

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

**Subject**

"One-Foot Strip" Road Openings

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**Purpose**

To describe the procedure for having the County of San Diego accept a previously rejected offer of dedication of a "one-foot strip" (i.e., a lot or portion of lot reserved for future street right of way). The "one-foot strip" is established to prevent access to and from adjacent property outside of the development. Acceptance of the one-foot strip is necessary to provide access to a subdivision for which a tentative map or tentative parcel map has been approved, subject to future acceptance by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 66477.2 (a) of the Government Code.

**Background**

County Code Sections 81.402 (major subdivisions) and 81.702 (minor subdivisions) require that dedicated streets terminating at the subdivision boundary shall include a strip of land one foot wide that extends across said street at its point of termination at the subdivision boundary. In addition, dedicated streets proposed along boundaries of a subdivision shall not be less than 40 feet wide within major subdivisions, and shall not be less than 30 feet wide within minor subdivisions. Both shall contain the one-foot wide strip of land along the outer edge of the boundary.

Rejection of the offer to dedicate the one-foot strip of land prevents the public's right of access across the one-foot strip. Acceptance of the previously rejected offer to dedicate the one-foot strip allows public access over it. This process is also known as "Road Opening."

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. An application shall be filed with the Director of Planning & Development Services, and the project benefiting from the road opening shall make a deposit and pay actual labor cost.
2. On a major subdivision, the Director of Planning & Development Services shall recommend acceptance of the previously offered and rejected "one-foot strip" as part of a Board letter recommending final map approval.
3. On a minor subdivision, prior to transmittal of the parcel map to the County Recorder for recording, the Director of Planning & Development Services shall recommend in a Board letter that the Board of Supervisors accept the previously offered and rejected "one-foot strip."
4. For "one-foot strip" road opening requests where extensions of the street pattern would have a purpose other than to serve a County approved major or minor subdivision, the Director of Planning & Development Services shall consider and make recommendations for approval, conditional approval, or denial in a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

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**CAO Reference**

1. Department of Planning and Development Services