



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ordinance amending Section 170-199 of the County Land Development Code related to concrete paver and clay brick driveways in residential areas.

Recommended Action:

Following a public hearing, adopt the proposed ordinance amending Section 170-199 of the County Land Development Code to establish criteria for the construction and maintenance of concrete paver and clay brick driveways.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Summary:

On October 11, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners authorized a public hearing to consider the proposed ordinance amending Section 170-199 of the County Land Development Code related to concrete paver and clay brick driveways in residential areas. The current County ordinance does not allow for construction of paver driveways by property owners without a variance process. This amendment will provide property owners with the option of constructing concrete pavers or clay bricks on their driveway entrance, including the driveway pedestrian area in the right-of-way that connects sidewalks on each side of the driveway.

The proposed ordinance would impact all residents on County roads except where a municipality has the responsibility for sidewalk maintenance. Generally, municipalities have the responsibility for sidewalk maintenance on County roads where: 1) the County and the municipality enter into an interlocal agreement whereby the municipality assumes sidewalk maintenance responsibilities; and 2) the roadway in question was functionally reclassified from the State Highway system to the County road system for which maintenance of sidewalks is assigned to the municipality by operation of law.

Background Information:

This option is desirable by property owners that consider paver driveways an aesthetic enhancement to their property and neighborhood. If the property owner chooses to construct a paver driveway, they will be required to follow County standards and maintain the pavers in a tight uniform configuration that provides a smooth Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant surface for wheelchair users crossing the driveway along a sidewalk route.

The property owner will also have the liability and financial responsibility associated with any future maintenance deficiencies.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Ken Jacobs, Director of Transportation, Public Works

Partners:

Property owners

Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance

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