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16-101. Qualifications for road construction companies. Contractors awarded contracts for new street construction or resurfacing of existing streets in the City of Blaine shall be required to carry a one (1) year road maintenance bond on any such work. (Ord. #0-81-01, Feb. 1981)

16-102. Planning commission to approve new easements, roads, etc. Before any individual, family, corporation, firm, utility, or other entity attempts to develop a new road, public or private easement, driveway, or other means of access to property from a city, state, or federally owned road, street, or right-of-way, the city's planning commission must give approval to insure that such access will not endanger vehicular movement, cause dangerous intersection, or otherwise impede or imperil the flow of traffic. (Ord. #0-86-03, July 1986)

16-103. Bond required before construction on, in or under a public street. Before any individual family, corporation, utility, business firm or other entity attempts to cut into, onto, under or through a public street, the planning commission must give approval; a cash surety or other type of bond in a minimum amount of $1,000, which must be posted with the city. The bond

1Municipal code reference
Related motor vehicle and traffic regulations: title 15.
may be increased by the planning commission depending on the extent of the
disruption of the roadbed. Those individuals, firms, or other entities cutting into
the roadbed must certify to the city that road repairs will be made. If road
repairs are not made satisfactorily and the roadbed shows uneven, hazardous,
or shoddy repair, the bond shall be used to provide satisfactory repairs. (Ord.
#0-86-02, July 1986)

16-104. **Standard for street acceptance.** Upon receipt of a petition
to the Blaine Municipal Planning Commission, the commission and its staff
shall review the request for compliance with the following standards:

(1) **Plat.** The proposed street shall be shown on a survey plat.

(2) **Right-of-way.** The amount of right-of-way required shall be
determined by classification of the proposed street by the planning commission
under the following classifications:

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In cases where topography or other physical conditions make these
minimum widths impracticable, the planning commission may modify the above
requirements. However, in no case shall a right-of-way be less than thirty (30)
feet.

(3) **Minimum improvements.** The street shall be properly graded and
adequately drained with ditches and tiles or curbs sufficient to carry the normal
flow of storm water as determined by standards adopted by the Blaine
Municipal Planning Commission.

The street shall be constructed according to the following standards
adopted by the Blaine Municipal Planning Commission: Pavement widths shall
be 18 feet minimum and 24 feet major width. A compacted and approved sub-
base shall consist of a 6" compacted crushed aggregate, 4" asphalt including 2½"
binder and 1½" surface. Or, a 6" class A concrete minimum of 18 foot width with
a reinforcing wire on a selected compacted base. Curb/gutter may not be
required, depending on individual cases. (Ord. #0-86-06, July 1986)

16-105. **Procedures for street closings.** Upon receipt of a petition
to the Blaine Municipal Planning Commission, the commission and staff shall
review the request and make a recommendation to the Blaine Board of Mayor
and Aldermen. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the board of mayor and
aldermen will hold a public hearing on the request. If the decision is to close the
street, any costs involved in platting, mapping, describing, or deeding shall be
charged to the property owners benefiting from the action. The street will be
closed in preparation of an ordinance describing the street to be closed. (Ord. #0-86-06, July 1986)

16-106. **Vision along roadways to be unobstructed by trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying, or having control of property to obscure or obstruct the vision of operators of vehicles or pedestrians by allowing the uncontrolled growth of trees, tree limbs, shrubs, or other vegetation which block vision at intersections, traffic signs, or cause other unsafe conditions.

(1) Upon notice from city hall that trees, shrubs, or other vegetation is posing a hazard to safe vehicular or pedestrian movement, the property’s owner/occupant or leasee has ten (10) days to trim or remove such vegetation.

(2) When any property owner, occupant, or leasee fails to comply with the notice from city hall, the city may have the work done and charged to the violator. The city may maintain any appropriate legal action to collect such costs. In addition, the city may charge such costs to the property as a special tax assessment in the year occurred. (Ord. #0-86-07, Nov. 1986)