Private Road is **considered** for acceptance. The petition must clearly state the beginning point, ending point, name of the road, the township and the section in which the road exists.
- 1.C. The physical requirements for the construction of roads to be taken over by the Lapeer CRC are contained in the Lapeer CRC *Policy on Road Standards*. Copies of this manual can be obtained at the Lapeer CRC office.
- 1.D. A brief summary of these requirements are as follows:
 - 1.D.1. Adequate ditches, approximately 2.5 feet deep.
 - 1.D.2. Adequate aggregate base, including a minimum of 8-inches of 22A gravel over a minimum 6-inches of sand.
 - 1.D.3. Bituminous pavement, a minimum of 22-feet wide and 3 ½ -inches thick.
 - 1.D.4. A paved cul-de-sac turnaround with a radius of 50-feet at the end of each dead end road.
 - 1.D.5. Dedication of a minimum of 33-feet of right-of-way on each side of the road centerline and a 70-foot right of way radius at the cul-de-sac. The right-of-way must be given from **100% of the property owners along the private road**.
 - 1.D.6. Maximum length of dead end road is 1,500 feet.
 - 1.D.7. Maximum number of homes on a dead end road is 20.
- 1.E. The Board may consider lesser improvements than the above based on the circumstances unique to the particular Private Road in question. However, it shall be the responsibility of the petitioners to engage an engineer or surveyor licensed by the State of Michigan to review the existing conditions and to develop a proposal for the improvements needed. The final decision whether or not the proposed improvements are adequate and acceptable shall be the prerogative of the Board of Road Commissioners of Lapeer County.

Effective January 1, 2025 – The above Policy will be void. At that time, due to budgetary constraints, the Lapeer CRC will not accept any Private to Public Road conversions. The new Policy, as of January 1, 2025, will apply to any existing Private Roads and / or any proposed Subdivision Roads.