

CITY OF MILES ORDINANCE # 100906
FOR STREET DRAINAGE DITCHES AND
DRIVEWAY POLICY

1. DRAINAGE DITCHES There shall be drainage ditches on both sides of city streets. Each ditch shall be a depth such as to be below the grade of the shoulder of the street. All ditches even when part of driveways or any means of access to private property shall not divert or back up storm water in such a way as to cause such runoff to be diverted onto a city street. The entrance or exit through a city ditch shall be wide enough to make a safe turn either from or onto city streets.

2. CULVERTS Culverts may be placed in driveways and entrances accessing private property which cross city ditches which will address both interior and exterior storm water runoff. The length, size, and material used in the construction of a culvert will be determined by the type of traffic and weight of vehicles using the culvert. New construction in city ditches shall not divert or back up the natural flow of storm water.

3. DIPS Dips may be installed in driveways and entrances accessing private property which cross city ditches which will address both interior and exterior storm water runoff. If dips are to be used in the city street instead of installing culverts, the dip shall be of adequate depth and construction so as not to divert or back up the natural flow of storm water.

4. DRIVEWAYS Installation of hard surface for access of private property shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Installation shall be done as part of a city building permit or with other authorization from the city. Follow up maintenance will be required by the property owner.

5. CATTLE GUARDS AND GATES When installed on driveways or other access to private property a set-back line of 20 feet from the edge of the right-of-way shall be required for gates and cattle guards. This is to avoid blocking traffic while opening or closing such gates or cattle guards.

6. STREET MAINTENANCE Maintenance of road surfaces and ditches associated with city streets shall be done at the discretion of the City. Such maintenance will be done depending on the availability of funds, equipment, time and existing obligations.

7. RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY Each individual resident or property owner shall not construct or maintain any structure or material on city right-of-way in such a condition as to block, divert, or back up the natural flow of storm water. If notified by the city of a violation of this policy, such resident or property owner shall correct any such problem within ten (10) days of receiving such notice.

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