

Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners

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Procedure for Making a Private Road Public

Property owners along an Existing Private Road may request that the Lapeer County Road Commission (LCRC) assume jurisdiction over a Private Road.

A petition bearing the signatures of owners of at least **51%** of the frontage on the private road must be presented to the Board of Road Commissioners before any private road is **considered** for acceptance. The petition must clearly state the beginning point, ending point, name of the road, the township and the section in which the road exists.

The physical requirements for the construction of roads to be taken over by the Road Commission are contained in the Procedures and Specifications Manual for Plat Development and Street Construction. Copies of this manual may be obtained at the Road Commission office.

A brief summary of these requirements is as follows:

1. Adequate ditches, approximately 2.5 feet deep.
2. Adequate aggregate base, including a minimum of 8-inches of 22A gravel over a minimum 6-inches of sand.
3. Bituminous pavement, a minimum of 22- feet wide and 3-1/2 inches thick.
4. A paved cul-de-sac turnaround with a radius of 56-feet at the end of each dead end road.
5. Dedication of a minimum of 33 feet of right-of-way on each side of the road centerline and a 75-foot right of way radius at the cul-de-sac. The right-of-way must be given from **100% of the property owners along the private road.**
6. Maximum length of dead end road is 1,500 feet.
7. Maximum number of homes on a dead end road is 20.

The Board may consider lesser improvements than those listed above based on circumstances unique to the particular private road in question. It shall however be the responsibility of the petitioners to engage an engineer licensed by the State of Michigan to review the existing conditions and develop a proposal for the improvements needed. The final decision whether or not the proposed improvements are adequate and acceptable shall be the prerogative of the Board of Road Commissioners of Lapeer County.