

ORDINANCE NO. 93- 527

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WATERVILLE
RELATING TO HIGHWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT
ACCESS PERMITS--ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WATERVILLE, WASHINGTON, DOES
HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

PURPOSE. This ordinance is adopted to implement chapter 47.50 RCW for the regulation and control of vehicular access and connection points of ingress to, and egress from, the state highway system within incorporated areas of the Town of Waterville. This ordinance describes the connection permit application process and procedures, including a preapplication conceptual review process, and requirements for closure of unpermitted and nonconforming connections to the state highway system within the city limits.

DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions of the terms shall apply unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) "Application" means an application form supplied by the city and completed by the applicant, payment for the required application fee, and related property site, driveway, roadway, and traffic information.
- (2) "Average Weekday Vehicle Trip Ends (AWDVTE)" means the estimated total of all trips entering plus all trips leaving the applicant's site based on the final stage of proposed development.
- (3) "Conforming connection" means a connection that meets current location, spacing, and design criteria.
- (4) "Connection" means approaches, driveways, turnouts, or other means of providing for the right of access to or from controlled access facilities on the state highway system.
- (5) "Connection category" means a permit category of all state highway connections, in accordance with the type of property served and the estimated traffic generated by the applicant's site based on rates accepted by the city and department.
- (6) "Connection permit" means a written authorization given by the city for a specifically designed connection to the state highway system at a specific location for a specific type and intensity of property use and specific volume of traffic for

storage lanes for left turning or U-turning vehicles, or two way left turn lanes.

- (14) "Median opening" means either a full opening in a continuous median for the specific purpose of allowing vehicles to make a left turn maneuver into or out of a property abutting the highway, to facilitate U-turns, or to allow for a vehicle to totally cross the road, or a directional opening allowing for left turns or cross movements out of the property.
- (15) "Nonconforming connection" means a connection not meeting current city location, spacing, or design criteria.
- (16) "Permit" means written approval issued by the city subject to conditions stated therein, authorizing construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or reclassification of a state highway connection and associated traffic control devices on or to the department's or city's right of way.
- (17) "Permitting authority" means the department or any county, municipality, or transportation authority authorized to regulate access to their respective transportation systems.
- (18) "Right of way (R/W)" means a general term denoting land or interest therein, acquired for or designated for transportation purposes. More specifically, land in which the department, a county, or a municipality owns the fee simple title, has an easement devoted to or required for use as a public road and appurtenant facilities, or has established ownership by prescriptive right pursuant to RCW 47.04.040, or lands that have been dedicated for public transportation purposes.
- (19) "Shoulder" means the portion of the highway contiguous with the traveled lanes for the accommodation of stopped vehicles for emergency use, and for lateral support of base and surface courses and for other uses as allowed by law.
- (20) "State highway system" means all roads, streets, and highways designated as state routes pursuant to chapter 47.17 RCW.
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conditioned to be open for a specific purpose and traffic volume for a specific period of time with the right of way to be restored by the permittee to its original condition upon connection closure.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (1) When connection permits required. Every owner of property which abuts a state highway where limited access rights have not been acquired has a right to reasonable access, but may not have the right to a particular means of access, to the state highway system. The right of access to the state highway may be restricted if, pursuant to local regulation, reasonable access to the state highway can be provided by way of another public road which abuts the property. All new connections including alterations and improvements to existing connections to state highways shall require a connection permit. Such permits, if issued, shall be issued only after issuance of development approval where such approval is required, unless other interagency coordination procedures are in effect. The alteration or closure of any existing access connection caused by changes to the character, intensity of development, or use of the property served by the connection or the construction of any new access connection shall not be initiated prior to obtaining a connection permit from the city. Use of a new connection at the location specified in the permit is not authorized until the permittee constructs or modifies the connection in accordance with the permit requirements. If a property owner or permittee holding a valid connection permit wishes to change the character, use or intensity of the property or development served by the connection, the city must be contacted to determine whether a new connection permit would be required.
- (2) Responsibility for other approvals. Connection permits authorize construction improvements to be built by the permittee on city or department right of way. It is the responsibility of the applicant or permittee to obtain any other local permits or other agency approvals that may be required, including satisfaction of all environmental regulations. It is also the responsibility of the applicant to acquire any property rights necessary to provide continuity from the applicant's property to the city or state highway right of way if the