ORDINANCE

Be it enacted by Bleckley County an Ordinance to be known as ‘MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS AND ROADWAYS INTO THE BLECKLEY COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM’.

SECTION I

PURPOSES

The purpose of this Ordinance being is to set minimum standards for streets and roadways to be accepted into the Bleckley County Road System by the Commissioner of Bleckley County so as to provide for the public economy, safety and orderly traffic flow and movement, and for other purposes.

SECTION II

APPLICABILITY

This Ordinance shall apply to streets and roads constructed and built by individuals and developers after the 1st day of August, 1994, who propose to induce Bleckley County to accept such streets and roadways into the public transportation system of Bleckley County. This Ordinance shall not work to restrict the political subdivision of Bleckley County from constructing its own roadways and streets in any instance and at any location wherein such construction is in the interest of the public and for enlarging, increasing or improving the flow of traffic and to provide needed accesses for ingress and egress for public purposes.

SECTION III

ACCEPTANCE NOT AUTOMATIC

Bleckley County shall not automatically accept streets and roadways constructed in compliance with the minimum conditions provided for hereunder unless it can be reasonably expected and shown that such streets will be utilized for public purposes and such use will be of public significance and the acceptance of same will not work to defeat the public economy
by requiring maintenance and upkeep in disproportionate amounts to the public good created by

such acceptance. The owner of such property seeking to induce Bleckley County to accept same shall certify this conveyance to be his free act and deed and will dedicate same to the public use forever all such streets, alleys and easements, without restriction or reversion.

SECTION IV

ADEQUATE DESCRIPTION OF STREETS AND ROADWAYS

Any property so conveyed under the provisions hereof to Bleckley County shall be accompanied by a recordable plat depicting the finished streets and rights-of-way and at a scale of not less than one inch equaling 100 feet, and which plat shall show, in case of a subdivision, the boundaries of said subdivision; the names of such streets or roadways; the names and record owners of any adjoining unplatted land in the case of a subdivision, the easements for public utilities; the location of existing roads or streets which adjoin or abut the streets or roadways proposed to be conveyed to Bleckley County, and those streets or roadways which extend to within _80’_ feet of the streets or roadways proposed to be conveyed to Bleckley County.

SECTION V

EASEMENTS AND INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES

Streets and roadways sought to be conveyed to Bleckley County under the provision hereof shall not contain within their right-of-way easements for public utilities, and any installation of public utilities shall be paid in advance of the paving of such streets or roadways and, in circumstances wherein pavement breaks or required for utility connections or extensions, such break shall be repaved by such utility company at its sole expense and in compliance with the rules and regulations for paving.

SECTION VI

PAVING REQUIRED – EXPENSE OF DEVELOPER
OR SUBDIVIDER

No streets or roadways shall be accepted by Bleckley County unless same are paved at the time of such proposed conveyance to Bleckley County and which paving meets the minimum standards as provided for herein. The entire cost of such construction, grading, drainage, sloping, grassing, engineering, surveying and all other expense shall be at the sole cost of such developer or subdivider.

SECTION VII

MINIMUM RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTHS

(1) Expressways                    200 feet
(2) Arterial Streets             100 feet
(3) Connector Streets            80 feet
(4) Minor Streets
   (a) Residential                50 feet
   (b) Commercial and Industrial 70 feet
   (c) Cul-de-sac and Loop Streets 50 feet
   (d) Turn-around (diameter)     100 feet
   (e) Marginal Access or Frontage Roads 40 feet
(5) Alleys, Service Drives or Private Drives 22 feet

Street intersections shall be as nearly at right angles as possible, and no intersection shall be at an angle less than 75 degrees.

SECTION VIII

BASIC CONSTRUCTION

(a) GRADING. All streets, roads and alleys shall be graded by the subdivider to provide the necessary paving, roadway, drainage, and safety requirements.
(b) **STORM DRAINAGE.** An adequate drainage system including necessary curbs, pipes, culverts, headwalls and ditches as appropriate shall be provided for the property drainage of all surface water. Pipe size will be determined by the use of Rational Method or the Peak Discharge Method.

(c) **INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES.** After grading is completed and before any base is applied, all of the underground utilities (water mains, sewer mains, gas mains, and all service connections related thereto) shall be installed completely throughout the length of the street and all driveways for houses to be built by the subdivider shall be cut and drained.

(d) **SLOPES AND SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS.** The minimum ratio for all fill or cut slopes (including drainage ditches) shall be two (2) to one (1) and the minimum width for all shoulders from back edge of the curb, if installed, shall be eight (8) feet. All shoulders shall slope one-half (1/2) inch to the foot. When all construction is completed, all slopes and shoulders shall be cleared of all rubbish and shall have a stand of grass to prevent undue erosion, either by sprigging or seeding.

**SECTION IX**

**ROADWAY SURFACING AND PAVING**

The minimum requirements to be adhered to for the surfacing and paving of streets proposed to be conveyed to Bleckley county shall adhere to the minimum requirements attached hereto as EXHIBIT “A” or the minimum standards established by the Georgia Department of Transportation for use in the State Highway System.

**SECTION X**

**MINIMUM PAVEMENT WIDTH**

All residential streets paved after the adoption of this Ordinance shall have a minimum pavement width of twenty-seven (27) feet from back of curb to back of curb, or twenty-four (24) feet from edge of pavement if no curb or gutters are installed. The outside pavement for a cul-de-sac turn-around shall be a minimum diameter of eighty (80) feet.

**SECTION XI**
CURBS AND GUTTERS

When installed regular six (6) inch or four (4) inch roll-over concrete curb and gutter with a minimum over-all width of twenty-four (24) inches shall be installed on all residential streets.

SECTION XII

WHEN ROADWAYS ACCEPTED BY BLECKLEY COUNTY

Streets and roadways when accepted by Bleckley County shall be on appropriate right-of-way deeds which convey fee simple title to such rights-of-ways together with appropriate easements for ditches, slopes and drainage easements prepared by, or at the expense of the developer or subdivider and approved by Bleckley County and without restriction or reservation.

SECTION XIII

MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

This Ordinance may be modified or amended from time to time by appropriate action of the governing authority of Bleckley County.

SECTION XIV

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance will be effective on the 1st day of August, 1994.

Jackie Holder, Sole Commissioner
Bleckley County, Georgia

Attest:  Sandra Higgins, Clerk
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY

On the first day of August, 1994 the Governing Authority of Bleckley County adopted an ordinance to be known as “Minimum Standards For Acceptance of Streets and Roadways into the Bleckley County Road System” in which Section X of said ordinance relating to the minimum pavement width read as follows:

“All residential streets paved after the adoption of this ordinance shall have a minimum pavement width of twenty-seven (27) feet from back of curb to back of curb, or twenty- four feet from edge of pavement to edge of pavement if no curb or gutter are installed. The outside pavement for a cul-de-sac turn-around shall be a minimum diameter of eighty (80) feet”.

The governing authority of Bleckley County desires to amend section X of said ordinance changing the width of the pavement requirement from twenty-four (24) feet to twenty-two (22) feet.

NOW THEREFORE, Section X of the ordinance known as “Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Streets and Roadways into the Bleckley County Road System” is hereby amended to read as follows:
SECTION X

All Residential streets paved after the adoption of this ordinance shall have a minimum pavement width of twenty-seven (27) feet from back of curb to back of curb, or twenty-two (22) feet from edge of pavement to edge of pavement if no curb or gutters are installed. The outside pavement for a cul-de-sac turn-around shall be a minimum diameter of eighty (80) feet”.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be the day the same is signed by the duly constituted governing authority of Bleckley County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Billy Ray Godfrey, as the sole Commissioner of Bleckley County, has this day adopted the forgoing ordinance at the regular monthly commissioner’s meeting on the 20th day of August, 1998.

Billy Ray Godfrey, as sole commissioner
Of Bleckley County, Georgia

ATTEST: Sandra B. Higgins as Clerk
of Bleckley County, Georgia