

DEVIATION REQUEST (Attach diagrams, figures, and other documentation to clarify request)

A deviation from the standards of or in Section **4.4.5.E.** of the Engineering Criteria Manual (ECM) is requested.

Identify the specific ECM standard which a deviation is requested:

Type 3 Mailbox Placement

The request for a deviation is to allow vehicles to park within the clear zone when accessing the Type 3 Mailbox

State the reason for the requested deviation:

For aesthetics and consistency within Meridian Ranch, the request is to be allowed to place the Type 3 Mailbox in locations similar to the locations where these boxes have been placed since the beginning of the project. Historically, the mailbox locations have typically been located along the sides of residential lots and adjacent to open space at locations within local and local low volume street classifications where street parking is allowed and the Postal Service prefers and approves.

Explain the proposed alternative and compare to the ECM standards (May provide applicable regional or national standards used as basis):

The proposed deviation will allow residents to pull up to the curb to retrieve their mail in a similar location and manner as any other resident would to park a vehicle along the residential street.

The Type 3 mailbox is to be located outside the clear zone and shall be located in such a place as to not block the line of sight.

LIMITS OF CONSIDERATION

(At least one of the conditions listed below must be met for this deviation request to be considered.)

- The ECM standard is inapplicable to the particular situation.
- Topography, right-of-way, or other geographical conditions or impediments impose an undue hardship and an equivalent alternative that can accomplish the same design objective is available and does not compromise public safety or accessibility.
- A change to a standard is required to address a specific design or construction problem, and if not modified, the standard will impose an undue hardship on the applicant with little or no material benefit to the public.

Provide justification:

The regulation is illogical where street parking is allowed. Local and Local Low Volume streets allow for street parking of vehicles. It is illogical to require mailbox locations within a residential subdivision along a local or local low volume street to require a vehicle temporarily park outside the clear zone when parking near a mailbox kiosk when street parking within the clear zone is allowed everywhere else along the same street.

This standard requires additional unnecessary street width, curb and gutter and sidewalk be installed that will then need to be maintained by the County.

CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

Per ECM section 5.8.7 the request for a deviation may be considered if the request is **not based exclusively on financial considerations**. The deviation must not be detrimental to public safety or surrounding property. The applicant must include supporting information demonstrating compliance with **all of the following criteria**:

The deviation will achieve the intended result with a comparable or superior design and quality of improvement.

The deviation will provide similar design and appearance as elsewhere within the Meridian Ranch development providing aesthetic continuity.

The deviation will not adversely affect safety or operations.

The deviation will not adversely affect safety or operations since the mailbox kiosks will be located outside the clear zone. Any vehicle that temporarily parks near the kiosk will park in a similar manner as any other vehicle along the same street in front of a residence.

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The deviation will not adversely affect maintenance and its associated cost.

The deviation will not adversely affect maintenance and its associated costs, since in all other aspects, such as roadway width, slope, pavement type, turn around space, etc. meet El Paso County criteria. Since it meets all other criteria the impacts to maintenance is insignificant.

Conversely, providing the additional width to the street for a pullout to park would require additional maintenance and cost to the County.

The deviation will not adversely affect aesthetic appearance.

The deviation will not adversely affect the aesthetic appears of the project.

The deviation meets the design intent and purpose of the ECM standards.

The deviation meets the design intent and purpose of the ECM standards by meeting all other aspects of the standards with respect to road design and safety.

The deviation meets the control measure requirements of Part I.E.3 and Part I.E.4 of the County's MS4 permit, as applicable.

The deviation meets the control measure requirements by leaving more area in its natural condition promotes more infiltration and less runoff. By allowing this provision, additional roadway for the sole purpose of providing an unnecessary paved pullout for temporary parking can be avoided.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

Approved by the ECM Administrator

This request has been determined to have met the criteria for approval. A deviation from Section _____ of the ECM is hereby granted based on the justification provided.

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Denied by the ECM Administrator

This request has been determined not to have met criteria for approval. A deviation from Section _____ of the ECM is hereby denied.

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ECM ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS/CONDITIONS:

1.1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this resource is to provide a form for documenting the findings and decision by the ECM Administrator concerning a deviation request. The form is used to document the review and decision concerning a requested deviation. The request and decision concerning each deviation from a specific section of the ECM shall be recorded on a separate form.

1.2. BACKGROUND

A deviation is a critical aspect of the review process and needs to be documented to ensure that the deviations granted are applied to a specific development application in conformance with the criteria for approval and that the action is documented as such requests can point to potential needed revisions to the ECM.

1.3. APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Section 5.8 of the ECM establishes a mechanism whereby an engineering design standard can be modified when if strictly adhered to, would cause unnecessary hardship or unsafe design because of topographical or other conditions particular to the site, and that a departure may be made without destroying the intent of such provision.

1.4. APPLICABILITY

All provisions of the ECM are subject to deviation by the ECM Administrator provided that one of the following conditions is met:

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- Topography, right-of-way, or other geographical conditions or impediments impose an undue hardship on the applicant, and an equivalent alternative that can accomplish the same design objective is available and does not compromise public safety or accessibility.
- A change to a standard is required to address a specific design or construction problem, and if not modified, the standard will impose an undue hardship on the applicant with little or no material benefit to the public.

1.5. TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

The review shall ensure all criteria for approval are adequately considered and that justification for the deviation is properly documented.

1.6. LIMITS OF APPROVAL

Whether a request for deviation is approved as proposed or with conditions, the approval is for project-specific use and shall not constitute a precedent or general deviation from these Standards.

1.7. REVIEW FEES

A Deviation Review Fee shall be paid in full at the time of submission of a request for deviation. The fee for Deviation Review shall be as determined by resolution of the BoCC.

Add exhibit showing the proposed kiosk locations.