



MEMORANDUM

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Ordinance 25-71(S)(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 11.04.050, Master Roads and Street Plans-Adopted, and 11.04.060 Geometric Design Requirements. Davis/Parsons.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum

Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council

Date: January 26, 2026

From: Councilmembers Parsons and Erickson

SUMMARY:

After the discussion Ordinance 25-71(S)(A) at the January 12th meeting, the ordinance was postponed to January 26th to allow an opportunity to have follow-up conversations with staff and contractors who commented at the public hearing. On Friday January 23rd, we convened a meeting that included Councilmembers Parsons and Erickson, City Manager Jacobsen, Public Works staff, and Buck Jones from East End Services.

DISCUSSION:

First of all, we want to thank everyone for their thoughtful consideration of this ordinance. Our discussions have been meaningful as we work through some complicated issues. Many new considerations became apparent through our discussion and require immediate attention.

Specifically, the "*City of Homer Standard Construction Specifications, 2011 Edition*" needs to be addressed. This is a document with specifications that guide current road construction. The specifications outlined in this guiding document conflict with current code and the Design Criteria Manual. This must be addressed before lane width considerations and street design protocols are considered. After careful consideration and a consensus on the next steps to an achievable goal with the issues ordinance 25-71 is addressing, we would ask that the council vote down this ordinance as it is.

Moving forward we propose a 4 step process:

1. Public Works will put in place supplemental pages to the Standard Construction Specifications manual of 2011. This will be done as soon as possible to guide builders as the seasonal construction season approaches. Any new construction will fall under the updated supplemental road construction criteria and address many current concerns. Safety for all roadway users will be incorporated.

2. For roads and streets that currently have traffic calming issues, this will come forth in a separate ordinance. Recent efforts include language that includes neighborhood conversations with property owners with a range of traffic calming options. Additionally, developing a plan for funding the cost of speed bumps, striping, or other treatments in critical areas will be considered.
3. A formal update to lane striping guidelines and the lane striping map.
4. An update to the 1986 Master Roads and Streets Plan to reflect community desires and safety concerns to guide future development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Vote no on the adoption of Ordinance 25-71(S)(A)