



City of Charlotte Private Street Acceptance

Listed below are standards the City of Charlotte requires before accepting an existing private street for public maintenance. Private streets are often built to a lesser standard not requiring the items outlined below. Note that the dedication of the right-of-way might place existing buildings in a nonconforming use with regard to local zoning regulations. The following list provides a comprehensive list of standards needed for city streets. However, there may be other nonconforming items not known to the city until an inspector visits the site. Completion of the items below does not guarantee acceptance of the street by the City of Charlotte.

- A minimum fifty (50) foot right-of-way (R/W) centered along the street must be dedicated to the city and recorded at the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds office. R/W requirements vary based on the density and type of development being served by the street.
- The street width must be a minimum of twenty-six (26) feet measured from the back of the curb.
- Obstructions within the R/W such as excessive slopes, retaining walls, multiple mailbox structures, etc., must be removed or submitted as an encroachment.
- Any existing lighting, which is substandard, must be brought up to standard or moved outside the R/W.
- A subsurface investigation report from a certified materials testing company must be submitted describing the type and condition of the subgrade and pavement.
- All subgrade failures and/or damaged pavement surfaces must be repaired as indicated by the pavement report.
- Any private utility lines must be converted to public lines in accordance with Charlotte Water or other public utility specifications This will include service lines to any gaslights.
- Storm drainage systems must meet current city of Charlotte requirements for public streets. Any assessment of the drainage system(s) will outline any necessary repairs.
- Two 35-foot by 35-foot (35' x 35') sight distance triangles measured along the street R/W are required at the intersection of streets to be maintained. All landscaping which exceeds 30 inches (30") in height above the elevation of the intersection within these sight triangles would have to be trimmed or removed.
- All sidewalks and accessible ramps must meet the U.S. Access Board's Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines. Non-compliant sidewalk and accessible ramps must be replaced prior to acceptance.