

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE CITY'S  
DESIGN CRITERIA MANUALS AND STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted design criteria manuals and standard specifications which regulate the minimum standards acceptable for the design and construction of public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that based on the specific conditions present in certain projects there may be times where it is appropriate to deviate from, by allowing exceptions to, the design criteria manuals and standard specifications; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has the expertise to determine when the conditions or circumstances surrounding a project may justify a deviation from the design criteria manuals and standard specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City deems it to be in the City's best interest to adopt a policy that allows the Public Works Director and the Growth Management Director to jointly grant exceptions to the standards established in the City's design criteria manuals and standard specifications.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City, that the Public Works Director and Growth Management Director, or their designees, may jointly approve exceptions to the City's design criteria manuals and standard specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the requested exception to the design manual is denied, the Director of Public Works or the Director of Growth Management shall communicate the reason for the denial to the applicant in writing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any applicant that disputes the denial of an exception may appeal such denial. Any appeal of a denial to a requested exception shall be placed on the agenda of the next Public Works Committee meeting. The City Council will have final approval of whether or not to grant an exception that has been appealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Growth Management Department is to keep a log of each exception that is granted. The log shall be readily accessible and made available for the public to view upon request.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Finance Officer

