



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

The north site access (proposed public street connection to Eastonville Road) is proposed to align with existing Copenhagen Road at the Copenhagen Road/Eastonville Road intersection.

A deviation from the standards of or in Sections **2.2.5.C and 2.3.2** of the Engineering Criteria Manual (ECM) is requested.

Identify the specific ECM standard which a deviation is requested:

2.2.5.C (Roadway Access Criteria – Urban Minor Arterial Access Standards),  
2.3.2 (Design Standards by Function Classification)

Standard 2.2.5.C (Roadway Access Criteria – Urban Minor Arterial Access Standards) Spacing of roads accessing an Urban Minor Arterial that will result in a full movement intersection shall be planned at one-quarter mile. The quarter-mile standard is also reflected in the ECM Table 2-6 (Roadway Design Standards for Urban Expressways and Arterials).

State the reason for the requested deviation:

The proposed access spacing is less than one-quarter mile along both adjacent roads.

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

The standard requires intersection centerline spacing of 1/4-mile (1,320 feet)

- † The centerline spacing of the proposed south site access (which is proposed a public street intersection) would be 860 feet northeast of the Judge Orr Road/Eastonville Road intersection (see Deviation Exhibit 1)
- † The centerline spacing of the proposed south site access (which is proposed a public street intersection) would be 360 feet southwest of the Eastonville Road/Tex Tan Road intersection (see Deviation Exhibit 1)

**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 property only has ability to access public road ROW directly on Judge Orr and Eastonville. No local or collector ROW is available/accessible.
- † Two access points to commercial will be important for circulation and viability of the commercial property, with the other access proposed to Judge Orr Road.
- † The entire length of the property frontage along Eastonville is less than ¼ mile There would be less than ¼ mile either to Judge Orr Road to the southwest or Tex Tan Road to the northeast.
- † Due to the existing linear distance between Judge Orr Road and Tex Tan Road, it is not possible to place an intersection on Eastonville Road 1/4 mile from both aforementioned intersection locations.

**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.

This deviation would allow for the proposed future north site access connection to be located a reasonable distance (although short of the ¼ mile standard) northeast of Judge Orr Road while aligning with the existing Copenhagen Road/Eastonville Road connection. This location would essentially maximize the spacing from the Judge Orr/Eastonville intersection, while aligning with an existing public street. Existing access locations have already been established along Eastonville Road. This will be beneficial, as this property does not have access options to the north.

The deviation will not adversely affect safety or operations.

- † Two access points to commercial site will result in better traffic operations because multiple access points will provide motorists with options for ingress/egress.
- † Although short of the ¼-mile intersection spacing requirement in each direction, there would be sufficient distance for intersection operations along this section of Eastonville Road.
- † The intersection is proposed to align with existing Copenhagen Road at the Copenhagen Road/Eastonville Road intersection, rather than creating a sub-standard offset intersection.
- † The site could be designed to create a clear line of sight to/from the southwest along Eastonville Road. The distance between intersections meets stopping sight distance criteria for a 40-mph design speed in ECM Table 2-17 (305 feet).

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

The spacing will not affect the maintenance cost as the spacing will not negatively affect the ability for snowplow and maintenance vehicles to enter and exit the side street with adequate sight distances provided at the proposed intersection location. The proposed public street will provide a connection between Eastonville & Judge Orr.

Eastonville Road has been identified as a roadway improvement project needed by the year 2040 per Map 13 and Table 4 of El Paso County's 2016 MTCP. As part of County project C14, Eastonville Road would be improved from a 2-lane Rural Unimproved County Road to a 2-lane Rural Minor Arterial. Access spacing for this site would not affect these aforementioned long-term improvements on Eastonville Road.

The deviation will not adversely affect aesthetic appearance.

Spacing will not affect the aesthetics, as it is not short to the extent that affects the general appearance of the road corridor. The spacing will be consistent with other intersections in the area, avoid hidden intersections, and avoid disturbing wetlands and wildlife habitat.

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

The proposed north access location (name TBD), although short of the ECM 1,320-foot spacing criteria, would maximize the distance possible between Judge Orr Road on Eastonville Road while aligning with the existing Copenhagen Road/Eastonville Road connection.

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 requested deviation meets control measure requirements of Part I.E.3 and Part I.E.4 of the MS4 Permit. Grading and Erosion Control Plans and SWMP Report will provide protection of existing conditions and erosion control measures per standards.

**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:

- 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**

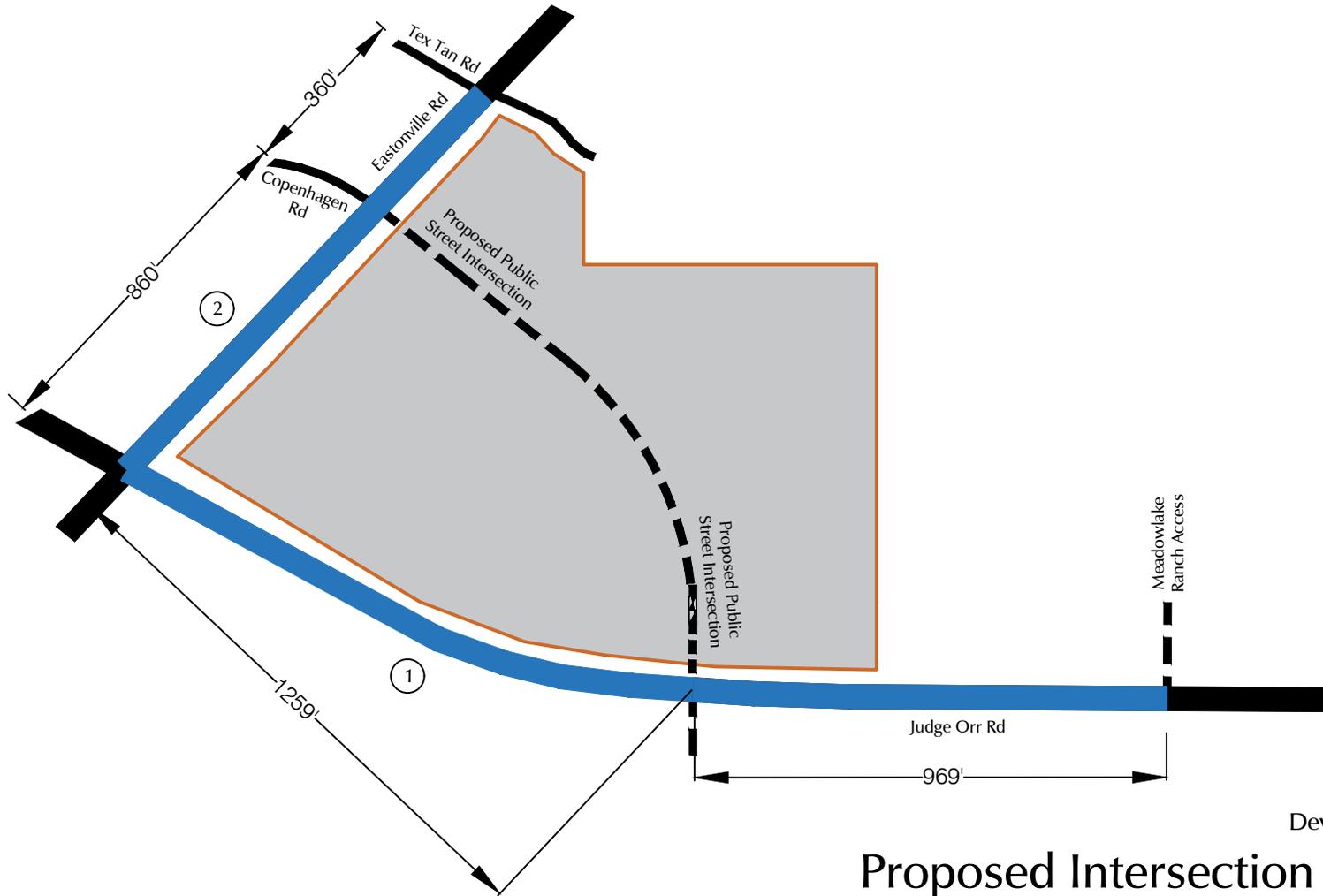
A Deviation Review Fee shall be paid in full at the time of submission of a request for deviation. The fee for Deviation Review shall be as determined by resolution of the BoCC.

Deviation Request from ECM 2.2.5.C -- Roadway Access Criteria (Rural Minor Arterial)

-  Existing roadway
-  Proposed roadway (including future roadways by others)
-  Portion of roadway for which deviation is requested
-  Intersection centerline spacing

 Site property boundary

- ① Sections of Judge Orr Rd for which deviation is requested
- ② Sections of Eastonville Rd for which deviation is requested



Deviation Exhibit 1  
**Proposed Intersection Spacing**  
Judge Orr Eastonville Commercial Center (LSC #194730)