



HOOD COUNTY POLICY ON ACCEPTING PUBLIC ROADS INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

Preface

The purpose of this policy to provide clear and consistent guidelines to Hood County citizens who wish to have the county accept public roads into the County Road System (CRS) for maintenance.

Requirements

1. To be accepted into the CRS, the road must be a public road.
2. To be designated as a public road, the road must:
 - a. Meet the requirements of a public road set forth in the Texas Transportation Code¹; or
 - b. Have become a public road by dedication or prescriptive easement.²
3. Roads that became public prior to March 31, 2000:
 - a. Are eligible to be accepted into the CRS and are eligible to be upgraded to passable roads.
4. Roads that became public after March 31, 2000:
 - a. Are eligible to be accepted into the CRS only if they meet the Hood County Road Standards.
5. Property owners adjacent to the road must submit an application or a petition to the Precinct Commissioner or the Road Operations department.
6. Unless the road has been previously dedicated to the public and filed on record with the Hood County Clerk's office, the Commissioners' Court must determine whether the road is public.
7. Priority for accepting roads into the CRS will be established by Hood County Commissioners' Court in consultation with Road Operations.

¹ §251.002 Texas Transportation Code.

² Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. JC-0503 (2002).

8. All roads accepted into the CRS are subject to Commissioners' Court approval.
9. Once accepted, Hood County will perform maintenance on roads to insure safe passable use in coordination with the normal work of Hood County Road Operations. Maintenance does not include correction of drainage problems.
10. No more than two (2) miles of roads will be accepted each year from any one commissioner's precinct and are limited to:
 - a. One (1) mile within a subdivision and one (1) mile outside of a subdivision; or
 - b. Any combination of less than two (2) miles.

Date: 11-12-14



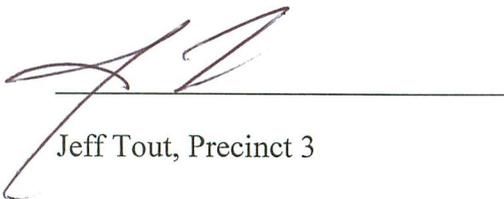
Darrell Cockerham, County Judge



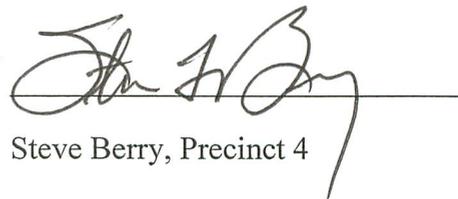
James Deaver, Precinct 1



Richard Roan, Precinct 2



Jeff Tout, Precinct 3



Steve Berry, Precinct 4



Attest: Hood County Clerk



After Recording Return to:
Hood County Road Operations
5415 Acton Hwy, #126
Granbury, TX 76049

APPLICATION / PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROAD

DATE: _____

PETITIONER: The undersigned landowners fronting:

TO: Hood County Commissioners Court

SUBJECT: Acceptance of road for “passable” maintenance as a Public Road into the County Road System.

IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF ROAD TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE CRS:

ROAD NAME: _____

FROM: _____

TO: _____

Check One:

- This road **HAS** been officially dedicated to the public and the dedication is on file with the Hood County Clerk. The record number is _____ and a copy of the record is attached to this **Application**.
- This road **HAS NOT** been officially dedicated to the public. **Petitioners** are asking the Commissioners’ Court to determine that this road is a public road by dedication or prescriptive easement. In support thereof, Petitioners provide the following evidence that this road is a public road:

Petitioners acknowledge that this road has no drainage easements and county maintenance will not include correction of drainage problems but shall generally be limited to maintaining the road surface to make it safe to travel and passable for emergency vehicles, school buses, mail carriers, the residents and the general public.

We the undersigned, being all the owners of land fronting on the road to be dedicated as a public road and accepted into the County Road System: (Attach more copies of this page, if needed)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Acknowledged before me by the said _____ on this, the _____ day of _____ 20__.

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires on: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Acknowledged before me by the said _____ on this, the _____ day of _____ 20__.

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires on: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Acknowledged before me by the said _____ on this, the _____ day of _____ 20__.

Notary Public, State of Texas

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Road Operations Recommendations and Comments

Road Administrator

Date

DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC ROAD AND ACCEPTANCE INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

In regular meeting of the Hood County Commissioners' Court on the _____ day of _____ 20_____, the Hood County Commissioners' Court hereby designates the following road as a public road and accepts said road into the County Road System.

(Description of road)

Hood County Judge

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Commissioner, Precinct 2

Commissioner, Precinct 3

Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest: Hood County Clerk

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