

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS INTO COUNTY MAINTENANCE SYSTEM  
ADOPTED BY THE CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 25,2012

In an effort to improve the transportation and quality of the citizens of Cullman County, Alabama, the County sets forth these guidelines for the acceptance of roads into the County maintenance system (the "system"). When a road is accepted into the system, the work on the road will usually be limited to grading, graveling, ditching, right-of-way mowing, drainage pipe installation and signage. Nothing contained herein will require the County Commission to accept a road into the system or to perform any work thereon except as the Commission shall determine in each individual instance.

There are strict subdivision regulations promulgated by the Alabama Legislature and incorporated into the statutes. There are strict subdivision regulations adopted and enforced by the Cullman County Commission. These guidelines may not be used by any developer or others in an effort to circumvent the subdivision regulations and any efforts to do so shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The acceptance of any roadway into the system shall be at the discretion of the Commission with the approval of the County Engineer. No roadway will be accepted into the system that circumvents or attempts to circumvent the subdivision regulations.

Before being considered for acceptance into the system, the following criterion shall be met:

1. The road must serve a minimum of five residences.
2. The road must have a minimum of 18 feet of roadbed or be capable of having 18 feet.
3. There must be convincing and substantial evidence that the adjoining and interested landowners have attempted to keep the roadway graded and graveled.
4. There must be granted to Cullman County by all the property owners adjacent to the roadway a minimum of 50 feet. The amount of feet required shall be determined by the Commission and County Engineer considering needed cross drain, deep hollows, steep hills and other criterion as the Commission and Engineer may determine. It shall be the responsibility of the property owners to contact all affected property owners and obtain all required easements and right-of-way properly signed and acknowledged and delivered to the County Road Department. Right-of-way documents are available at the County Road Departments.
5. All dead-end roads must have a minimum 100 foot cul-de-sac, 50 foot radius.
6. All driveways must have a minimum 15 inch metal, high density plastic or concrete pipe that meets the approval of the Commission and the Engineer provided by the property owner to be later installed by the County after the road is accepted into the County maintenance system.
7. The roadway must have clearance of low hanging limbs and branches.
8. Obstructions including but not limited to fencings buildings, storm shelters, etc. cannot be closer than 20 feet from the center of the roadway. Before acceptance, the obstacles must be removed at the expense of the land owners.
9. All water, electric and other utilities must be moved from the work areas of future maintenance. The property owners shall be responsible for the utilities and the County shall not be liable for any damages.
10. The adjoining property owners must assist in locating the developer to enforce the requirements that the developer pay the costs of having the road meet the subdivision road standards.
11. None of the adjoining property owners can be the developer.