

Information Item

Date: October 10, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
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Subject:

Presentation - City of Winston-Salem Private Street Acceptance Policy

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The Winston-Salem Departments of Transportation and Field Operations have received several inquiries about accepting privately maintained streets for public maintenance. Additionally, streets in disrepair and/or were not built to the City of Winston-Salem standard are not eligible for public maintenance. Section 74-179 of the City of Winston-Salem Code of Ordinances outlines the procedure for accepting private streets onto the public maintenance schedule which requires various assessments, cost sharing, Council action, and the subsequent construction of improvements to bring the street into compliance with City of Winston-Salem infrastructure standards. Attached is a graphic that documents said procedure.

Current staffing levels are affecting the ability to maintain current public infrastructure and further affecting the ability to process requests for private streets acceptance. As such, staff was asked to benchmark peer municipalities to determine best practice for handling private infrastructure that is deteriorating resulting in requests for public maintenance assistance. Staff has developed a brief presentation that highlights procedures of peer cities and documents the City of Winston-Salem policy.