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**DEVIATION REQUEST  
AND DECISION FORM IN  
ASSOCIATION WITH A  
REQUEST FOR A PUD  
MODIFICATION FROM  
THE ECM**

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Pursuant to the El Paso County Land Development Code, the Board of County Commissioners may approve as part of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) approval a Modification to the Engineering Criteria Manual standards provided the Board can make the findings listed Section 4.2.6.F.2.h of the Land Development Code:

The proposal provides for the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and at least one of the following benefits:

- Preservation of natural features;
- Provision of a more livable environment, such as the installment of street furniture, decorative street lighting or decorative paving materials;
- Provision of a more efficient pedestrian system;
- Provision of additional open space;
- Provision of other public amenities not otherwise required by the Code; or
- The proposed modification is granted in exchange for the open space and/or amenity designs provided in the PUD development plan and/or development guide.

The review and approval of this Deviation does not authorize construction of the requested improvements until and unless the Board of County Commissioners approves the Modifications in association with the Planned Unit Development request, the applicant has received approval of all associated engineering documents, the applicant has provided the necessary financial assurances, and a construction permit has been issued by the Planning and Community Development Department.



Provide exhibit to show roadway termination.

Note: Additional deviations needed for tangent length between broken back curves (ECM 2.3.3.F.3) & Minimum centerline Radius (ECM 2.3.3.E & Table 2-7).

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

A deviation from the standards of or in Section **ECM 2.3.8 .A** Engineering Criteria Manual (ECM) is requested.

Identify the specific ECM standard which a deviation is requested:

Roadway Terminations	-Hammerhead turnarounds are not permitted as permanent roadway terminations.
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State the reason for the requested deviation:

<p>The unique urban residential community consists of townhomes. While the main community access is from standard public local roadways, the use of the private roadways is limited to closed looped areas that will be signed as being private. Very short dead-end private roadways stubs are proposed (both under 80' in length) for two (2) locations throughout the community (northerly turnaround). Adequate emergency vehicle backing and maneuvering areas are provided.</p>	<p>Where is the second turnaround? Only see one on development plan.</p>
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Explain the proposed alternative and compare to the ECM standards (May provide applicable regional or national standards used as basis):

<p>The proposed short dead-end stubs (turn around) allow the continuations of the community design concept with no adverse impacts to resident maneuverability.</p>	<p>Explain how the hammerhead turnarounds will function in comparison to the allowed cul-de-sac turnarounds.</p>
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**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 northerly turn around areas (with two very short dead-ends) is proposed due to the limited access spacing along Deer Creek Road, and the small amount of traffic that would be present within the proposed community.

Need further explanation as to why the usual cul-de-sac option is not viable.

**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 proposed private turn around with two dead ends utilizes the country's local (low volume) street section and maintains resident and emergency vehicle access. .

The deviation will not adversely affect safety or operations.

Due to the HOA maintained access, no adverse safety or operations impacts are anticipated as the two locations will be signed as "Dead end"..

Will need to provide letter from fire district that they have approved turnaround. Include at end of this form.

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

As maintenance of the proposed private roads will be by the HOA, no adverse maintenance or it's associated costs will be realized.

The deviation will not adversely affect aesthetic appearance.

The private roadway turn around is the same width as a public country local (low volume) street section, therefore no adverse aesthetic impacts are anticipated.

Does not address aesthetics. How does it compare to the cul-de-sac turn around, as that is the criteria which is being deviated from.

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

Providing individual lot access is still proposed with the proposed private street, and the proposed turn around does not affect residential or emergency vehicle access.

This not address emergency access. This could impact emergency vehicles due to the hammerhead configuration being different than a cul-de-sac. Will need to provide letter that fire district is allowing the change.

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.

All impervious areas (public and private) are being treated in accordance with the County MS4 permit.

**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:**

The Deviation is only valid until and unless the Board of County Commissioners approves the Planned Unit Development Modifications.

## **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:

- The ECM standard is inapplicable to a particular situation.
- 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.