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Preface

The Engineering and Design Standards manual is the first of two volumes that together compose the City of Mesa’s “Engineering Procedures Manual”. The second volume is the City of Mesa’s Landscape & Irrigation Standards.

The Engineering & Design Standards provide specific direction and guidelines to design professionals preparing construction documents for private land development projects and/or city CIP projects. The construction documents and various reports (drainage, etc.) will be reviewed by the Engineering and Development & Sustainability Departments (Planning Section) for compliance with applicable codes, standards, stipulations, agreements and policies.

The format of the *Engineering & Design Standards* labels each paragraph so each may be clearly referenced as needed. A comprehensive Table of Content and an Index are also provided. The “Engineering & Design Standards” volume is available on the City of Mesa Engineering Department’s webpage (<http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/MesaStandardandSpecs.aspx>) as an electronic document.

The Landscape & Irrigation Standards describe the requirements for private land development projects and city projects that will be installing landscaping to be maintained by the City of Mesa.

Questions or comments regarding the contents of the Engineering & Design Standards should be directed to the Engineering Department at 480-644-2251.

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Chapter 1 - General Requirements

This chapter presents the minimum criteria & standards to prepare construction documents for private land development and city projects within the jurisdiction of the City of Mesa.

This Engineering & Design Standards manual (*also referred to as “Volume 1”*) and the Landscape and Irrigation Standards manual (*also referred to as “Volume 2”*) together compose the City of Mesa’s “Engineering Procedure Manual”. The Engineering Procedure Manual is intended to provide guidance and direction to the development and engineering community engaged in land development within the corporate limits of Mesa and/or within the City’s Utility Service Area or Planning Area (*collectively referred to as the City of Mesa’s jurisdictional area*).

Section 101 - Purpose & Intent

101.1 The purpose of the Engineering & Design Standards booklet is to provide both general information and specific design standards to the design professionals who are preparing development construction documents that include or involve the installation or construction of public infrastructure for the City of Mesa. The intent of the Engineering & Design Standards is to provide developers, consultants and contractors information on Mesa’s standards and design criteria.

Section 102 - Applicability of the Standards

102.1 The Engineering & Design Standards are applicable to projects constructing public infrastructure (i.e., public water, sewer, storm drain, natural gas or electric utilities owned, operated or maintained by the City of Mesa; public streets and facilities; public retention basins & drainage facilities; public street lighting & signalization; or private facilities installed by a Public Utility or Franchisee, etc.) within dedicated public right-of-way or easements.

102.2 These standards also apply to drainage and retention requirements for private facilities.

Section 103 - Private Infrastructure Standards

103.1 Developers of projects involving private infrastructure may incorporate the City's standards into their project design if they choose to; however, the City of Mesa will not accept responsibility for the design, construction, or maintenance of private facilities or infrastructure. Developers and their design teams are also reminded that private structures and infrastructure are subject to the adopted Codes (Building, Fire, Electrical, etc.)

Section 104 - Civil Engineering Standards

104.1 The City of Mesa has adopted the following engineering standards for the construction of public infrastructure. All land development projects within the jurisdiction of the City of Mesa are required to utilize the following adopted standards:

104.2 The "Uniform Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction" and the associated "Uniform Standard Details for Public Works Construction" as published by Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and as amended by the City of Mesa. Copies of the MAG Standards, which are updated annually, are available on the internet at <http://www.azmag.gov/Communications/publications.asp>

104.3 As noted, the City's adoption of the MAG standards is with local modification. The City's modification to the MAG standards is known as the "Mesa Standard Details & Specifications – Amendment to the Uniform Standard Details & Specifications." The development and maintenance of the amendments is the responsibility of the Engineering Department. Generally, the amendments are updated on an annual basis. The amendment to the MAG standards is available on the Engineering Department webpage at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/MesaStandardandSpecs.aspx>

104.4 Construction shall be per the Mesa standard details applicable at the time of the right-of-way permit is issued (for private development) or on the bid date (for City-funded projects).

104.5 Engineers, architects and designers (hereafter referred to as "designer" or "designers", which is understood to include the other terms) are encouraged to provide design solutions that will meet or exceed the minimum standards adopted by the City of Mesa.

Section 105 - Construction Documents

105.1 **Proposed Projects:** Private land development projects involving the construction of public works infrastructure improvements (public streets, facilities or utilities) are required to submit construction documents and any necessary or supporting reports to the City's Development Services Department permit counter for code review and permitting. These construction documents are to be developed per the following standards.

105.2 **Document Size:** All civil engineering improvement plans submitted shall be on 24" x 36" sheets with a minimum 2" left border and 0.5" on all other sides. Larger size submittal, if allowed, will be charged a premium fee.

105.3 Reports: All supporting or supplemental reports are to be letter-sized (8.5" x 11"). Any larger maps included within the reports are to be folded to letter size and bound or provided in a folder. Digital/electronic files of the project's drainage, soils investigation reports and other supporting or supplemental reports shall be submitted to the Development & Sustainability Department on CD or DVD-ROM in PDF format prior to the issuance of the permit.

105.4 Composition: The improvement plans shall include all necessary construction plans for the proposed improvements. This may include but is not limited to construction plans for public streets, utilities, street lighting, traffic signals, landscaping, landscape irrigation, grading and drainage.

105.5 Drawing Scales: All improvement plans submitted for review shall be to a scale that allows the information to be clearly read and easily understood. The City makes extensive use of 50% reduced photocopies, microfilm and digital imagery of improvement plans, which shall be taken into account when selecting drawing scales, line weights and lettering sizes.

105.5.1 The following are standard drawing scales to be used for construction documents submitted to the City of Mesa. The City may consider the use of other scales on a case-by-case basis.

Type of Sheet	Scale
Plan & Profile showing public street improvements (curb, gutter & sidewalk)	1" = 20' Horizontal 1" = 2' or 4' Vertical
Single Utility Installation (Water, Natural Gas or Sanitary Sewer)	1" = 20', 30' or 40' Horizontal
Double Utility Installation (Water, Natural Gas or Sanitary Sewer)	1" = 20', 30' or 40' Horizontal
Combination of Public Street & Utilities	1" = 20' Horizontal 1" = 2' or 4' Vertical
Grading & Drainage Plans	1" = 20', 30' or 40' Horizontal
Master Utility Plan	1" = 20', 30', 40', 60', 100' or 200'
Flood Irrigation	1" = 20', 30', 40', 50' or 60'
Landscaping Plans for Publicly Maintained areas	1" = 20' Horizontal
Public Street Lighting or Traffic Signals	1" = 20', 30' or 40' Horizontal

105.6 Preliminary Plan Statements: The City of Mesa requires that all "Preliminary", "Draft", "Not for Construction" and similar statements be removed from all plans, plats and maps of dedication prior to final submittal.

105.7 Registrant's Seal & Signature: The City of Mesa requires that all construction documents be sealed in accordance with the requirements of the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration. The City does not require private landscaping & irrigation plans to be sealed by a registered landscape architect.

105.7.1 The City requires that a qualified registrant seal all legal descriptions and accompanying exhibits used in the process to dedicate right-of-way or public easements to the City of Mesa.

105.8 Sheet Numbering: The City of Mesa requires an overall, consecutive, uniform sheet numbering system (e.g., “Sheet 3 of 17”) on the final plans, particularly when the proposed project involves more than one discipline.

105.9 Cover Sheet: The City of Mesa requires one cover sheet for the entire set of construction documents involving multiple disciplines.

105.10 Project Title: The cover sheet shall include a banner with the project title in large letters. The banner shall also clearly identify the purpose of the particular improvement plans (e.g., “Water and Sewer Plans”). All other sheets shall include the project title in a title block.

105.11 Project Address: The City-approved address shall be listed in the title banner or in the title block of the front cover sheet. The address shall appear in the title block on all subsequent sheets.

105.12 General Notes: The City of Mesa has standardized General Notes that must be included on the cover sheet, a details sheet or a notes sheet within the improvement plans.

105.12.1 The current list of General Notes for private land development projects is available at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/MesaStandardandSpecs.aspx> . The designer shall include the General Notes for each applicable section, but is not required to include notes from sections that do not apply to the project (e.g., do not include streetlight notes if no public streetlights are proposed).

105.12.2 The General Notes for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) (i.e., projects completed by the City with City funding) can be downloaded at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/StandardPlanSheets.aspx>. Include only those notes that apply to the project scope. Please note that the CIP General Notes are not applicable to private land development projects and are not to be used on private land development projects.

105.12.3 General Notes from other jurisdictions (e.g., Maricopa County, Pinal County, Town of Gilbert, City of Chandler or City of Tempe) shall be separated from the City of Mesa General Notes. The designer is required to identify the originating jurisdiction for each set of General Notes.

105.13 Vicinity Map: The cover sheet shall have a small vicinity or location map showing the general location of the project with major (arterial) streets labeled along with the geographic orientation.

105.14 One Call Utility Locating & Identification (Blue Stake Center): The City of Mesa requires all plans that involve public works construction to place the “Blue Stake” information stamp on the cover sheet of the improvement plans.

105.15 Estimated Quantities: The designer is required to provide a complete and current list of quantities for the proposed public works construction. For large projects with extensive quantities, the quantities tabulation may be placed on a detail sheet.

105.15.1 Proposed projects for which the public works construction will be phased must provide separate estimated quantities for each phase.

105.15.2 Proposed projects crossing outside of the City's municipal boundaries may be required to provide a list of quantities separated out according to the quantity of work within each agency's jurisdiction.

105.15.3 Proposed projects for which the developer will (or may) participate in financial reimbursement with the City via a Development Agreement (also referred to as "City Share") shall include a breakout of estimated quantities for eligible items showing the City's share, the developer's share and the total quantity.

105.15.4 Private infrastructure quantities may also be tabulated as part on the estimated quantities but must be identified as "private".

105.16 **Parcel Numbers:** The designer shall list all Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) for the proposed project site. APN's are assigned by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office. Information regarding parcel numbers and other property information can be found at http://www.maricopa.gov/assessor/gisPortal/gis_portal.asp.

105.17 **Benchmarks:** All projects involving public works improvements (whether they are on-site, in easements or within the street right-of-way) are required to utilize and provide surveying benchmarks on the City's datum, unless elevation control is not needed (such as a simple water service addition).

105.17.1 Information regarding the locations and elevations of existing City of Mesa benchmarks can be obtained from the Engineering Department webpage at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/>.

105.17.2 Civil engineering improvement plans shall include information about existing City of Mesa benchmarks in the vicinity of the project and the project shall be referenced to one or more official City of Mesa benchmarks.

105.17.3 The project shall be on the City of Mesa's datum, unless otherwise approved in advance by the City. Equations that tie the project datum to the City's datum shall not be permissible unless approved in advance by the City.

105.17.4 If the proposed project's construction will destroy, alter or remove any existing City of Mesa benchmark(s), the project shall be responsible to restore the benchmark. The engineer shall contact the City of Mesa's Chief Surveyor at (480) 644-4883 prior to construction for instructions relative to re-establishing of the benchmark(s) and to discuss the schedule for doing so.

105.17.5 The project engineer shall clearly identify all temporary benchmark(s) that are to be used during the course of construction.

105.18 **Utility Conflict Review:** The developer or a designated representative of the design team is required to contact the Blue Stake Center, other jurisdictions, and any non-City utilities or service providers within the project limits to determine the locations of their facilities within the areas affected by the project. Information about the Arizona Blue Stake one call locating identification center can be found at <http://www.azbluestake.com/>.

105.18.1 The designer shall show and identify all existing and proposed utilities and facilities on the appropriate design sheets of the improvement plans.

105.18.2 Relative to projects for which an affected utility (or similar facility) must be relocated in order to accommodate the proposed development, the required relocations must be completed prior to the completion and acceptance of the required public works construction for the proposed development.

105.18.3 The designer shall perform a thorough utility conflict review using his/her own research (including a search of the City of Mesa's records) prior to submittal of construction documents with a permit application. The City's records are accessible through a formal process that includes submitting a "document retrieval request form", available at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/devsustain/Forms.aspx>. Requestor's will be contacted when the records are available for pickup.

105.19 **Sheet Index:** Provide a list identifying the component sheets of the improvement plans. For larger projects, a graphical sheet index shall be included. Said graphical sheet index can be incorporated as part of the Master Utility Sheet.

105.20 **Symbols Legend:** Provide a complete legend of all symbols and abbreviations utilized in the improvement plans. If necessary, the legend can be placed on a note sheet or details sheet.

105.21 **Abbreviations:** When abbreviations are used as references in callouts, the plan set shall include a legend of the abbreviations.

105.22 **Contact Information:** Identify the names, addresses and telephone numbers for the firm or firms that prepared the improvement plans and any part thereof.

105.23 **Approval Signature Blocks:** An area shall be provided on the cover sheet for approvals by reviewing agencies/jurisdictions such as the "Maricopa County Department of Environmental Services".

105.23.1 Approving agencies shall also identify the date of approval.

105.23.2 In the absence of an approving agency's signature on the cover sheet, the designer may reference the approval "by letter dated..." Provide a copy of the approving letter to the City of Mesa during the plan review and approval process.

105.23.3 Note: The City of Mesa does not provide approvals by signing the improvement plans cover sheet.

105.24 **Revisions:** Utilize a revision section of the title block to identify the version changes of the overall improvement plans.

105.25 **Master Utility Sheet:** A master utility sheet shall be part of the improvement plans unless the proposed project does not involve the construction of new public utilities or when the project is small enough to show proposed utilities on a single sheet.

105.25.1 The master utility plan must show all existing and proposed utilities including water lines, valves, fire hydrants, natural gas mains, natural gas valves, sanitary sewer lines, cleanouts, manholes, storm drains, catch basins, survey markers, traffic signals and street lights. The master utility plan shall show sizes and materials of all pipelines and shall include dimensions of all culverts. The master utility plans shall also show property lines.

105.25.1 A standard engineering scale (e.g., 1" = 20', 30', 40', 60', 100' or 200') shall be utilized to achieve a single sheet showing the master utility plan.

105.26 **Detail Sheets:** Details sheets are supplementary sheets showing some aspect of the proposed construction in greater detail for clarity. Details sheets shall conform to the following:

105.26.1 Professional Seal: Each detail sheet shall be sealed in accordance with the Arizona Board of Technical Registration requirements.

105.26.2 Standard Details: MAG or Mesa standard details shall not be included on the details sheets unless they are being modified in some fashion. Said modification(s) are to be identified in their entirety.

105.26.3 Combination Sheets: Details sheets may include details from multiple construction disciplines on one sheet, if desired.

105.27 **Design Sheets:** Improvement plans for proposed public works construction shall comply with the following:

105.27.1 Professional Seal: Each sheet shall have been sealed in accordance with the Arizona Board of Technical Registration requirements.

105.27.2 Dimensioning: The City of Mesa requires that all existing public improvements as well as the proposed public works construction be dimensioned in accordance with the following:

105.27.2.1 All design sheets showing public street improvements or dedicated public rights-of-way shall be dimensioned per MAG Standard Detail 112.

105.27.2.2 All design sheets showing the construction of public utilities or existing public utilities shall dimension the utilities using the format of MAG Standard Detail 112.

105.27.2.3 All design sheets showing the construction of public utilities within an easement shall dimension the overall width of the easement and the offset of the proposed or existing utilities from the centerline of the easement.

105.28 **Orientation:** Plans involving public works construction shall be prepared so that north is to the top or right side of the sheet.

105.29 **Horizontal Control:** The City of Mesa requires a positioning system to determine the location of publicly maintained facilities and utilities. Design sheets shall conform to the following:

105.29.1 The origination point of all positioning systems shall be based on a known survey point or monument and shall be clearly identified on the plans. Ties to at least two existing known survey points or monuments shall be provided.

105.29.2 Positioning systems shall be designed to proceed from south to north, west to east and left to right.

105.29.3 All design sheets shall be stationed in 100-foot intervals minimum.

105.29.4 Where the proposed public works construction involves the installation or construction of more than one public utility and/or public street improvements, the horizontal control shall be based on a monument line or centerline with appropriate stationing and offsets identified.

105.30 **Symbols:** Symbols shown on the design sheets shall be per MAG Standard Detail 110. Symbols not represented on MAG Detail 110 may be used on the construction documents as long as the symbol representation is identified.

105.31 **Construction Note Callouts:** Construction notes for design items are required to be noted on the appropriate design sheet. References to notes placed on another sheet are not acceptable. The engineer may place a standardized list of notes on each design sheet, but must identify the applicable notes for that particular design sheet.

105.32 **Information to be Shown:** In addition to the proposed public works construction, the design sheets shall provide or show the following:

105.32.1 Existing and proposed rights-of-way and easements shall be clearly shown, identified and dimensioned.

105.32.2 Existing and proposed lighting control cabinets and street light poles shall be clearly shown, identified by name and station number, and dimensioned from the back of the public street curb.

105.32.3 Projects that are adjacent to the City of Mesa corporate limits at the time of development shall show the location of the City limits and identify the boundaries and limits of all other jurisdictions on all applicable sheets (cover sheet, master utility/sheet index, design sheets, etc.)

105.32.4 The plans must clearly differentiate between existing and proposed improvements.

105.32.5 The plans shall show the existing conditions (grades, the extent of public improvements, etc.) of the public rights-of-way a minimum of fifty-feet (50') beyond the proposed project's intersecting property lines.

105.32.6 The plans shall show the sizes, types and locations of all existing and proposed utilities, including but not limited to tees, crosses, services, meter boxes, valves, backflow devices, manholes, cleanouts and fire hydrants.

105.32.7 The plans shall show all existing and proposed public street improvements (paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, etc.) adjoining and/or adjacent to the proposed project.

105.33 Research: In order to accomplish the above, the designer shall survey, research record drawings, and use physical verification methods (including, but not limited to potholing, measuring inverts in manholes, etc.) The City of Mesa has substantial data regarding existing public infrastructure. This data is composed of utility quarter section maps, civil engineering improvement plan record drawings, and some service (tap) locations. This information is available to the development community as well as the general public and is accessible through a formal process. A “document retrieval request form” must be completed to obtain copies of the City’s records. Requestors will be contacted when the records are available for pickup. The City will provide these record drawings for informational purposes only. The City makes no claims or representations concerning the accuracy of the information and assumes no liability resulting from its use. Those relying on the City’s record drawing information are responsible for making field verifications of its accuracy before applying it for any purpose.

105.33.1 The document retrieval request form can be found on the internet at the following address: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/devsustain/Forms.aspx>.

105.34 Design Coordination: The registrant of record is required to coordinate the designs of the proposed public works construction (including but not limited to size, material and location of utility services, water meters and backflow prevention assemblies) between all appropriate design disciplines.

105.35 Separate Sheets: If the project requires the following types of improvements, separate design sheets shall be provided for the following disciplines:

105.35.1 Public street lighting;

105.35.2 Public traffic signalization;

105.35.3 Traffic signal fiber optics conduit – When not included as a component of either the public street lighting or traffic signalization design sheets;

105.35.4 Landscape and landscape irrigation sheets – Required when landscaping improvements are within public rights-of-way and/or easements and are to be maintained by the City of Mesa. Also required for private landscaping that may impact or affect required sight distances;

105.35.6 Signing and pavement marking design sheets.

105.36 Plan & Profile Sheets: The City of Mesa requires vertical profiles to be shown whenever public street pavement improvements (e.g., paving, curb and gutter), public storm drain(s) or public sanitary sewer main(s) are proposed to be constructed by the proposed project. The City will also require a vertical profile to be shown for water mains that are greater than 12-inches in diameter. The City may also require vertical profiles to be shown for water mains 12-inches and smaller in diameter when necessary due to show clearances to other existing or proposed facilities.

105.36.1 Separate profiles shall be provided for the “left”, “centerline” and “right” segments of the proposed public street improvements. For example, a project that will widen an existing street that has existing half street improvements on the opposite side would show separate vertical

profiles for the existing curb & gutter, the existing pavement at the centerline and the proposed curb & gutter.

105.36.2 Profiles for both existing and proposed improvements shall utilize the same horizontal control as the plan view, and (where shown on the same sheet) the profile view shall align with the plan view.

105.36.3 Public utility conflicts and design resolutions shall be shown in all appropriate profiles.

105.36.4 Public street pavement plans require the use of standard single plan and profile sheets.

105.36.5 Projects proposing to construct public street pavement as well as a public utility (sanitary sewer or storm drain) shall use the standard single plan & profile sheets.

105.36.6 Projects that are installing a single public utility (e.g., sanitary sewer) or a public facility (e.g., storm drain) may utilize a separate profile sheet for the vertical information pertaining to the construction.

105.37 **Revision Identification:** Do not use delta's, balloons, etc. to delineate and identify design changes prior to final plan acceptance.

Section 106 - Dedications & Abandonments

106.1 **General:** The City of Mesa requires all public works construction to be within dedicated public rights-of-way, dedicated public easements or on publicly-owned property. The developer(s) of the proposed land development project are responsible for obtaining those dedications that enable the project to comply with Mesa's requirements for land development (i.e., the dedication of easements or rights-of-way from adjoining properties that permit the extension of public utilities to the subject property), as discussed in the remainder of this section.

106.2 **Public Rights-Of-Way:** Land development projects are required to dedicate rights-of-way for all established or planned public streets in and adjoining the parcel(s) containing the proposed project. In other words, a project that is proposing to develop a large tract as a subdivision and intends to either develop or sell off a commercial corner in the future is required to dedicate the rights-of-way for the commercial corner frontages with the initial development.

106.3 **Public Utilities & Facilities Easements (PUFE):** Proposed projects that are required to install public utilities (water, sewer, natural gas, etc.) and/or public facilities (storm drain, street lighting, traffic signals, transit facilities, etc.) on private property are required to dedicate twenty-foot (20') wide Public Utilities & Facilities Easements (PUFE) unless otherwise approved by the City.

106.4 **Public Utility Easements (PUE):** Projects that are required to or choose to install public utilities (water, sewer, natural gas, etc.) on private property are required to dedicate twenty-foot (20') wide Public Utility Easements (PUE) unless otherwise approved by the City.

106.5 Roadway Easements: Projects whose parcels encompass existing roadway easements for either established or planned public streets are required to dedicate rights-of-way to meet current City standards over the roadway easement.

106.5.1 The engineer, architect, designer and developer are responsible for understanding the limitations/permissions as granted by an existing roadway easement. In other words, the language of an existing roadway easement will identify the purpose of the easement and what can be constructed within it.

106.6 Drainage Easements: Projects that are required to retain storm water drainage from the public rights-of-way on private property shall record a public drainage easement encompassing the area(s) where the conveyance and retention will occur. The easement document shall include language that requires the developer, property owner, etc. to maintain the area(s) encompassed by the public drainage easement.

106.7 Drainage Covenants: Projects that are required to retain storm water from public rights-of-way on private property shall record a drainage covenant to the City of Mesa.

106.8 Private Easements: City of Mesa public utilities or facilities shall not be located within private easements. For projects that will utilize common driveways for access, cross-access easements shall be provided. The engineer or designer shall provide copies of the recorded document(s).

106.9 Temporary Construction Easements: Projects that indicate that the construction of the public or private facilities will require permission from adjoining property owners are required to obtain temporary construction easements (T.C.E.'s) and provide copies to the City prior to plan approval.

106.10 Dedication Documents: Where a public easement is required to be dedicated to the City of Mesa, the developer or consultant shall provide: a) sealed legal description of the easement area, b) graphic exhibit of the easement area and c) proof of ownership. City will prepare the easement language for the owner's signature and will record the easement.

106.11 Abandonment of Public Rights-Of-Way or Easements: Projects that are proposing to eliminate public rights-of-way or easements in order to facilitate the proposed land development are required to apply for an "Abandonment of Public Rights-Of-Way" through the Real Estate Services Division of the City of Mesa's Engineering Department and pay all applicable fees or charges.

106.11.1 Information regarding the abandonment process can be found on the City's web pages at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/realestate/Abandonments.aspx>.

106.11.2 Abandonments of any public rights-of-way and/or public easements require the approval of all affected City departments and divisions as well as the non-City public utilities. The abandonment is finalized by City Council action. This process can take eight weeks or longer.

Section 107 - Construction Phasing

107.1 Land development projects that are intending to phase the construction of the public works improvements associated with the proposed project shall comply with the requirements of this section.

107.2 The improvement plans for the proposed project shall include all construction phases for the entire project. The required tabulation of quantities discussed in Section 105 shall be broken out by phase.

107.3 The phases shall be identified on each design sheet, detail sheet, master utility plan and sheet index plans. Design sheets that propose construction in more than one phase shall clearly identify the components that are to be constructed in each phase.

107.4 The transition between phases shall identify all components to be installed and/or removed. For example, in the case of public water line to be phased, the designer would identify the installation of a plug with corporation stop in one phase and the removal of the plug and corporation stop and connection in a latter phase.

107.5 Developers considering phasing their projects are advised to contact Development and Sustainability Department staff regarding project phasing.

Section 108 - Public Utility

108.1 Those utility companies that have been determined to be public utility providers by the Arizona Corporation Commission are considered by the City of Mesa to be public utilities.

Section 109 - Franchised Private Facilities

109.1 Those utility companies that have been granted a franchise license to install their facilities within the City of Mesa dedicated rights-of-way or public easements shall be considered a public utility.

Section 110 - Non-Franchised Private Facilities

110.1 Companies that are not considered to be a public utility provider by the Arizona Corporation Commission or do not have a franchise or license agreement with the City of Mesa are prohibited from installing, constructing or placing private facilities within the City of Mesa's dedicated public rights-of-way and public easements unless all of the below listed steps are completed:

110.1.1 Permission is granted by the City Engineer or the City Engineer's designated representative.

110.1.2 An encroachment agreement is executed with the City of Mesa.

110.1.3 Private facilities join and remain members in good standing with the Blue Stake organization for the duration of the placement of their facilities within dedicated public rights-of-way.

110.1.4 Design and construction complies with all appropriate sections of the Engineering Procedure Manual as well as adopted Mesa ordinances, regulations and policies.

Section 111 - Projects Involving Other Jurisdictions

111.1 Projects involving the installation of City of Mesa public utilities or facilities within other jurisdictions shall comply with all appropriate sections of the Engineering Procedure Manual as well as adopted Mesa ordinances, regulations and policies.

111.2 The construction documents shall also be developed in accordance with the regulations or standards of the governing jurisdictions.

111.3 The current list of applicable City of Mesa General Notes shall be included and identified on the plans.

111.4 The City of Mesa public utilities whether proposed or existing shall be clearly identified as “City of Mesa”, noting material, size and type.

Section 112 - Preliminary Plan Review Services

112.1 To provide improved customer service, the Development & Sustainability Department has processes and services that assist the development community by identifying project specific requirements during the conceptual planning and construction document creation processes.

112.2 **Pre-Submittal Conference Meetings:** The Planning Division provides an opportunity for design teams to meet with Development & Sustainability Department staff and discuss conceptual land development projects prior to formal submittal to the regulatory processes. Pre-Submittal Conference Meetings are required for those projects that require regulatory approvals from the Planning & Zoning, Design Review Board and/or City Council.

112.2.1 Projects that are required to participate in the Pre-Submittal Conferences shall schedule an appointment with the Planning Division staff by completing an application, paying the required fee and providing all required documents.

112.3 **Technical Review:** The Development & Sustainability Department offers a service to provide a technical review of the construction documents for commercial, industrial or multi-family land development projects during early plan stages of plan development. The intent is to identify those critical aspects of the proposed project which if not addressed properly in the final construction documents could lead to delays during the plan review, approval and permitting processes. The design team is strongly encouraged to participate in this optional service.

112.3.1 Projects eligible for Technical Review who desire this assistance should make application to the Planning Division.

Section 113 - Processes & Procedures

113.1 The following sections pertain to the various customer services, regulatory processes and procedures that the Development & Sustainability Department provides for the land development process.

113.2 **Plan Review Services:** The City of Mesa offers a consolidated construction document review for proposed private land development projects, pursuant to applications for permits. The scope of each project is analyzed to determine the type of reviews necessary. Any or all of the following review groups can be involved in the code compliance review of land development projects:

113.2.1 Building Code Review Staff: Staff in this group review the project for conformance with the adopted family of Building Codes.

113.2.2 Fire Code Review Staff: Staff in this group review the project for conformance with the adopted Fire Code.

113.2.3 Planning and Zoning Review Staff: Staff in this group review the project for conformance with the City's Zoning Ordinance and stipulations of Council and/or Council advisory boards and committees.

113.2.4 Development Engineering Civil Plan Review Staff: Staff in this group review the project for conformance with the Subdivision and Off-Site Improvement Ordinances as well as for compliance with various City standards, details and regulations. They also verify compliance with stipulations of Council and/or Council advisory boards and committees.

113.3 The Development & Sustainability Department offers various types of plan reviews for private land development projects, as further detailed in the following subsections.

113.4 **Over-the-Counter Plan Reviews ("Counter"):** "Over the Counter" plan reviews are offered, as a courtesy, when minor corrections (both as to scope and number) are needed to bring construction documents into code compliance. This service is subject to available resources. For projects with multiple reviewers, all of the plan reviewers must also agree to do an "over the counter" review for it to occur. Civil engineers should be aware that due to processing issues, right-of-way permits will not be available immediately upon completion of a Counter Plan Review.

113.5 **Normal Plan Review ("Normal"):** For normal plan reviews, the developer (or a representative) submits the required number of construction document sets to the Development & Sustainability Department for review by the appropriate disciplines. Proposed projects are classified by type of development: Commercial/Industrial/Retail; Miscellaneous; Mobile Home, Manufactured Home, Recreational Vehicle; Multi-Family Residential and Single Family Residential. Performance Standards have been established for each type of project as well as the type of submittal: New or First, Second or Third.

113.6 **Expedited Plan Review ("Expedited"):** Expedited plan reviews are essentially the same as the "Normal Plan Review", except that the review turnaround time is quicker and a review fee premium applies.

113.7 **Phased Plan Review ("Phased"):** This type of review involves the separation of the construction documents into separate component-based review packages, which enables the development to begin construction and final inspection of each component/phase independently. As with the "Expedited Plan Review" this requires the payment of additional fees for all submittals. The engineer should not confuse phased plan reviews with construction phasing of the public works infrastructure.

113.8 Outsourced Plan Review (“Outsourced”): In order to provide consistent customer service for plan review, the City of Mesa has established contracts with non-City organizations to provide plan review services.

113.9 Additional information regarding the City’s plan review services can be found at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/devsustain/>.

Section 114 - Construction Document Submittals

114.1 Construction documents may be submitted with a permit application after the Pre-submittal Conference(s) (if required) have been completed and the received comments or direction have been addressed and incorporated into the construction documents.

114.2 All construction documents for proposed private land development projects are required to be submitted to the permits section of the Development & Sustainability Department office.

114.3 The City of Mesa requires that the construction documents for private land development projects shall be a complete package including all supporting documents and/or reports. The submittals for projects that include architectural amenities such as ramadas, entry features, etc. shall include the plans for said additional amenities/features as part of the submittal, to be submitted with the civil improvement plans as one complete package.

Section 115 - Scalloped Street Assessments

115.1 As authorized by Arizona State Statutes, the City has the authority to place liens against unimproved properties for street improvements constructed by the City along the frontage of the unimproved property. Scalloped street assessments are generally established for a ten-year period and are in force until expiration or payment is made. Any liens established by the City as part of a scalloped street assessment shall be paid prior to the issuance of building permits to improve the scalloped property.

Section 116 - Development Agreements

116.1 As authorized by Arizona State Statutes, the City utilizes Development Agreements to formalize agreements between the City and the developers of private land. The remainder of this section discusses typical Development Agreements that could be applicable to a specific project.

116.2 **City Share Financial Participation:** City Share Financial Participation Agreements authorize the City to reimburse the developer for those costs associated with installing regional public works infrastructure in conjunction with the private land development project. Refer to the following webpage for additional information: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/devsustain/DevelopmentPlanning.aspx>. These are typically of one of the following two types:

116.2.1 **“Normal” City Share Agreements:** Normal City Share Agreements are for those projects for which the financial participation of the City of Mesa is less than \$112,000.

116.2.2 **“Developer Bid” City Share Agreements:** These agreements are for those projects for which the City’s participation will exceed \$112,000. For these projects, the construction documents have to be developed to public bidding standards. The City of Mesa will administer

the bidding process, will hold a public bid opening and will identify the apparent low bidder, with whom the developer must enter into a contract with in order to receive public monies.

116.5 Development agreements for “City Share” projects require the developer and the engineer to provide the following documents:

116.5.1 A formal letter requesting that the City of Mesa participate in the costs associated with the regional aspects of the public works infrastructure.

116.5.2 A sealed engineer’s estimate for all public works improvements. The developer and the engineer shall make every effort to assure the accuracy of the estimate since the City is limited to making payments that are no more than ten percent (10%) greater than the estimate for any single line item subject to actual costs.

116.5.3 An exhibit and/or stationing showing the extent and/or locations of eligible public works improvements.

116.6 **In-Lieu Payments:** In-lieu payments involve agreements between the developer and the City that require the developer to make a payment to the City prior to the issuance of the permits for the private development. When payment in-lieu of construction of required public improvements is approved for single-family residential projects, the payment amount per foot is applied as established by the City Engineer.

Section 117 - Construction Document Compliance

117.1 City approval of construction documents (having “compliant construction documents”) does not constitute approval of, nor permit to violate any provisions of the M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications and Details, as amended by the City of Mesa, or any other code requirements.

117.2 **Notification of Compliant Engineering Plans:** The Development & Sustainability Department issues a “Notification of Compliant Engineering Plans” to the applicant for the civil portion of the construction documents when compliance with all requirements of the regulatory processes, City policies and standards have been reviewed.

117.3 The Notification identifies the right-of-way permits required to be issued and other conditions that must be met by the project.

117.4 If a right-of-way permit has not been secured within 180 days after the date of Notification of Compliant Engineering Plans, or if there is a halt in construction of more than 90 days, approval will become void and plans shall be updated and submitted for additional review.

Section 118 - Reproducibles Submittal

118.1 When the public works infrastructure portion of the construction documents have been deemed compliant, reproducibles of the design sheets for the public works infrastructure (including civil, streetlight, traffic signal, landscape and irrigation) shall be provided to the City at no cost to the City. An overall sheet numbering scheme is required and must be shown on the reproducibles.

118.2 Reproducibles shall not have clouding, delta's, etc. that indicate revisions to the plans.

118.3 The reproducibles become the City's record set of improvement plans for the proposed project.

118.4 Reproducibles shall be minimum three mil mylar, 24" x 36", black line, and image on front. The City of Mesa reserves the right to reject unacceptable reproducibles.

118.5 Reproducibles submitted to the City of Mesa shall become the property of the City and are non-returnable to the registrant(s) or to the developer.

Section 119 - Land Development Permits

119.1 Permits for private land development projects can be separated into two classifications as indicated below.

119.2 Construction Permits (Building Permits): Said permits are for the construction of private buildings, facilities or structures on private property, including grubbing and grading activities.

119.3 Right-of Way Permits: Said permits are for the construction of public works infrastructure, whether on-site or off-site.

119.3.1 Right-of-way permits are required for the construction of public works infrastructure that will be City owned, operated and maintained, whether located within dedicated public rights-of-way, public utility and facilities easements (PUFE's), public utility easements (PUE's) or on public property.

119.3.2 Right-Of-way permits are required for the construction of non-City owned, operated and maintained improvements within or across dedicated rights-of-way, PUFE's, PUE's , or public property.

119.3.3 Right-of-way permits are only issued to contractors with appropriate licensing as determined and issued by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors and with adequate insurance as evidenced by execution of City of Mesa's current Certificate of Insurance form.

119.4 Permits for private land development projects are available from the Permit Services section of the Development & Sustainability Department.

119.5 The City of Mesa requires that all permits from other jurisdictional agencies be secured and copies provided to the City prior to the issuance of City of Mesa right-of-way permits.

Section 120 - Addenda

120.1 Should significant revisions to the construction documents occur after the initial approval and the issuance of right-of-way permits but prior to construction acceptance, the consultant and/or contractor shall review the necessary changes with the City's construction inspector. The construction inspector shall determine whether a formal plan review is necessary.

120.2. When a formal plan review is required, the engineer shall identify the revisions by utilizing clouds, balloons & delta numbers.

120.3 The addendum shall be submitted to the Permits Section of the Development & Sustainability Department where it may undergo screening for completeness. The applicant shall pay the required addenda deposit fee at the time of submittal.

120.4 Upon approval of the addenda, the applicant shall be notified of the approval and the conditions associated with the approval, such as the submittal of revised mylars for each of the affected sheets.

120.5 Upon receipt of the revised mylars, permit fees affected by the addenda will be recalculated and the fees must be paid prior to construction proceeding on the improvements affected by the addenda.

Section 121 - Project Construction

121.1 Construction Certification - Public: The City of Mesa requires private land development projects to certify the construction of all public improvements within dedicated City rights-of-way, easements and public property (including retention/detention areas that will be Mesa owned and maintained after the warranty period). An Arizona registrant shall certify that the construction of all required improvements was completed in accordance with the approved plans or, where field modifications were made, revisions are documented by record drawings.

121.1.1 Field revisions (i.e. “record drawings”) can be made in the field with the approval of the Engineering Department construction inspector. Significant revisions may require an addendum to the approved plans, which must be submitted for plan review.

121.1.2 Record drawing revisions are to be noted and sealed by an Arizona registrant on a copy of the approved plans and provided to the Engineering construction inspector who will verify and submit the information to Engineering Records.

121.1.3 Public improvement certifications shall be made in the form of a Construction Certification Letter, sealed by an Arizona registrant, and provided to the Engineering construction inspector. See the example shown in Figure 1.1.

121.5 Construction Certification - Private: The City of Mesa requires private land development projects to certify the construction of the following listed facilities:

- Private drainage facilities (underground and surface retention/detention, conveyances, bleed-off lines, valves, drywells, etc.)
- Fire lanes
- Fire lines
- Solid waste facilities (trash enclosures and barrel pads)
- Water, sewer, gas and storm drain manholes, frames, covers, valves, etc.

121.5.1 An Arizona registrant shall certify that the construction of the improvements was completed in accordance with the approved plans, or where field modifications were made, revisions are documented by as-built records that are sealed by an Arizona registrant.

121.5.2 Private improvement certifications shall be made on a Construction Certification Letter, sealed by an Arizona registrant, and provided to the City's building inspector. See the example shown in Figure 1.2.

Section 122 - Records

122.1 The City has substantial data regarding its existing public works infrastructure. This data is composed of utility quarter section maps, civil engineering record drawings, as well as service (tap) locations. This information is available to the development community and the general public and is accessible via a formal request. A "Document Retrieval Request Form" must be completed to obtain copies of records maintained by the City. Requestor's will be contacted when the records are available for pickup. The City will provide these record drawings for informational purposes only. The City makes no claims or representations about the accuracy of the information and assumes no liability resulting from its use. Those relying on the City's record drawing information are responsible for making field verifications of its accuracy before applying it for any purpose.

122.2 Additional information regarding the document retrieval process and request form is available at: <http://www.mesaaz.org/devsustain/Forms.aspx>.

Figure 1.1 – Construction Certification Letter – Public Improvements

Date: **[Insert Date]**

City of Mesa
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466
Attn: Office of the City Engineer

Subject:**[Insert Project Name and Project Address]**

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that the public improvements **[Description of the Improvements Installed]** have been installed at location(s) and elevation(s) and of materials and sizes as shown on the compliant plans or as modified and identified on record drawings as provided by **[Identify Firm Name]**.

Where publicly owned and maintained storm water retention facilities have been provided, capacities are as follows:

Retention Volume Required: **[Insert Required Volume]**

Retention Volume Provided: **[Insert Provided Volume]**

Affirmed as noted by the affixed seal & signature to right:

Registrant's Name: **[Insert Full Name]**

Title:**[Insert Position Title]**

Firm Name: **[Identify Firm Name]**



Figure 1.2 – Construction Certification Letter – Private Improvements

Date: **[Insert Date]**

City of Mesa
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466
Attn: Development & Sustainability Department – Building Inspections Office

Subject:**[Insert Project Name and Project Address]**

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that the private site improvements including drainage (underground and surface retention/detention, conveyances, bleed-off pipes, valves, drywells, etc.), fire lanes, fire lines, solid water improvements (e.g., trash enclosures and barrel pads) and **[Description of the Other Improvements Installed]** have been installed at location(s) and elevation(s) and of materials and sizes as shown on the compliant plans or as modified and identified on record drawings as provided by **[Identify Firm Name]**. I hereby certify that all water, sewer, gas and storm drain manholes, frames, covers, valves, etc. are properly adjusted to grade, clean and operational.

Where privately owned and maintained storm water retention facilities have been provided, capacities are as follows:

Retention Volume Required: **[Insert Required Volume]**

Retention Volume Provided: **[Insert Provided Volume]**

Affirmed as noted by the affixed seal & signature to right:

Registrant's Name: **[Insert Full Name]**

Title: **[Insert Position Title]**

Firm Name: **[Identify Firm Name]**



Chapter 2 - Public Street Improvements

Presents the minimum design criteria regarding the preparation of construction documents for public street improvements within the jurisdiction of the City of Mesa.

The purpose of this chapter is to present the standards to be used in preparing construction plans for private land development and city projects that involve public street improvements.

Section 201 - General Information

201.1 The transportation system in the City of Mesa is comprised of a street system that includes both public and private streets of different classifications. The following standards are applicable to the improvement of the public street system both within and adjoining proposed private land development.

Section 202 - Mesa Transportation Plan

202.1 The City of Mesa has adopted the “Mesa 2025 Transportation Plan” which is a long-range transportation plan that addresses a wide variety of local and regional transportation issues.

202.2 The Mesa 2025 Transportation Plan can be used to determine basic roadway requirements. References to figures included in the Transportation Plan are included in the text below.

202.3 Number of Lanes – The number of lanes is shown on Figure 4-9: Recommended Street Plan, accessible at the following link:

http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Mesa_Transportation_Plan.PDF

202.4 Locations of Raised Median Islands –The map showing proposed raised median locations is accessible at the following link:

http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Engineering/engr_medianmap.pdf

202.5 Type of Street (Arterial, Collector, etc.) – The classification of street to be constructed is shown on Figure 4-12: Function Classifications, accessible at the following link.

http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Mesa_Transportation_Plan.PDF

202.6 Locations of Existing and Future Transit Routes – These are shown on Figures 5-1 and 5-6: Existing and Long Term Transit Service, accessible at the following link.
http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Mesa_Transportation_Plan.PDF

202.7 Existing and Future Bike Paths – These are shown on Figure 6-2: Future Bicycle Facilities, accessible at the following link:
http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Mesa_Transportation_Plan.PDF

Section 203 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

203.1 The land developer and/or the design professional should be aware of and become familiar with the various regulations that pertain to land development within the City of Mesa and its utility service area as listed and discussed in this section.

203.2 City Code Title 9, Public Ways & Property, contains several chapters that provide requirements regarding the development of the public street transportation system in association with private land development.

203.3 Subdivision Regulations: Chapter 6 of City Code Title 9 pertains to land subdivision projects and provides the regulations regarding the development of the public street system within the project and/or along frontages adjoining the proposed project.

203.4 Off-Site Improvement Regulations: Chapter 8 of City Code Title 9 provides the regulations regarding the development of the public street system within the project and/or along the frontages adjoining the proposed project for property that does not require the division of land.

203.5 Zoning Ordinance: Title 11 of the City Code contains the Zoning Regulations pertaining to the development of property within the City. Of specific interest to land development is the information regarding future width of arterial streets as discussed in Chapter 13 - Supplementary Provisions.

203.6 Primary Vehicular Access Alley Regulations: Chapter 5 of City Code Title 9 provides requirements for multi-residential, commercial or industrial properties involving a public alley in which the alley will be used for the primary point of access to the development. For example, a commercial office development in which the required parking is adjacent to the alley would require the improvement of the alley in accordance with this chapter of the City code.

Section 204 - Standards, Specifications and Guidelines

204.1 Development Impact Summary: Public street widths shall be as specified in “Development Impact Summary” statements provided to those projects that are subject to regulatory processes or have participated in the “Technical Plan Review” service. Street widths may also be identified during the Subdivision Technical Review or plan review processes.

204.2 Public Street Access Guidelines: The Transportation Department has published a guideline for the design of driveways on public streets for private land development projects that addresses the location, design, alignment, number and spacing of access points. The “Public Street Access

Guidelines” are available at

http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Engineering/engr_driveway_guidelines.pdf

204.3 Trench Backfill & Pavement Replacement: The contractor is responsible for backfilling and replacing pavement in all public street excavations per the City of Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4 and the “Policy Statement for Street Trench Backfilling and Pavement Replacement”, revised September 29, 1999. The Policy Statement is available online at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/PoliciesandForms.aspx>.

204.4 Signage & Paving Marking Manual: Signing and pavement marking plans are required for any development that modifies existing pavement or builds new pavement. In most cases, the City of Mesa will design and install the required pavement marking. City of Mesa requirements can be found in the “Signing and Pavement Marking Design Procedures Manual”, which is available at http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/sign_pavement_mark_manual.pdf.

Section 205 - Public Street Pavement

205.1 Typical Street Section: Normal standards are specified on Mesa Standard Details M-19.1, 19.2, and 19.3.

205.2 Street Slopes: In order to assure positive drainage of the public street system, Mesa has established the following street slope standards:

205.3 Cross-Slope: A raised crown with a constant cross slope of 0.02 (2.0%) is required on all public streets, unless otherwise approved, and except as required at arterial or collector street intersections.

205.3.1 Within six hundred and thirty feet (630') of an arterial or collector street intersection, the cross-slope shall transition from 0.02 (2.0%) to 0.015 (1.5%).

205.4 Longitudinal Slope: The desirable street and gutter slope for public streets is 0.004 ft/ft (0.40%). “Minimum” street or gutter slope is 0.002 ft/ft (0.20%).

205.4.1 Projects that have any area with less than 0.15% gutter slope, by special approval, shall provide construction staking on the actual gutter alignment (not offset) at a spacing not to exceed 25-feet and shall have the grades checked by a City of Mesa Engineering construction inspector immediately preceding the concrete pour.

205.4.2 Grade breaks and grade changes shall be clearly noted and stationed in the profile view.

205.4.3 Grade change through an arterial/arterial street intersection shall not exceed 1.0%.

205.4.4 A detailed staking diagram shall be required for all arterial/arterial street intersections, showing the proposed grades in a grid pattern. The spacing of said grid shall be 10' by 10' unless otherwise approved.

205.5 Pavement Section: The pavement section for public streets shall be as specified in the most current edition of Mesa's Standard Details M-19.1, M-19.2, and M-19.3. Call out the standard detail on the improvement plans.

205.5.1 Milling depth shall be a minimum of three times the diameter of the nominal rock in the new asphalt mix. For example, an A-3/4 mix has 3/4" rock and needs a 2 1/4" minimum mill depth.

205.6 Vertical Curves: Roadways with a grade break or grade change of greater than 1.0% shall be required to design and construct a vertical curve along said section of roadway. Vertical curves shall be designed, at a minimum, per the most current AASHTO guidelines.

205.7 Superelevation: Although the superelevation of roadways is discouraged, unusual circumstances may require the use of superelevation. The City's Engineering and Transportation Departments must approve the use and design of super elevated roadways. The maximum cross slope for super elevated roads shall be four percent (4%). Provide a cross section every 100' or as needed to show drainage, including significant grade changes.

205.8 Temporary Turn-arounds: A temporary turn-around shall be constructed at the end of a dead-end street that is planned to continue in a future construction phase or development. The turning radius shall be a minimum of forty two feet (42') if the dead end is less than 400' long and 50' if the dead end is longer than 400', per City Code 9-6-3(c). For the portion of the temporary turn-around that is located between the future lips of gutter, the pavement section for the temporary turn-around shall be per Mesa Standard Detail M-19.1. The remaining width of the temporary turn-around shall be constructed of asphaltic pavement over A.B.C. fill, with depths as dictated by the City of Mesa Fire Department. The perimeter of the temporary turn-around shall be constructed with a thickened edge per M.A.G. Standard Detail 201 Type "A".

205.9 Stamped Concrete, Stamped Asphalt and Pavers: If a development installs decorative pavement (i.e., stamped concrete, stamped asphalt or pavers) within the public right-of-way, the materials shall be approved by the City of Mesa Transportation Department and maintained by the development. If decorative pavement is used for a crosswalk, ADA requirements shall be met. If pavement markings are required, such as for a crosswalk, a smooth section shall be installed so markings can be applied on the smooth section. A development agreement may be required.

Section 206 - Half-Street Improvements

206.1 The minimum width for half-street improvements shall be twenty-four feet (24'), measured from the face of curb to the edge of the asphaltic pavement.

206.2 Half-street improvements should be built according to Figure 2.1 and Mesa Standard Detail M-19.2. A forty (40') or thirty-four (34') foot street with 20' and 17' half-streets respectively can have the remaining 4' and 7' carried over the crown. A 46' street with a 23' half-street can have the remaining foot carried over the crown.

206.3 When the opposite side of a 46-foot street develops, a pavement cut will occur at the center (23 feet from the existing curb line) of the street to achieve a clean edge against which the other half of the street paving can be joined.

206.4 Half-street improvements terminating at the roadway monument or centerline shall be constructed with a thickened edge per M.A.G. Standard Detail 201 Type "A".

Section 207 - Street Widening

207.1 Projects widening existing pavement are required to provide the necessary design to install and achieve a straight raised crown per Mesa Standard Detail M-19.1.

207.2 Projects widening existing pavement are required to sawcut and remove a two-foot (2') minimum section of the existing pavement continuous along the edge of the existing pavement.

207.3 Projects that are required to widen existing pavement shall provide on the profile view as a minimum, existing centerline and existing edge of pavement grades at one hundred foot (100') intervals.

207.4 When existing paving has been installed without surface course, the developing project shall install surface course to the centerline. The surface course shall be tapered beyond the centerline to provide a smooth transition. The Engineer shall assess the amount of tapering required to make a smooth transition to the existing pavement.

207.5 The Engineer will be required to investigate existing pavement for composition, structural capacity and stability. If after the Engineer's investigation, the City determines the existing pavement section is below current standards, the engineer shall call out a sawcut at the construction centerline and replacement of the existing pavement with new pavement per City standards.

Section 208 - Turn Lanes

208.1 Right turn lanes for major arterial intersections shall be designed according to the M-46 series of the Mesa Standard Details. Figure 2.2 shall be used in the case when a site driveway and deceleration lane for that driveway occurs within the intersection right turn lane. Figure 2.2 shows two general cases that may occur:

208.2 **Case "A"**: A standard deceleration lane before the taper for the intersection. This should be designed per Figure 2.2. The lane is parallel to the travel lanes.

208.3 **Case "B"**: A deceleration lane within the taper for the intersection. The geometry for the lane is also per Figure 2.2. The storage lane is built parallel to the tapered outside edge for the intersection. The most important aspect of this scenario is to maintain the proper travel lane widths throughout the taper. Note that the median flares from section A to B and, therefore, the lanes must follow this alignment.

208.4 A driveway may be located within the right-turn storage portion of the intersection. The driveway must not be located closer than one hundred feet (100') from the cross street. A deceleration lane may not be developed within this space.

208.5 Some arterial to arterial intersections may not include a dedicated right-turn lane. The City of Mesa Transportation Department will determine when a right-turn lane will be eliminated from the intersection design. A right-turn lane may be eliminated when the approach includes a wider median with a pedestrian refuge. The right-turn lane may also be eliminated when the added pedestrian crossing time negatively impacts signal timing, or if available approach width is physically constrained.

Section 209 - Pavement Tapers

209.1 Projects are required to provide sufficient pavement tapers at all necessary locations (such as the beginning or end of a project) to properly guide traffic.

209.2 The pavement section for tapers shall be per C.O.M. Standard Detail M-19.1.

209.3 Pavement tapers shall be constructed with a thickened edge per M.A.G. Standard Detail 201.

209.4 Taper Length Formulas: Taper lengths for merging traffic (lane drop) situations are calculated by the following formulas:

When the design speed is 40 mph or Less:

$$TL = \frac{W * S^2}{60}$$

When the design speed is 45 mph or greater:

$$TL = W*S$$

TL = Taper Length in Feet
 S = Design Speed in Miles per Hour.
 The design speed is five (5) mph over the speed limit
 W = Width in feet of the offset between the edge of the travel lane and the edge of the lane after the taper

209.5 Taper length for non-merging (lane introduction) traffic situation (such as where pavement widens with traffic) is normally fifty feet (50') minimum. However, there may be some instances when more than fifty-feet (50') of taper may be required. The requirement for a longer taper will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the City.

209.6 The Engineer shall investigate the existing conditions and if determined to be substandard the project shall sawcut and remove any existing pavement tapers when extending or installing new pavement improvements.

Section 210 - Curb and Gutter

210.1 Vertical Curbing: Vertical curb and gutter is required in all residential, commercial or industrial subdivisions except Suburban Ranch Residential Subdivisions and except where roll type curb is permitted as discussed below. The vertical height of the curb shall be six-inch (6") on streets unless otherwise approved to match existing (such as what exists within the downtown area). Installation shall be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 220, Type "A". Vertical curbs shall be 6" at all medians and edge of roads with landscaping, equipment or vertical structures.

210.2 Roll Curbing: Roll curb per M.A.G. Standard Detail 220 Type "C" or "D" is allowed on local streets as long as street drainage can be contained between the curbing. Roll type curbing shall not exceed four inches (4") in height.

210.3 Ribbon Curbing: Suburban Ranch Residential Subdivisions with public streets require the use of two-foot (2') wide ribbon curb at all locations except intersection returns. Installation of the ribbon curb is to be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 220, Type "B". Four inch (4") vertical curb and gutter is required at all street intersections within the Suburban Ranch Development Installation of the four inch (4") vertical curb and gutter is to be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 220, Type "A". Transition from vertical curb and gutter to ribbon curb shall be with a curb termination. Installation of the curb termination is to be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 222, Type "A".

210.4 Curb Returns: All curb returns shall be constructed with vertical curb. The minimum curb return radius shall be as specified in Table 2.1. When streets of different classification intersect, the smaller curb return radius will be used as shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 – Curb Returns and Ramp Types per Intersection		
Intersection Type	Corner Radius (to FC)	Ramp Type
Local Street Intersecting a Local, Collector or Arterial	20.5'	A – COM Detail M-44.2
Collector Street Intersecting a Collector or Arterial	20.5'	C – COM Detail M-44.4
Major Collector Street Intersecting a Major Collector or Arterial	25.5'	C – COM Detail M-44.4
4-Lane Arterial Intersecting a 4-Lane Arterial (M-46.1&2)	25.5'	C – COM Detail M-44.4
4-Lane Arterial Intersecting a 6-Lane Arterial	25.5'	B – COM Detail M-44.3
6-Lane Arterial Intersecting a 6-Lane Arterial (M-46.3&4)	30.5'	B – COM Detail M-44.3

210.5 Curb returns shall have a minimum drop of a tenth of a foot (.10') around the return. Maximum drops shall not exceed 2% at the sidewalk ramp.

210.6 Height Transitions: Transitions in curb height shall occur within the curbing at an intersection between curb returns or between the wings of a driveway (from six inches (6") to four inches (4") for example).

210.7 Curb Removal & Replacement: If existing curb and gutter must be removed and replaced, the existing asphalt pavement must be sawcut and removed to a minimum width of two feet (2') from the lip of the new gutter. Replacement of asphalt pavement shall be per Mesa Standard Detail M-19.1.

210.8 Valley Gutters: Valley gutter and aprons are to be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 240. Valley gutters are to have a minimum drop across the intersection of two tenths of a foot (.20'). Valley gutters and aprons shall be constructed with Class "A" concrete. Valley gutters shall be four feet (6') in width.

210.9 Transverse (crossing) valley gutters are prohibited from being used within the City. If a transverse valley gutter is proposed, it must be approved by the Engineering and Transportation Departments.

210.10 Landscaping: Trees shall be a minimum of 7' from the back of curb.

Section 211 - Sight Distance

211.1 Adequate sight distance shall be provided at all intersections and driveways, and to all stop signs.

211.2 Intersection and Driveway Sight Distance

211.2.1 Intersection sight distance required varies according to the traffic speed and road width of the through road. A designer may determine the intersection sight distance triangles from their own calculations as long as they are based on the latest edition of the Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (AASHTO) and submitted with the plans.

211.2.2 Intersection sight distance triangles for the most common street conditions are shown on Figure 2.3. Alternate cases, as well as supporting documentation for these values can be found at the Transportation Department web site, <http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/engineerguide.aspx>. Please note that Figure 2.3 is to be used for straight portions of roadway only. For curved portions of roadway, the designer must calculate the intersection sight distance triangles based on the latest edition of the Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (AASHTO), or contact the City of Mesa Transportation Department For Assistance.

211.2.3 Visibility must also be provided for traffic control devices, such as STOP signs at intersections. Sight distance required for STOP sign visibility is shown on Figure 2.4.

211.2.4 There shall be no fence, wall, shrubbery, sign, or any other obstruction to vision between a height of three feet (3') and eight feet (8') above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets within the intersection sight distance triangle.

211.2.5 There should not be interference with the line of sight of a driver to an object, such as the overgrowth of a plant that is placed on the edge of the intersection sight distance triangle.

211.2.6 The designer must consider that other vehicles such as opposing left-turn vehicles in a median can block sight distance, and the design must account for this possibility. This is particularly evident along curves.

211.3 Stop Sign Sight Distance

211.3.1 STOP signs shall be fully visible to approaching traffic from a distance no less than the stopping sight distance. Stopping sight distance varies according to traffic speed. Stopping sight distance triangles for approaches controlled by stop signs are shown on figure 2.4.

211.3.2 There shall be no fence, wall, shrubbery, sign, or any other obstruction to vision between a height of two and one-half feet (2.5') and ten feet (10') above the sidewalk grade within the stopping sight distance triangle approaching a STOP sign.

211.3.3 There should not be interference with the line of sight of a driver to the stop sign, such as the overgrowth of a plant that is on the edge of the stopping sight distance triangle.

Section 212 - Raised Medians

212.1 Raised median islands shall be installed in accordance with the adopted City of Mesa 2025 Transportation Plan. Additional median information can be found in the “Public Street Access Guidelines” at http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Engineering/engr_driveway_guidelines.pdf.

212.2 Median Curbs: Median curb shall be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 222, Type “A”. In certain situations, the City may require curb and gutter to be constructed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 220, Type “A”.

212.3 Median Widths: Median widths shall be as specified by the Transportation Department. Standard widths are sixteen feet (16') from face of curb to face of curb on full width medians and four feet (4') from face of curb to face of curb within a left turn traffic storage area. Median widths at arterial intersections shall vary in width as noted in the M-46 series of Mesa Standard Details.

212.4 Standard left turn lanes within a median shall have one hundred and fifty (150') of storage and one hundred feet (100') of reverse curve. Left turn lanes within a median at an arterial intersection shall have two hundred and fifty feet (250') of storage and one hundred and twenty feet (120') of reverse curve.

212.5 Termination: Medians shall terminate in a bull nose per M.A.G. Standard Detail 223. Medians shall terminate at a point perpendicular to the curb return adjacent to the median's bullnose, or as directed by the City.

212.6 Median Openings: Raised medians on major streets are provided to reduce conflicts and improve traffic flow. Careful consideration should be given to requests for median cuts to insure that the purpose of the median is not compromised. Median spacing requirements are in the City of Mesa Public Street Access Guidelines at http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Engineering/engr_driveway_guidelines.pdf. Figure 2.5 shows a general layout of median access per City of Mesa Guidelines.

212.7 Intersection Approach Median with Pedestrian Refuge

212.7.1 All new or reconstructed arterial to arterial intersections will include a raised median with a pedestrian refuge space per Mesa Detail M-46.1. A raised median will be installed at the approach even if the mesa median island map does not include a median for that road.

212.7.2 This application of a raised median at the approach is not required at locations where it is not feasible due to previous improvements, or as determined by the City of Mesa Transportation Department.

212.8 Landscaping: Landscaping within a median along an arterial street typically will be maintained by the City of Mesa. Landscaping within a median on a non-arterial street shall be in a private tract and maintained by a homeowners or property owner's association.

Section 213 - Traffic Signals

213.1 Traffic signal design and installation should be coordinated with the City of Mesa Transportation Department. Traffic signals must be designed per the Mesa Traffic Signal Design Manual, which can be found online at

<http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/TTS/TSM10-09.pdf>.

213.2 The location and spacing of traffic signals in the City of Mesa is critical in order to maintain optimum vehicle progression along a street. Therefore, proposed traffic signal locations must adhere to the spacing as shown in Figure 2.5 along streets within the typical square mile grid network. In unique roadway alignments, traffic signal spacing must be determined by a progression analysis for that specific location. Figure 2.5 also includes the median break location guidelines since many times median breaks and traffic signal locations are related.

Section 214 - Traffic Calming

214.1 Ideally, a well-designed community should not require traffic calming devices. Traffic calming devices can vary depending on the specific application. Therefore, if a design calls for a traffic-calming element, please contact the Transportation Department for suggestions and guidance on acceptable configurations. Traffic calming devices can be implemented as parts of new communities or retrofitted into existing neighborhoods. The Transportation Department must approve the use of traffic calming devices within City right of way.

214.2 Landscape or hardscape found back of curb within traffic calming devices such as “FOOTBALLS” and “BASEBALLS” within the City right of way shall be dedicated as tracts on the Plat or Map of Dedication. Maintenance of the materials within the traffic calming islands shall be the responsibility of the homeowners’ or property owners’ association, unless otherwise noted.

Section 215 - Public Alleys

215.1 Projects that have an alley system within or contiguous to the project which will be used as a primary means of access are required to be twenty four feet (24') wide and paved. Paving shall be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 202.

215.2 Projects that have an alley system within, or contiguous to the project, which will not be used as a primary means of access, are required to surface the alley with a minimum of four inches (4") of aggregate base course (A.B.C.). Residential alleys are to be sixteen feet (16') wide. Commercial alleys are to be twenty-four feet (24') wide. Surfacing is to be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 202.

Section 216 - Pedestrian Facilities

216.1 **Sidewalks:** Public streets constructed to City of Mesa standards are required to have sidewalks installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 230.

216.2 Arterial and Major Collector street classifications shall comply with Mesa Standard Detail M-43 in addition to M.A.G. Standard Detail 230 except as otherwise approved by the City.

216.3 Sidewalk Widths: Local street classification requires four-foot (4') wide sidewalk attached to the back of the curbing. Sidewalks on local streets may be wider and detached, and may require additional right-of-way or easement from the development.

216.3.1 Arterial and Collector street classifications require six-foot (6') wide detached sidewalk except as noted below.

216.3.2 Sidewalk on Main Street and Country Club Drive (Arizona Avenue, south of Baseline Road) shall be six foot (6') wide with two foot (2') square score marks. Construction of the score marks shall be per M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications (U.S.S.) Section 340.

216.3.3 Sidewalks on bridges are required to be eight feet (8') in width.

216.4 Transitions: Sidewalk width transitions from six foot (6') to five foot (5'), five (5') to four foot (4'), or six foot (6') to four (4') shall occur either in the curb return area or across a driveway.

216.5 Sidewalk transitions between offset alignments shall be accomplished with a 3:1 taper as shown on Mesa Detail M-44.2. This offset typically occurs between detached sidewalks and corner ramps.

216.6 Location: Sidewalks along arterial and collector streets shall be detached and linear at a distance as noted per City of Mesa Standard Detail M-43 or as specified by the City. Trees shall be a minimum of 7' from sidewalks. Shrubs shall be a minimum of 3' from sidewalks.

216.7 Grade: Provide elevations for detached sidewalks where the face of sidewalk grade does not match back of curb grade. The maximum slope shall be 6:1 between sidewalk and curb and sidewalk and row line per M-19.1.

216.8 Sidewalk Ramps: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) sidewalk ramps are required at all public street intersections per Mesa M-44 series Standard Details.

216.9 Existing Curb Installations: The installation of a sidewalk ramp in an existing curb shall be made by a horizontal saw-cut of the curb. If the existing curb and gutter is cracked or has deteriorated, complete removal and replacement of the curb and gutter is required, the existing asphalt pavement shall be removed and replaced as noted in the section on curb and gutter above. Vertical sawcutting of the gutter is not permitted.

216.10 Tee Intersections: Sidewalk ramps per M.A.G. Standard Detail 233 shall be installed on the perpendicular side of the street at the tee intersections and shall be aligned with one of the curb returns on the opposite side of the street.

216.11 Knuckle Intersections: One MAG Detail 233 ramp shall be installed across from another at or near the ends of the outside returns. This ramp requirement applies to all knuckle (elbow) intersections with 115 degrees or less on the inside turn.

216.12 Existing Intersections: Projects are required to install the necessary ramp(s) in order to comply with ADA requirements when they adjoin or include an existing public street intersection

in which sidewalk ramp(s) are not existing or non-compliant. Ramps from the Mesa Standard Details M-44 series shall be used unless existing conditions include physical constraints or limited right-of-way. In these cases, a ramp will need to be modified to fit the existing conditions. ADA allows some flexibility for retrofit conditions, but basic parameters such as ramp slope, width and cross-slope must be met. The Mesa Transportation Department can help determine curb ramp modification options if necessary.

216.13 Shared Use Paths: Shared Use Paths should generally be firm, stable and slip resistant. The path should have a minimum width of 12 feet for two-way travel, or 6 feet for one-way travel. There should be a minimum 2' graded area adjacent to both sides of the trail and a minimum separation of 5 feet from a roadway. Maintain a minimum vertical clearance of 8 feet and keep free of protruding objects. If there are horse users on the path, vertical clearance must be 10 feet. If edge protection is used it must be a minimum 42 inches high.

216.14 Maximum longitudinal grade shall be 5% unless otherwise approved by the City. However, if topography warrants portions of trail with steeper grades, the following guidelines should be used:

- 216.14.1 8.3% for 200 feet maximum
- 216.14.2 10% for 30 feet maximum
- 216.14.3 12.5% for 10 feet maximum.

216.15 No more than 30% of the total grade of a Shared Use Path should exceed 8.3%. Rest intervals with a maximum slope of 5% in all directions are required between maximum grade segments. Cross slope for a Shared Use Path should be 2% maximum.

Section 217 – Transit Facilities

217.1 Bus Facilities: A bus pullout and shelter for public transit should be designed per City of Mesa Standard Details M-45.1 through M-45.7.

217.2 A school bus drop off lane shall be designed similarly without a shelter. Additionally, if a fence will be installed adjacent to the drop-off lane, it shall be placed in a three-foot (3') gap in the sidewalk, by providing a five-foot (5') sidewalk along the curb, a three-foot (3') gap, then another five-foot (5') sidewalk on the school side of the fence. Any traffic signs or streetlights can be placed in the 3' gap. If the gap is not within a right-of-way, a PUFÉ shall be extended to the school sidewalk in order to install and maintain these facilities. The school will maintain the school sidewalk and fence. Sidewalk connections can be made between the two sidewalks through access openings in the fence. See Figure 2.6.

217.3 In either case, if the bus pullout does not fall within the right-of-way, then new right-of-way shall be required that includes the paved portion of the bus-bay and the sidewalk unless otherwise approved by the City.

217.4 Other Transit Facilities: The City of Mesa has a variety of transit facilities including bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail transit (LRT), district circulators and park and ride centers. If any of these facilities are impacted by a project, it is recommended to contact the City of Mesa Transit Department to determine design requirements.

Section 218 – Intersection Design

218.1 The Mesa Standard Detail M-46 series provides guidance for arterial to arterial intersection design. However, throughout the City there are many combinations of street types and a variety of conditions. Therefore, the design of these “non-standard” intersections can be approached in a step-by-step manner that results in an intersection that not only provides adequate operations for traffic, but also creates a friendlier environment for pedestrians. The steps are outlined below and draw on other sections within this manual.

218.2 **Step One, Face of Curb and Right-Of-Way:** The classification, number of lanes and median type of a street can generally be found in the Mesa Transportation Plan as discussed in Section 202. Street information not found in the Plan can be determined by the Mesa Transportation Department. Street cross-sections and right-of-way requirements can be found on Mesa Standard Detail M-19.1 and the M-46 series for arterial streets. Again, unique street section information can be determined by the Mesa Transportation Department.

218.3 **Step Two, Sidewalk Alignment and Width:** As described in Section 216.3, sidewalks are either four feet (4') wide on local streets, or six feet (6') wide on arterial and collector streets. Sidewalks on local streets are attached to the curb while sidewalks on arterial and collector streets are detached per Mesa Standard Detail M-43. In some cases there may be physical constraints or right-of-way limitations. The goal should be to maintain as much detachment as possible in order to create a comfortable pedestrian environment. In general, if a detachment of three feet (3') or greater cannot be established, then the sidewalk should be attached in order to allow proper space for signs and streetlights behind the sidewalk. In some instances when a sidewalk must be attached to the curb, an attempt can be made to widen the sidewalk to seven or eight feet (7' or 8') in order to compensate for the lack of detachment.

218.4 **Step Three, Curb Returns:** As described in Section 210.4 the curb returns of an intersection will be built with a radius as shown on Table 2.1. This radius is dependent on the types of intersecting streets as shown on Table 2.1.

218.5 **Step Four, Corner Sidewalk Ramps:** There are three types of corner sidewalk ramps as found in the Mesa Standard Details M-44 series. The use of each specific ramp is dependent on the items in the previous steps: intersecting street types, curb return radius and sidewalk alignment. Table 2.1 provides guidance on the use of each ramp.

218.5.1 The goal of the ramp-sidewalk interface is to provide the most direct path of travel from the sidewalk, across the ramp and across the intersection. Therefore it is preferred to keep a sidewalk detached and aligned to the top landing of a ramp as found in the Mesa Standard Detail M-44.3 Type B ramp, rather than using a Mesa Standard Detail M-44.2 Type A ramp where the detached sidewalk must be brought back to the face of curb in order to attach to the ramp. If a detached sidewalk must be brought back to the face of curb, or tapered for any reason, the taper must be 3:1 maximum. Ideally all intersections that consist of a four-lane arterial or collector street will use a Mesa Standard Detail M-44.3 Type C ramp. The Type C ramp allows the pedestrian to travel directly from the sidewalk to the crosswalk in a straight path parallel to the street.

218.6 Step Five, Medians: Section 212 describes the general requirements and applications of raised medians within the City of Mesa. This section describes the criteria of where a raised median with a pedestrian refuge will be used. The median in this arrangement will come up to the crosswalk with the crosswalk area making up the refuge space. A small nose of the median will extend past the crosswalk. Therefore, the alignment of the sidewalk, ramp and crosswalk must be coordinated with the median to develop the proper refuge area. This is shown in a typical application on Mesa Standard Detail M-46.1, M-46.3 and M-46.5.

218.7 Other Elements to Consider

218.7.1 As described throughout these guidelines, the Americans with Disabilities Act Access Guidelines (ADAAG) must be met at all times. The City of Mesa Standard Details meet ADAAG requirements. However, if a unique condition requires modifications to the Standards, the Mesa Transportation Department can provide recommendations. Additionally, the Access Board can be contacted directly for guidance at <http://www.access-board.gov/>.

218.7.2 Traffic signals, streetlights and other utilities must share the corner space on street intersections. In most cases standard utility design can work within the typical intersection arrangement. However, there may be instances where utilities conflict with typical sidewalk or ramp locations. In these cases, the Mesa Transportation Department can provide assistance with the intersection layout.

218.7.3 Finally, as described in Section 211 sight distance requirements shall always be met at all street intersections.

Section 219 - Public Street Access

219.1 Driveways: All driveways within public rights-of-way shall be designed and installed per the following:

219.2 Residential Lots: Residential lots where the sidewalk is adjoining the vertical curb, the driveway shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-40.1.

219.2.1 Residential lots where the sidewalk is detached from the vertical curb, the driveway shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-40.2.

219.2.2 Projects in which the residential driveway exists and meets all other current standards with the exception of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) shall retrofit the existing driveway per Mesa Standard Detail M-40.3.

219.3 Commercial Properties: Commercial driveways shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-42. Commercial driveways shall be constructed with Class "A" concrete.

219.3.1 The Mesa Standard Detail M-42 may be modified upon approval for use as an exit for emergency vehicles only.

219.3.2 Emergency exit driveways may be located closer than ten feet (10') from the intersecting property line.

219.3.3 The width of emergency exit driveways may be reduced to twenty feet (20').

219.4 Private curb that terminates at the back of a sidewalk of an M-42 driveway shall be per MAG-222.

219.5 **Curb Return Style Entrances:** Curb return entrances intended to serve as vehicular entrances into private property are prohibited on public streets constructed to City of Mesa standards.

219.6 **Existing Curb Installations:** The installation of a driveway in an existing curb may be made by horizontal sawcut of the curb. Horizontal sawcutting shall not be permitted if the existing curb and gutter is cracked or has deteriorated. If the existing curb and gutter are determined to be damaged by the Engineering Construction Inspector then complete removal and replacement of the curb and gutter will be required. The existing asphalt pavement shall be removed and replaced as noted in the section on Curb and Gutter above. Vertical sawcutting of the gutter is not permitted.

219.7 **Locations Delineated:** Driveway locations shall be delineated on the improvement plans and installed as part of the original curb and sidewalk construction. Additional information on driveway locations can be found in the "Public Street Access Guidelines" at http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Engineering/engr_driveway_guidelines.pdf.

219.8 **Deceleration Lanes:** Deceleration lanes are required at some driveways. Criteria on when and where deceleration lanes are required can be found in the Public Street Access Guidelines at http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation/pdf/Engineering/engr_driveway_guidelines.pdf.

Section 220 - Public Street Infrastructure Appurtenances

220.1 **Survey Monuments:** Survey monuments are required at all public street intersections, section corners, quarter corners, points of curvature and points of intersections.

220.1.1 Survey monuments at all public street intersections, section corners, and quarter corners shall be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 120-1, Type "A".

220.1.2 Survey monuments at Quarter/quarter corners, points of curvature and points of intersection in a "dogleg" shall be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 120-1, Type "B", unless they are also public street intersections, in which case Type "A" shall be required. If the survey monument lies within the curb, gutter or sidewalk, a monument will be required to be installed within the pavement at the points of curvature.

220.1.3 Projects that are not within the incorporated limits of the City of Mesa, but are required to develop to the City's Standards, shall install survey monuments per the above guidelines.

220.2 **Delineators and Barricades:** Delineators are required to guide traffic at all necessary locations (such as pavement tapers). Installation shall be per Mesa Standard Detail M-61. Minimum

spacing between delineators is the same as the speed limit (in Miles Per Hour) for the roadway up to a maximum spacing of seventy-five feet (75').

220.2.1 Temporary Dead-end streets are required to be barricaded with advanced warning signs. Traffic barricades are to be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 130, Type "A".

220.2.2 A barricade per M.A.G. Standard Detail 130, Type "A" is required to be installed at the back of a temporary turn-around.

220.3 **Public Street Signs:** Projects are required to install street signposts for all adjoining or abutting public streets per Mesa Standard Details M-22.3 and M-39.

220.4 **Private Street Signs:** Projects that are developing with a private street system may install street signs. Private Street Signs shall conform to Mesa Standard Detail M-21.1 or M-21.2. The developer is responsible for all costs to acquire and install the private street name signs.

220.5 **Conduits, Sleeves or Carrier Pipes:** Projects that have parkway landscaping with irrigation lines under public streets shall install conduit sleeves for the irrigation line(s) prior to the paving improvements. Refer to the Landscape and Irrigation Standards booklet for further requirements concerning parkway landscaping.

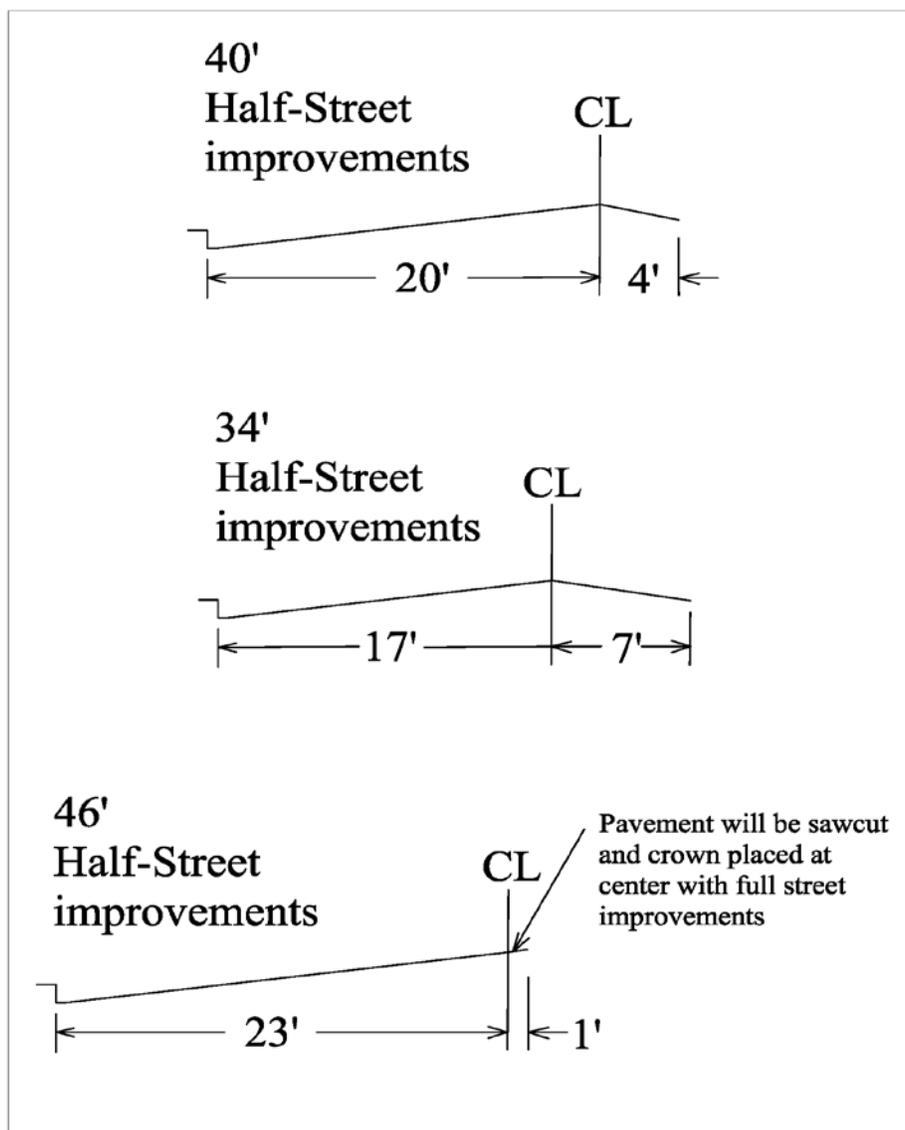


Figure 2.1 – Half Street Improvements

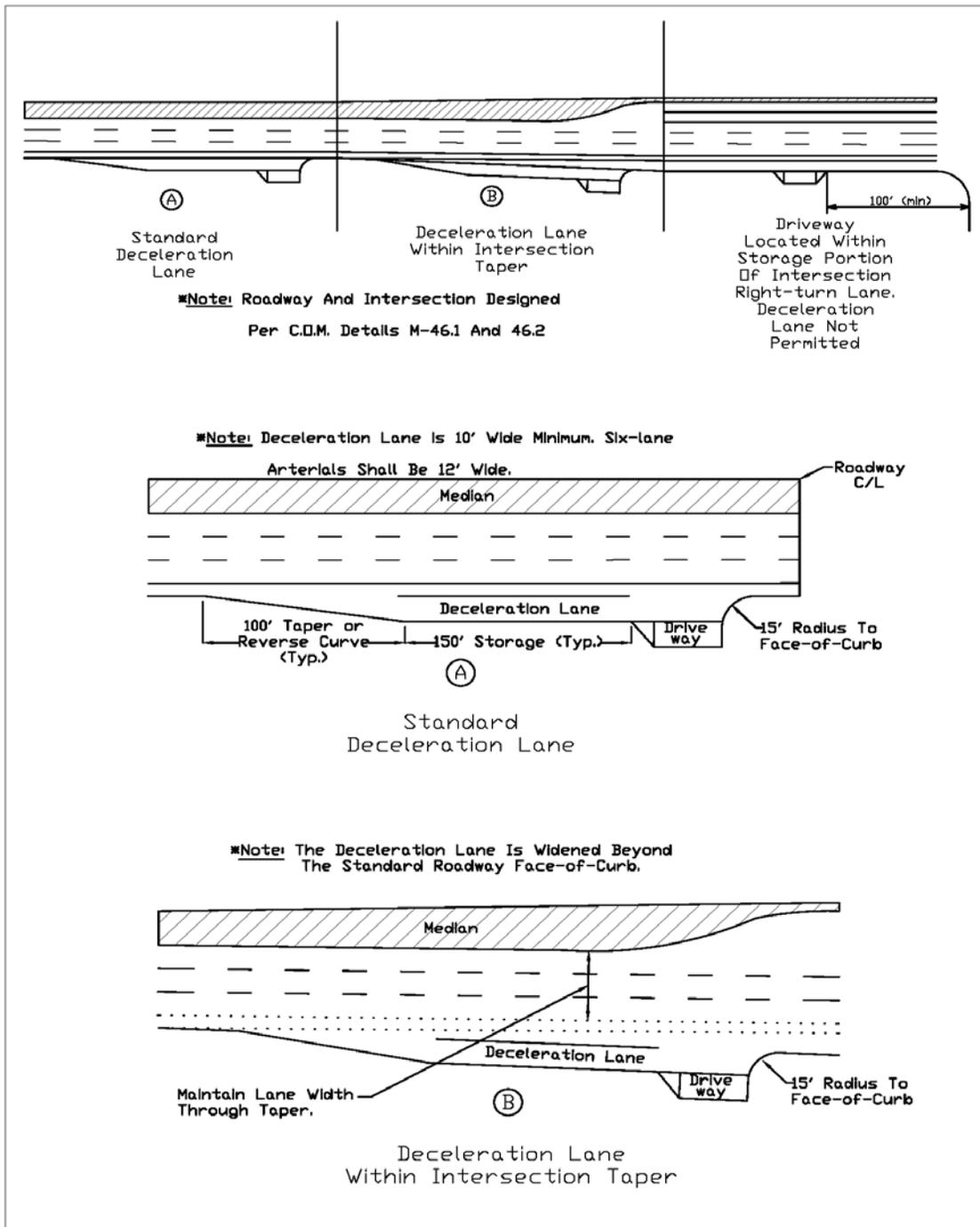
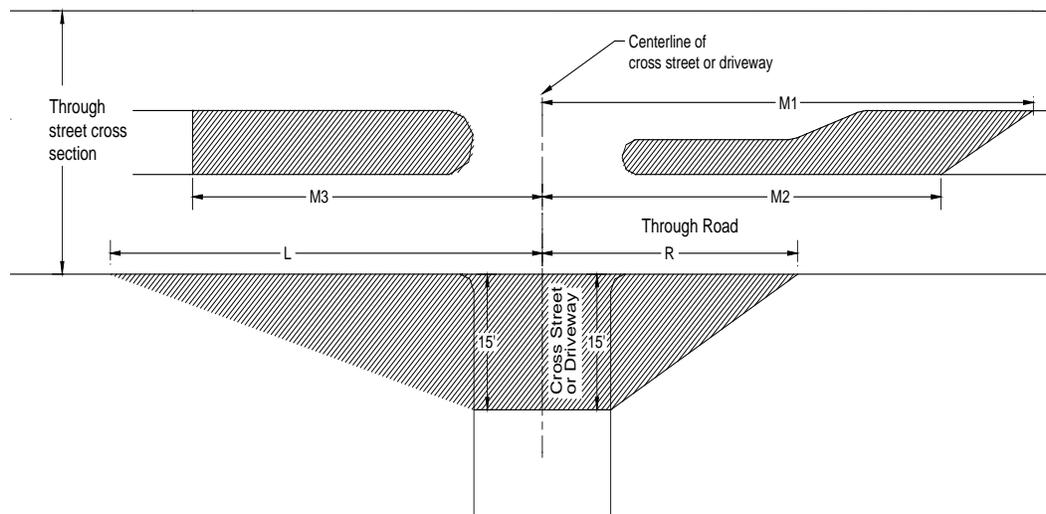


Figure 2.2 – Deceleration Lane Treatments



LU = lanes undivided (i.e., road without a raised center median) LD = lanes divided (i.e., road with raised center median)

Speed Limit of Through Road	Cross-Section of Through Road	L (feet)	R (feet)	M1 (feet)	M2 (feet)	M3 (feet)
25	2LU (34')	245	135	-	-	-
	2LU (40')	190	125	-	-	-
35	2 LU (40')	250	165	-	-	-
	3 LU (46' & 48')	270	145	-	-	-
40	5 LU (68')	315	145	-	-	-
	4 LD (72')	325	140	515	380	255
	7 LU (88')	345	130	-	-	-
	6 LD (94')	340	120	555	430	275
45	5 LU (68')	350	160	-	-	-
	4 LD (72')	355	145	575	420	280
	7 LU (88')	385	145	-	-	-
	6 LD (94')	375	135	615	475	305

Values of “L”, “R”, “M1” and “M2” are based on 2001 AASHTO Intersection Sight Distance Guidelines for Case B1 – Left Turn Maneuver From STOP, Level Grade, Passenger Car.

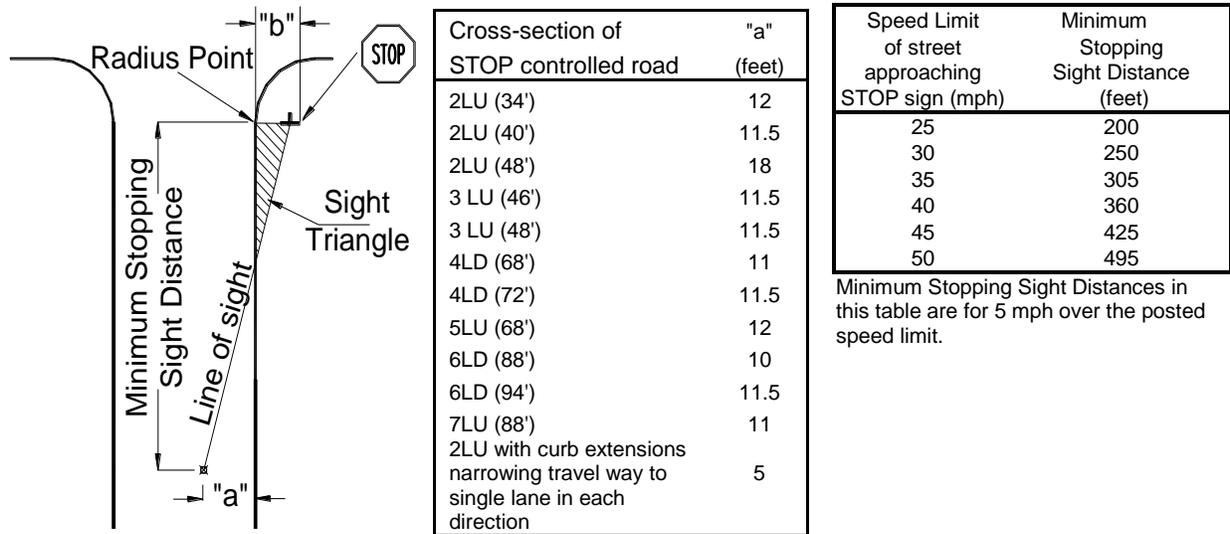
Values of “M3” are based on 2001 AASHTO Intersection Sight Distance Guidelines for Case F – Left Turns From Major Road Level Grade, Passenger Car.

Values reflect a driver’s eye position 15 ft. back from face of through road curb, and on the centerline of the approach/cross-street. Values for “M3” are for a left turning through road driver’s eye position at the centerline of the cross-street and 5.5 feet off of the through road median.

Values in the table are based on sight distances calculated for 5 mph over the posted speed limit.

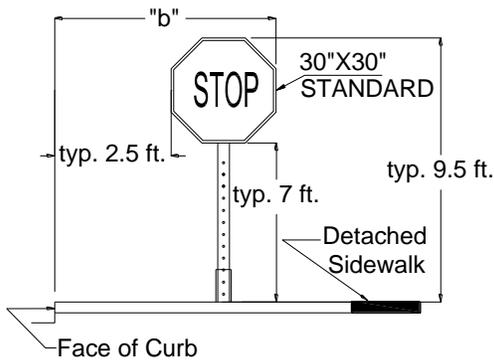
Figure 2.3 – Simplified Design Guidelines for Sight Triangles

Sight Distance Triangle Approaching STOP Signs:



STOP Sign Locations for Attached and Detached (or Absent) Sidewalks:

STOP sign location when sidewalk is detached or absent
"b" = 5 feet typical



STOP sign location when sidewalk is attached
"b" = 8 feet typical

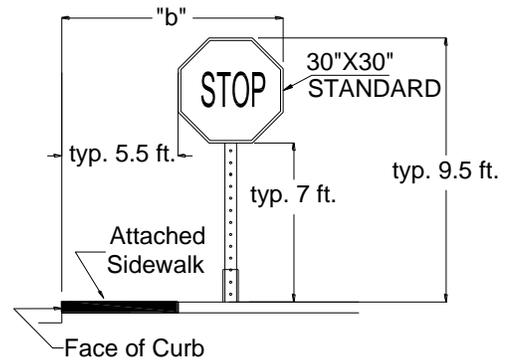
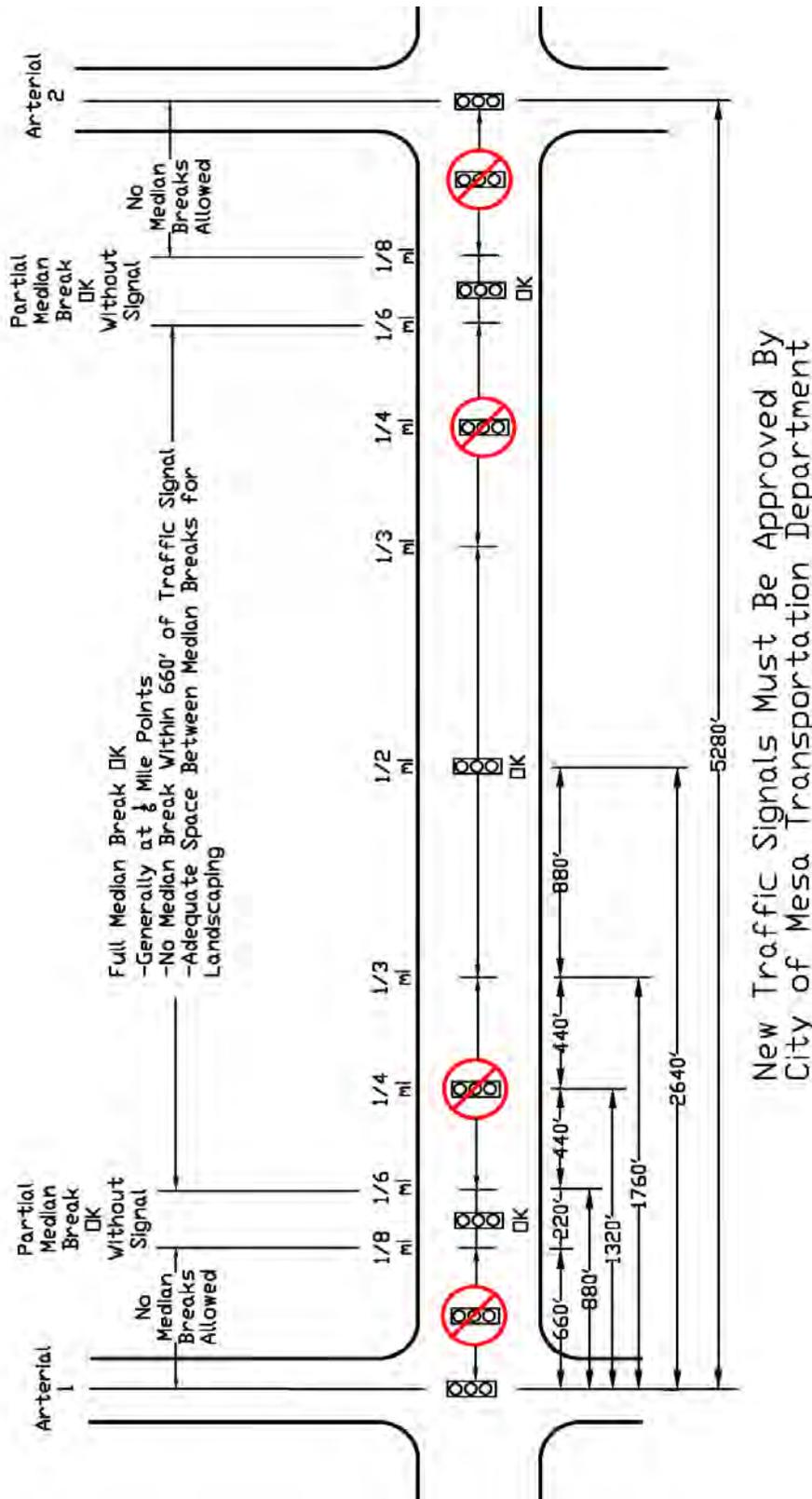


Figure 2.4 – Sight Distance Requirements for Stop Signs



New Traffic Signals Must Be Approved By
City of Mesa Transportation Department

Figure 2.5 - Traffic Signal and Median Spacing

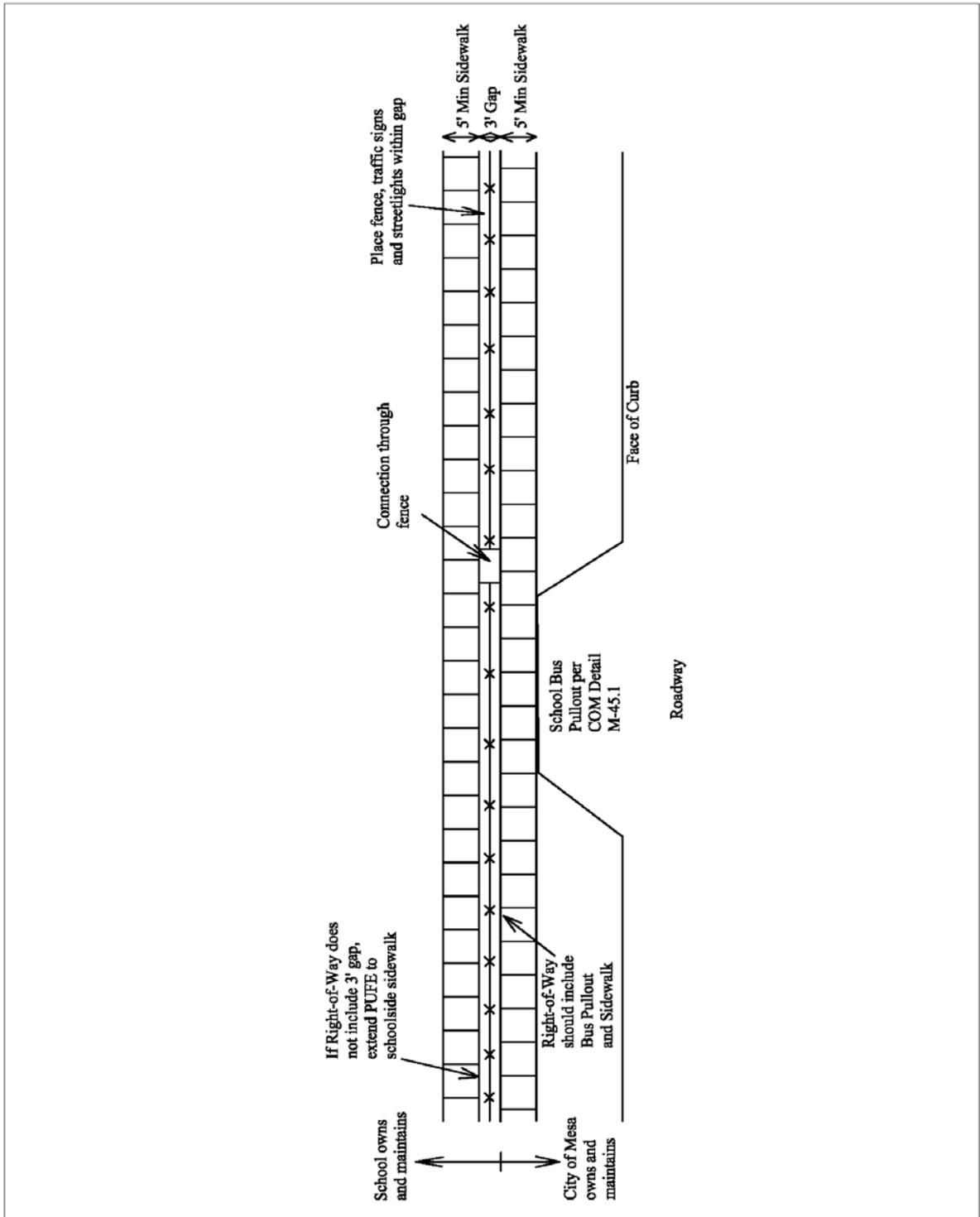


Figure 2.6 – School Bus Pullout

Chapter 3 - Public Utilities - Water

Provides minimum design criteria and guidance regarding the preparation of construction documents for public water system facilities as an extension to the City of Mesa public utility system.

The purpose of this chapter is to present to design professionals the standards to be used in preparing construction documents for private land development and city project that involves the City's public water utility system. The intent of this chapter is to provide general guidance to the design professional and City staff during the plan document preparation and plan review process.

Section 301 - General Information

301.1 The City of Mesa owns and operates a public water utility system, which provides potable water to the City of Mesa. The Arizona Water Company, a private utility company has been issued a certificate to serve a small area within the City of Mesa planning area (see Figure 3.1 – Water System Planning Area). In addition, the Town of Queen Creek has a small water service area within the City of Mesa Planning area.

301.2 Figure 3.1 shows the limit of the City of Mesa Water Planning Area. The majority of the City's water system is within the corporate boundaries of Mesa but some components of the system are located within the jurisdictions of the Town of Gilbert and Maricopa County.

301.3 Mesa's water system has been developed through a combination of Capital Improvement Projects (DIP) and private land developments, which include subdivision or lot development as well as public utility main extensions.

301.4 The City of Mesa Water Resources Department is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the public water utility system. Questions regarding the operations of the public water system should be directed to the office of the Assistant Water Resources Department Director at (480) 644-4444.

Section 302 - Water Master Plan

302.1 The City of Mesa currently uses the 2010 Water Master Plan report prepared by Black & Veatch Corporation.

302.2 The current Water System Master Plan and associated exhibits can be reviewed at the Utility Department offices at 640 N. Mesa Drive.

Section 303 - Availability of City of Mesa Water

303.1 Questions pertaining to the availability of public water service from Mesa should be directed to Development Planning Section of the Development & Sustainability Department PO Box 1466 Mesa AZ 85211-1466; (480) 644-3254.

303.2 Questions regarding system expansion or extension requirements to serve proposed new projects shall be directed to the Development Planning Section of the Development & Sustainability Department; PO Box 1466 Mesa AZ 85211-1466; (480) 644-3254.

Section 304 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

304.1 The design professional should be aware of and become familiar with the following aspects of the various regulations that pertain to land development within the City of Mesa and its utility service areas.

Section 305 - City Code

305.1 Title 9, Public Ways & Property contains information regarding the development of the public water system in association with private land development. Chapter 6 of Title 9 pertains to land division projects, while Chapter 8 deals with individual lot or parcel development (non-land division) projects.

305.2 An electronic version of the City Code can be referred to on the City of Mesa website at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/clerk/>

Section 306 - City Ordinances

306.1 City ordinances stipulate the extension of public water mains across all public street frontages of the proposed project in order to facilitate the future extension of the public water system to serve other undeveloped frontages or other needs.

306.2 The Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities Ordinance provides for and requires that in order to receive utility service from the City of Mesa, that all lands to receive utility service are developed in accordance with applicable regulations, standards and requirements.

306.3 An electronic version of the terms and conditions for the sale of utilities ordinance is located at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/custserv/pdf/Termsandconditions.pdf>

Section 307 - City Policy

307.1 City policy stipulates that the developer of a project is responsible for any main line extensions necessary for the proposed project in accordance with the adopted Water System Master Plan in order to receive water service.

307.2 Policy also requires public water mains be extended to serve adjacent parcels which may also require the dedication of public rights-of-way or easements to serve the adjacent parcels.

307.3 Utility crossings of public streets are to be avoided. Open trenching (pavement cut) of public streets are not allowed for pavement less than five (5) years old. When the designer deems a utility must

cross a public street, the designer shall provide an engineering evaluation that explains why alternatives to the crossing cannot be avoided.

Section 308 - Maricopa County Department of Environmental Services (MCESD)

308.1 The developer and associated design professionals are expected to be aware of and comply with the regulations of MCESD. See <http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/WaterWaste/Subdivisions/ProjectApprovals.aspx>.

308.2 Maricopa County publishes the “Maricopa County Health Code”, portions of which regulate the construction of public water systems.

308.3 When stipulated by the Maricopa County Health Code for projects installing public water systems, provide a copy of the MCESD issued “Approval to Construct” Certificate.

308.4 Each approval to construct certificate shall then be followed up with an “Approval of Construction” Certificate that closes out the project after the system is completed. The developer is responsible to receive both approvals from the MCESD prior to the City’s acceptance of the water system.

308.5 The City of Mesa’s Public Water Supply number is 04-07-095.

Section 309 - Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

309.1 In 1978, ADEQ published Engineering Bulletin No. 10; Guidelines for The Construction of Water Systems when it was part of the Arizona Department of Health Services. This edition of Bulletin No. 10 is still in effect and the City of Mesa requirements meet or exceed the standards established by Bulletin No. 10, Chapter VII, Distribution Systems.

Section 310 - Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)

310.1 The ADWR regulates all groundwater wells within the State of Arizona as required by the Arizona Groundwater Management Code. Prior to drilling and installing pumping equipment, a “Notice of Intent” and an “Application for a Drilling Permit” must be obtained from and filed with ADWR.

310.2 The City of Mesa will complete the ADWR process & procedures for the public water infrastructure. Please note that the City of Mesa requires notification of all land development projects that are proposing to install a private well for water supply. **ADWR prohibits the drilling of an exempt well on land if any part of the land is within 100 feet of the City of Mesa’s water distribution system (see ARS §45-454).**

Section 311 - Public Water Supply & Distribution System Design

311.1 The following is the criteria for designing public water supply and distribution systems in the City of Mesa and its utility service area.

311.2 **Water Demand Design Flows:** Projected water demands shall be based on the unit flows shown in Table 3.1. Additional water demands associated with manufacturing processes, food processing or food services, central plants, large water features or other specific uses not listed below must be accounted for and included with the design analysis. Water demand calculations shall include the number and type of residential and non-residential units and square footages for non-residential buildings. Fire flow demands shall be provided separately, in addition to the unit flows below.

Table 3.1 - Average Day Water Demands By Land Use*		
Residential	Value	Units
< 2 Dwelling Units (DU)/ac	490	gpd/unit
2 – 2.9 DU/ac	470	gpd/unit
3 – 7.9 DU/ac	250	gpd/unit
8 – 22 DU/ac	230	gpd/unit
High Density Condominium	185	gpd/unit
Non-Residential	Value	Units
Hotel/Motel	100	gpd/room
Resort Hotel	350	gpd/room
Restaurant	1.3	gpd/sq.ft.
Commercial/Retail	0.8	gpd/sq.ft.
Commercial High Rise	0.6	gpd/sq.ft.
Office	0.6	gpd/sq.ft.
Institutional	3000	gpd/acre
Industrial	1500	gpd/acre
Research and Development	1500	gpd/acre
Turf Irrigation	4400	gpd/acre

*Values shown include inside and outside water use.

311.3 **Peaking Factors:** Hydraulic calculations shall demonstrate that the planned water system provides sufficient capacity for both Peak Hour flows and Max Day demands plus fire flows. Peaking factors are as follows*:

$$\text{Max Day} = 2.0 \times \text{Ave. Day Demand}$$

$$\text{Peak Hour} = 3.0 \times \text{Ave. Day Demand}$$

**Peaking factors shall be increased as required for restaurants or other high-demand water uses.*

Section 312 - Design Analysis

312.1 Projects within the City that impact the City's existing water system will require a basis of design report to establish the projected water demands, available system capacity and proposed hydraulics of the planned water system. Basis of Design Reports (BDR) may also be required to demonstrate conformance of individual phases of development with the accepted master plan for that development. At a minimum, BDR's shall include the following:

- Summary of the planned development, including land use information
- Design parameters
- Existing conditions
- Projected Water Demands
- Required fire hydrant flows in accordance with COM Fire Department and Fire Code requirements
- Proposed conditions, including planned waterline extensions and/or looping
- Supporting exhibits, maps and modeling output as applicable

312.2 A hydraulic analysis is required for developments with multiple services, multiple fire lines, or as requested by the Water Resources Department. Requirements for hydraulic analyses satisfy the following requirements:

312.2.1 Projected water demands shall be based upon the unit demands listed in Table 3.2.

312.2.2 Use H2ONET, WATERCAD, or EPANET or similar software for any computer modeling of water flows and pressures.

312.2.3 Analyze the water system for average day, maximum day, peak hour and maximum day with fire demand.

312.2.4 Minimum acceptable design pressures are 40 psi under Peak Hour demands and 20 psi during Max Day + Fire Flow demands.

312.2.5 Include input and output reports showing pipes and nodes with IDs, demand, pressure, elevation, hydraulic grades, length, pipe status (open/closed), diameter, velocity, and pipe head loss/1000 feet. Fire flow reports shall include critical junction nodes.

312.2.6 Include diagrams clearly showing all water pipe and node references.

312.2.7 In general, a Hazen-Williams C-coefficient of 130 shall be used for analyzing pressure head losses in water distribution mains.

312.2.8 The hydraulic model shall be calibrated using fire hydrant flow test results per the section below titled "Fire Hydrant Flow Tests". Certified hydrant flow test results shall be included with the design report.

312.3 Project Specific Master Plan: A project-specific Water Master Plan will be required for phased developments, projects involving significant extensions of the public water system, or as directed by the Water Resources Department. Water master plans shall include system hydraulic models calibrated using a hydrant flow test per the section below or as directed by the City. The hydraulic model shall establish a skeletal water system and demonstrate adequate water design pressures (40 psi minimum under Peak Hour demands) and mainline hydrant flows (20 psi minimum during Max Day demand plus fire flows) for all phases of development.

312.4 The registrant is required to calculate the water demand of the proposed project. The resulting Basis of Design or Master Plan report shall be sealed and signed by the registrant and submitted to Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning along with a reduced copy of the appropriate civil engineering design plans for the proposed public water distribution system.

312.5 Fire Hydrant Flow Tests: When required, fire hydrant flow tests shall be performed near the planned point of water system connection at the project site. The test shall be performed by a private, certified testing company. Tests shall be performed on weekdays between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and shall obtain a minimum residual pressure drop of 5 p.s.i. for accuracy purposes. A permit must be obtained from the City of Mesa Development Services Department prior to the test and a City Construction Inspector must witness and sign off on the hydrant test. The Development Services Department shall be notified a minimum of 48 hours before performing the flow test. Test results shall be submitted for review and acceptance along with the final plan submittal.

Section 313 - Water Service Agreement

313.1 Developments are required to file a "Water Service Agreement" document with the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department. This document is initiated by the developer's engineer, submitted to the Civil Plan Reviewer and executed by the Water Resources Department. This agreement will not be executed until the appropriate design analysis and water improvement Basis of Design report has been received and approved by the Water Resources Department. Questions regarding the water service agreement form should be directed to the MCESD.

Section 314 - Other Water Service Providers

314.1 Arizona Water Company: The Arizona Water Company, a private utility provider, has been issued a certificate by the State of Arizona to serve a small area of the City of Mesa. Projects within this area are required to coordinate with the Arizona Water Company regarding the design of public water systems. The general limits for the Arizona Water Company are shown on Figure 3.1

314.2 Town of Queen Creek: The Town of Queen Creek provides water service to a small area within the City of Mesa limits. The general limits for this area are shown on Figure 3.1. Projects within this area are required to coordinate with the Town of Queen Creek regarding the design of public water systems.

314.3 Private Water Company Identification: Land development projects involving certificated private water providers shall clearly indicate on the construction documents (i.e., civil engineering improvement plans) the ownership of the proposed private water system.

314.4 Billing Arrangements for Other City Services: Land developments projects in which the water service will be provided by a certificated private utility shall establish a special billing arrangement with the City of Mesa Customer Service Division in order to receive public sewer service from the City of Mesa.

314.5 City of Mesa - Fire Plan Review: Projects with water service provided by a certificated private utility are subject to plan review for compliance with the City of Mesa's requirements for fire protection systems.

Section 315 - Design Standards, Specifications & Guidelines

315.1 The City of Mesa public water system is a looped system that is grid-based and has been divided into multiple service zones and reduced-pressure areas. Locations where adjacent existing water mains provide water to different service zones are generally shown and identified in the City of Mesa Water Utility Quarter Section maps.

The City of Mesa currently utilizes the November 2010 Potable Water Master Plan Update prepared by Black & Veatch Engineers.

315.2 The City's supply and distribution mains currently include the following components:

- **Transmission Mains**, which are larger than sixteen inches (16") in diameter;
- **Distribution Mains**, which are four inches (4") to sixteen inches (16") in diameter, and
- **Services**, which are lines connecting the distribution main to the regulating meter.

315.3 See the Public Water Main Design Section 316 that follows for current sizing requirements for the public water system.

Section 316 - Public Water Main Design

316.1 **Design Considerations:** During design the Engineer shall take into consideration means to flush and test the new main. Minimum flushing velocity is two (2) feet per second (fps) and air relief methods are required. For smaller mains, fire hydrants may serve both purposes.

316.2 The Engineer shall plan for future extensions to the water main(s) appropriate placement of valves, stub-outs, etc. to prevent future loss of service.

316.3 Dead-end water mains are to supply no more than 25 water services. Developments containing 26 or more services require at least two different water supply sources. The Water Resources Department may require multiple water supply sources for non-residential developments with high domestic or fire flow demands.

316.4 For water easements not located within a paved roadway or other paved access way, an all-weather access road is required if pipelines, valves, fire hydrants, or other appurtenance requiring City access are located within the easement. The access road shall have a minimum width of 10 feet and shall be paved or constructed of minimum 6- inch thick stabilized decomposed granite. Each end of the access road shall connect to a public street or private access way or a turn-around easement conforming to City of Mesa requirements.

316.5 Waterline plan sheets shall be provided for all water mains and shall include the following minimum information:

- All streets, alleys and easements. Streets shall be identified by name and show monument line.
- Location of all above and underground utilities, structures, paving and other topographic features such as trees shall be shown. Utilities shall be identified by name, size and type. Pipe materials for existing water and sewer lines shall be indicated.
- Location of proposed waterlines, fittings and appurtenances such as fire hydrants, valves, meters, etc., shall be shown and identified by name, size and type.
- Location of all existing and proposed easements, utilities, fire hydrants and valves shall be referenced from the monument line.
- Location of all existing benchmarks shall be shown and identified by type.
- Location of all connections to existing waterlines with fittings clearly labeled and method of connection specified.
- Show bearings, curve information and stationing along the monument line.
- Meter service connection shall be either stationed along monument line or dimensioned from property line. Also, provide offset dimension from monument line.

- Waterlines to be abandoned shall be clearly identified using a different line type or other method to distinguish them from existing waterlines that will remain in service.

316.6 Waterline profiles shall be provided for all water mains with diameters equal to or greater than 12-inches. All waterline profiles shall include the following minimum information:

- Existing and proposed utilities in and adjacent to the construction area;
- Existing utilities that cross the proposed waterline. Utilities shall be identified by type, size, pipe material, location (station) and elevation;
- Existing and finished grades along the monument line or water main centerline;
- Show all appurtenances, including valves, vaults and fittings, identified by name, size, type, station and elevation;
- Show invert elevations and stationing at all grade breaks, and the grade (%) and length between grade breaks;
- Show joint restraint lengths with stationing;

316.7 Vertical Pipeline Alignment Considerations: Vertical alignments must be carefully considered in the design of transmission mains. Pipeline segments shall be set at a constant slope. A roller coaster type of vertical alignment shall be avoided to minimize air pocket formation at the high points of the profile. Design of the main shall provide for a minimum number of high and low points consistent with economic feasibility.

316.8 Wash Crossings: All wash crossings will be constructed using restrained joint ductile iron pipe. Bury requirements to place water lines under washes or channels shall be based upon the 100-year peak design discharge (Q100) in the channel or wash. The additional depth of bury shown below is in addition to the normal cover requirements.

100 year flow rate	Additional depth of cover
1 to 49 cfs	1 foot
50 to 99 cfs	2 feet
100 to 499 cfs	3 feet
More than 499 cfs	Scour depth based on scour analysis required

316.8.1 Scour depth shall be estimated using Arizona State Standard Attachment (SSA) 5-96, Guideline 2, Level I, as published by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. The engineer will estimate the depth of scour and design the top of pipe to conform to [Section 6-1.413](#). The engineer shall submit the scour analysis with the final plans.

316.8.2 All pipelines that must be located within the scour zone, or with less than the minimum required depth of bury as indicated above, may require additional protection against scouring at the discretion of the City. Water mains in easements at wash crossings

shall not locate appurtenances such as manholes, fire hydrants, or valves within the 100-year flood elevation of the wash.

316.9 Sizing: The City of Mesa has standardized the supply and distribution aspects of the public water system. Water mains shall be sized to limit flow velocities to approximately 5 ft/s during Peak Hour demands and 10 ft/s during Maximum Day demand plus fire flow.

316.9.1 Minimum size of a public water supply or distribution main is eight inches.

316.9.2 Six-inch diameter dead end lines are only permitted to fire hydrants and the six inch (6") lines cannot be tapped and cannot be over 100' long without fire flow calculations.

316.9.3 Eight-inch (8") water mains shall be installed on all public local streets.

316.9.4 Twelve-inch (12") water mains shall be installed on all mid-section street alignments unless otherwise directed.

316.9.5 Sixteen-inch (16") water mains shall be installed on all public arterial streets or section street alignments unless otherwise directed.

316.9.6 The preceding line size requirements shall apply unless the most current Water Master Plan requires a larger size.

316.10 Location: Public water mains are required to be located within dedicated public rights-of-way (ROW) or easements (PUFE, PUE). See Chapter 1, General Requirements concerning the dedication of ROW or easements.

316.10.1 Water mains may be required on both sides of the street along water zone boundaries and along some major arterial streets with heavy demands. If so required, this is the responsibility of the proposed development.

316.10.1 Water mains located within a pressure zone that is not the intended service zone shall be located beneath the street paving or the future street paving. Location or alignment shall be as designated by the City. Public water mains located outside of their intended pressure service zone shall clearly identify on the plan view of the construction plans the pressure zone the main has been designated to serve.

316.10.2 When water mains for different service zones are located in a parallel configuration, they shall be placed on opposite sides of the street and on the side of the street or right-of-way serving their respective zones where possible. Brass markers indicating valve numbers and pressure zones in accordance with City of Mesa requirements shall be installed at each valve.

316.11 Horizontal Location: Normal placement of the public water distribution mains, is one foot (1') behind sidewalks on the north or east side of local streets. Water main placement on arterial or collector streets shall be per Mesa Standard Detail M-43 and generally shall be on the north or east side of streets, however the location with regard to the sidewalk may vary depending on local conditions

316.11.1 Public water lines that are to be installed in public easements on private property are to be located under pavement. Generally, the water line shall be in the center of the public easement

and the easement centered in the private drive aisle(s). Installations under parking stalls, landscape areas, fences/walls, retention basins and overhangs shall be avoided unless an engineering evaluation of the necessity and feasibility is approved.

316.11.2 Water mains larger than 16" diameter, such as for transmission purposes shall be located under public street pavements.

316.11.3 There shall be a minimum of 5' of horizontal separation from base of tree trunk to outside of water main.

316.12 **Vertical Location:** All public water mains in arterial or collector streets shall have a minimum cover of forty-eight inches (48") over the top of the pipe.

316.12.1 Public water mains in other locations that are twelve inches (12") in diameter or larger shall have a minimum cover of forty-eight inches (48") over the top of the pipe.

316.12.2 Public water mains in other locations that are less than twelve-inches (12") in diameter shall have a minimum cover of thirty-six inches (36") over the top of the pipe.

316.12.3 Public water mains that are installed through undeveloped property (i.e., locations where the final finished grade elevation is not known, particularly along future street alignments), shall have a minimum cover of sixty-inches (60") over the top of the water lines.

316.12.4 Installation of a natural gas line in a public water main trench requires a minimum cover of thirty inches (30") over the top of the natural gas line per Mesa Standard Detail M-58. In some cases, this will necessitate that the water line be installed deeper.

316.12.5 The City of Mesa strongly encourages the engineer to establish their alignments based on all available information regarding the existing conditions, existing and/or planned utilities and verify the location of the existing utilities by potholing. This is especially critical for the larger diameter water mains in order to avoid re-alignment of either the existing or proposed utility in the field.

316.13 **Materials:** All pipe for public water lines shall be in accordance with Section 610.3 of the M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications, except as modified below.

316.14 **Waterlines; Six-inches (6") to Sixteen-inches (16"):**

316.14.1 Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) cement mortar lined, per M.A.G. Standard Specification 750 with polyethylene corrosion protection per M.A.G. Standard Specification 610.5.

316.14.2 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe is **not an acceptable pipe material** for public water main installations.

316.15 **Waterlines Larger than Sixteen Inches (16"):**

316.15.1 Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) that is cement mortar lined and seal coated. Pipe is per M.A.G. Standard Specification 750 with polyethylene corrosion protection per M.A.G. Standard Specification 610.5.

316.15.2 Concrete Cylinder Pipe (CCP) shall be designed, manufactured and tested in accordance with AWWA C-303. Pipe must also comply with M.A.G. Standard Specification 758.

316.15.3 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe is **not an acceptable pipe material** for public water main installations or extensions to the City of Mesa public water system.

316.15.4 Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) is acceptable for water mains with diameters equal to or greater than 42", and shall be designed, manufactured and tested in accordance with AWWA C-301. Pipe must also comply with M.A.G. Standard Specification 758.

316.16 All other pipe materials shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Projects desiring to utilize a different pipe material shall provide an analysis report providing the justification for the desired material during the plan review process.

316.17 **Minimum Separation:** In order to protect the public water supply from contamination the engineer shall maintain separation distances in accordance with the following:

316.17.1 The Maricopa County Health Code, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Engineering Bulletin 10 and MAG Standard Details 404 – 1, 404 – 2 and 404-3; Water and Sanitary Sewer Separation/Protection.

316.17.2 Mains conveying a higher quality of water shall be located above mains conveying a lower quality of water.

316.17.3 Minimum separations between water mains and sanitary sewer mains shall be:

- Six foot (6') horizontal as measured from the outside of pipes
- Two feet (2') Vertical as measured from the outside of pipes

316.17.4 Minimum Separation between potable water mains and a sanitary sewer manhole shall be:

- Six foot (6') horizontal as measured from the center of the manhole and the outside of the water main.

316.17.5 Minimum Separation between potable water mains and a storm drain shall be:

- Six foot (6') horizontal as measured from the center of the manhole and the outside of the water main.
- Two feet (2') Vertical as measured from the outside of pipes

316.17.6 Water mains crossing less than two (2) feet below a storm drain or culvert shall require additional protection such as the use of ductile iron pipe or a pipe casing.

316.17.7 There shall be a minimum of two-feet (2') of horizontal separation and one-foot (1') vertical separation between public water mains and non-City utilities (electric, telephone, CATV, etc.).

316.17.8 There shall be 5' of horizontal separation from base of tree trunk to outside of water main.

316.18 Individual house services or building plumbing beyond dedicated public right-of-way or public easements shall conform to the latest Plumbing Code adopted by the City of Mesa.

316.19 **Water Line Protection:** Where conditions prevent the proper separation of water and sewer mains, extra protection of the water main is required. The type of extra protection required or allowed shall be per the current Maricopa County Health Code, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Engineering Bulletin 10 and/or MAG Standard Details 404 – 1 & 404 – 2; Water and Sanitary Sewer Separation/Protection.

316.20 **Vertical Realignment:** Vertical realignment by means of pipe deflection shall not exceed the pipe manufacturer's recommendations. Deflection angle information shall be given on the plans. Vertical realignment by means of bends and offsets shall be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 370. The City of Mesa allows for water mains six inches (6") to sixteen inches (16") in diameter to be realigned per Detail 370. Water lines larger than sixteen inches (16") shall have all vertical realignments detailed by the Engineer on the construction plans and shall be subject to Water Resources Department approval.

316.21 **Corrosion Protection:** Installation of Ductile Iron Pipe requires Polyethylene Corrosion Protection per Section 610.5 of the M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications, or as specified by the City.

316.21.1 A corrosion monitoring system shall be installed on concrete cylinder water mains. Ductile Iron Pipe and Fire Hydrants shall also be isolated from the concrete cylinder water main by the use of flange isolation kits equipped with test leads for monitoring purposes.

316.21.2 The brass corporation stop and the end of any concrete cylinder water pipe shall be coated with a protective coating prior to backfill.

316.21.3 Tapping sleeves shall incorporate a flange isolation kit between the tapping sleeve and the cast iron valve.

316.21.4 Concrete cylinder water transmission lines shall be designed and installed to provide for future cathodic protection. Continuity tests shall be conducted and certified by a qualified corrosion-engineering firm employed by the developer or their representatives.

316.22 Couplings, Joints, Gaskets and Flanges: Couplings, Joints, Gaskets and Flanges shall conform to Section 610.13 of the M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications, unless otherwise approved.

316.23 **Restrained Joints:** Restrained joints are required at all bends, elbows, tees, crosses, dead ends, stubs, curb stops, fire hydrants, taps, valve locations on large diameter water mains, etc where water flow changes direction or is stopped.

316.23.1 Acceptable restrained joint systems include the following:

- Thrust blocking per M.A.G. Standard Detail 380 for water mains that are six inches (6") through sixteen inches (16") in diameter.

- Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) joint restraint shall comply with M.A.G. Standard Detail 303. Deviations from restrained lengths presented in Detail 303 must be supported by engineering calculations and accepted by the Water Resources Department prior to construction.
- Restraining joints with tie rods per M.A.G. Standard Detail 302.
- Retainer glands of the “Megalug” Series 1100 or approved equal are acceptable. Retainer glands utilizing setscrews are not acceptable.
- Mechanical restraining systems such as Pacific States lock mechanical joint, Clow Super-lock joint, US Pipe TR-Flex Gripper ring, American Lock-ring restraining joint, Griffin snap-lock restraining joint, TUF-Grip by Tyler Union, StarGrip by Star Pipe Products, or other approved equals as determined by the City Engineer.
- Flanged type restraining for above ground piping or piping within a vault.
- Continuously welded joints with variable pipe cylinder thickness for Concrete Cylinder Pipe water mains.

316.23.2 Joint restraints shall be clearly shown in profile sheets for water mains with diameters 12-inches and above. Restraint lengths shall include stationing callouts at the beginning and end of each segment of pipe to be restrained.

316.23.3 When the water main is 30 inches (30") or larger, the engineer shall submit joint restraint calculations and details to the Water Resources Department for review and approval.

316.24 **Additional Requirements for Transmission Mains:**

316.24.1 The Water Resources Department must approve the location of outlets or tie-ins to existing or proposed transmission mains.

316.24.2 In general, service connections to existing or planned transmission mains constructed of concrete-cylinder pipe (CCP) or pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) are prohibited.

316.24.3 Historically, water mains with diameters 16-inches and above consisted primarily of concrete-cylinder pipe (CCP) or pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) and were considered transmission mains. Planned connections to existing CCP or PCCP mains will be evaluated by the Water Resources Department on an individual basis.

316.24.4 Access manholes shall be installed on 42-inch diameter and larger transmission mains on each side of line valves and spacing shall not exceed 2600 feet unless otherwise approved.

316.25 **Trench Backfill & Pavement Replacement:** The contractor is responsible for backfilling and replacing pavement in all public street excavations per the City of Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4 and the Policy Statement for Street Trench Backfilling and Pavement Replacement, revised September 29, 1999.

Copies of the policy statement are available online from the Engineering Department web pages at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/Policiesandforms.aspx>.

Section 317 - Water Appurtenances

317.1 Valves: The City of Mesa requires the installation of isolation valves to facilitate the operation, maintenance and expansion of the water distribution system. The types of valves required are dependent on the water main size. The City has standardized the sizes, types and locations of the water valves, with the specifics discussed below.

317.2 Water line valves shall meet or exceed the pressure classification of the water line.

317.3 Valve Spacing: Valve spacing shall be in accordance with the Maricopa County Health Code, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Engineering Bulletin 10 and City of Mesa requirements:

317.3.1 Maximum valve spacing on mains less than twenty inches (20") in diameter is eight hundred feet (800').

317.3.2 Maximum valve spacing on mains twenty inches (20") or larger in diameter is one-half (1/2) of a mile.

317.4 Actual valve spacing will be less due to several variable conditions such as the location of street intersections, tees or branches, crosses, zone splits, phasing boundaries, etc., the actual valve location shall be as determined by the City.

317.5 Valve Locations: The City of Mesa requires valves to be installed on all feeder branches so that the distribution system can be segmented and a limited number of customers would be affected during a shutdown for maintenance or extension.

317.5.1 Valves are required on each branch of a cross or tee and in other locations as designated by the City of Mesa Water Resources Department. In locations where adjacent tees or crosses are placed with no intermediate laterals or waterline connections, valves are not required at both locations.

317.5.2 A valve shall be located on each side of a canal, wash, railroad and freeway crossing. Avoid valve locations in curbs, sidewalks and driveways and valley gutters.

317.6 Gate Valves:

317.6.1 Resilient seat gate valves mounted vertically are required on water mains twelve inch (12") in diameter or smaller.

317.6.2 Resilient seat gate valves mounted in a vertical position are preferred for water mains that are sixteen inches (16") and larger. If clearances do not permit the installation of the valve stem and 2" square operating nut to be installed vertically, a horizontally-mounted gate valve or butterfly valve may be used. In general, all gate valves shall be direct-buried and shall not be located in vaults.

317.6.3 All gate valves shall conform to Section 630.3 of the M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications, with the following exceptions:

- Bypass valves are not required on gate valve assemblies, regardless of size;
- Due to the rigidity of the joint, valves shall not contain flanged ends except when placed in vaults.

317.6.4 All valves require a minimum clearance of 24" from top of valve nut to finish grade.

317.6.5 Valve blocking details or requirements shall be provided for all valves greater than 12" in diameter.

317.7 **Butterfly Valves:**

317.7.1 Butterfly valves are approved for installation on water mains, sixteen inches (16") and larger in diameter in which a resilient gate valve cannot be installed.

317.7.2 At the discretion of the Water Resources Department, butterfly valves with vaults may be used on water mains that are larger than twenty-four inches (24") in diameter. When not in a vault, provide minimum 24" clearance to top of valve from finish grade.

317.7.3 The engineer is required to coordinate with the contractor the submittal of certified shop drawings to the City of Mesa Engineering Department Construction Services Division for review and approval prior to the shipment of the butterfly valves.

317.7.4 All butterfly valves shall conform to Section 630.5(A) of the M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications.

317.8 **Tapping Sleeves and Valves:** Tapping sleeves and valves (TS&V) are to be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 340, which covers the installation of taps on existing six inch (6") through sixteen inch (16") ACPor DIP water mains.

317.8.1 TS&Vs are not allowed on same size pipes. Instead, install "cut in" a tee.

317.8.2 A tee is preferred over a TS&V if the tapped water main can be shut down with no service disruption.

317.8.3 Connections to aging asbestos-cement pipe (ACP) should be made by cutting in a new section of ductile iron pipe with a ductile iron tee and proper joint restraint in lieu of a tapping sleeve.

317.8.4 Tapping sleeves on newer sections of ACP may be allowed at the discretion of the Water Resources Department.

317.8.5 Reverse taps for new mains and services (taps to side of main away from project receiving tapped pipe) are strongly discouraged and require special permission from the Water Resources Department.

317.8.6 The engineer shall detail on the improvement plans all wet taps not addressed by M.A.G. Detail 340.

317.8.7 The engineer, architect or designer is hereby notified that a contractor approved by the City of Mesa Water Resources Department shall perform all wet taps on the City of Mesa public water system. A list of the currently approved contractors is accessible at the following address: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/ApprovedProductsList.aspx>.

317.8.8 Tapping sleeves shall conform to section 630.4 of the M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications. A list of the currently approved stainless steel tapping sleeve and valve assemblies is accessible at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/ApprovedProductsList.aspx>.

317.9 **Zone Inter-tie Valves:** Zone Inter-tie valves between adjacent water service zones are not allowed.

317.10 **Pressure Reducing Valves on Public Mains:** Pressure reducing valves on public mains are not allowed unless approved in writing by the Water Resources Department.

317.11 **Pressure Reducing Valves – Private Systems:** Pressure reducing or regulating valves are required to be installed on the customer side of the water meter, where the static pressure exceeds 80 P.S.I. or as required per the latest adopted Plumbing Code. Maintenance of the pressure-reducing valve shall be the customer's responsibility.

317.12 **Valve Box & Covers:** All water valves on the City of Mesa public water system are required to have a valve box installed. All valve boxes and covers shall be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 391-1, Type "C".

317.13 **Air/Vacuum Relief:** Approved Air Valves – including air-release, vacuum and combination valves shall be installed on water mains with diameters 12-inches and above at all high points on the water line, and at additional locations as determined by pipeline surge analyses or as requested by the Water Resources Department. A list of the currently approved air valve assemblies is accessible at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/ApprovedProductsList.aspx>

317.14 **Vaults & Boxes:** Meter boxes adjacent to or within a storm water retention basin shall be located so that the bottom of the box shall be above the high water elevation for the required retention volume.

317.14.1 **Standard Water Meters (3/4" & 1" Meter Sizes):** Water meters of these sizes require the installation of a water meter box & lid per Mesa Standard Detail M-49.1, M-49.2 and M-49.3.

317.14.2 **Standard Water Meters (1 1/2", 2" Meter Sizes):** Water meters of these sizes require the installation of a water meter box & lid per Mesa Standard Detail M-29

317.14.3 **Parallel 2-inch water meters for 3" service:** Install per Mesa Standard Detail M-28.3.

317.14.4 **Large Water Meters (4", 6", 8" & Two Manifolded 6" Meter Sizes):** Meters of these sizes shall be installed in accordance with Mesa Standard Details M27.1, M27.2 or M-28.1 (or M-30.1 and M-30.2 with special permission).

317.15 **Specialized Vaults (Pressure Relief/Sustaining):** Where the installation of a valve or meter vault has been approved or required, the following guidelines shall apply:

317.15.1 Where possible, the vault should be located out of the pavement (i.e., behind the curb or sidewalk).

317.15.2 The engineer shall design & detail all necessary realignments of the waterline to accommodate the size of the vault including the adjusting rings, frame & cover on the access manhole.

317.15.3 When it is necessary for the vault to be installed within an existing or future paved public roadway, the top of the vault should be three feet (3') below the finished pavement grade.

317.15.4 The engineer shall detail the vault installation on the improvement plans.

317.16 **Fire Hydrants:** Fire hydrants in the public rights-of-way, public easement, or on public properties shall be installed per M.A.G. Standard Details 360 and 362.

317.16.1 Isolation valves for public fire hydrants shall be placed directly on the distribution or transmission main tee.

317.16.2 Maximum fire hydrant spacing is five hundred feet (500') as measured along the fire truck travel path. Actual spacing may be less due to several variables, such as intersections, etc., spacing will be as determined by the City.

317.16.3 The normal location of fire hydrants is the northeast corner of public street intersections.

317.16.4 Mesa fire hydrants not in Mesa ROW shall be in PUE or PUFEE a minimum five feet (5') beyond the hydrant.

317.16.5 Fire hydrants shall have three foot (3') flat clear zone, and shall not be located in retention basins.

317.17 **Fire Hydrant Acceptable Manufacturers and Models:** The City has standardized the manufacturer and model that is allowed to be installed where the City of Mesa provides, or intends to provide fire protection services. The City of Mesa Water Resources Department reserves the right to change or amend the list of approved fire hydrants without advance notice or publication. The current list of acceptable fire hydrants can be found at the following address: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/ApprovedProductsList.aspx>.

317.17.1 The City of Mesa is not responsible to maintain or for the removal & replacement of private fire hydrants.

317.17.2 The City of Mesa Fire Department shall be notified of properties that have private fire hydrants that are beyond the maintenance responsibilities of the City of Mesa.

317.17.3 Fire Hydrants shall be configured with bronze-on-bronze seating.

317.18 **Fire Lines and Building Sprinkler Lines:** Water lines that are designed to solely provide water supply to a fire sprinkler system, also known as fire lines, from the public water system shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-31.7.

317.18.1 Fire line sizes shall be determined based on flow test data provided by the engineer for design of the project.

317.18.2 Show all fire lines on the civil site final plans.

317.18.3 Fire service lines shall be installed perpendicular or radial to the main line within the right-of-way or easement.

317.18.4 All on-site fire line construction shall comply with the MAG Standard Specifications and Details and the City of Mesa Supplements.

317.18.5 Private fire lines with hydrants are private pipe systems connected directly to the City water system. Private fire lines, by the nature of their function and use, are susceptible to backflow. Consequently, they are subject to the requirements for backflow prevention within this manual. See Backflow Prevention section below for information regarding cross-connection devices that are required to be installed on fire lines.

317.19 **Water Services:** Locate all water services either within dedicated right-of-way or public easements (PUE. or PUFEE).

317.19.1 The water service line and meter shall be sized based upon the total daily demands for the development and the recommended maximum capacity of the meter.

317.19.2 That portion of the water service from the water main up to, and including the meter is public and will be maintained by the city. That portion of the water service from the meter into the site is private and will be maintained by the property owner. Design of the private on-site portion of the water service shall comply with the current Plumbing Code and may require a pressure regulating valve.

317.19.3 Service lines are necessary to meet domestic, fire, and irrigation demands. Residential fire sprinkler and irrigation demand is usually supplied through the domestic service line and meter. Commercial developments typically will use separate meters for building and landscape service and provide separate lines for fire protection.

317.19.4 Final plans will show locations of service lines and meters to each unit referenced with stations and dimensions, or offsets, from the street centerline or monument line. Service lines and meter boxes will be located within a public rights-of-way easement within a private street tract, or a utility easement. Meters are to be accessible to city workers and be located as close as possible to the water main.

317.19.5 Do not place water service lines and meters in driveways, sidewalks, washes, or detention basins.

317.19.6 Existing water and fire lines not used by a development shall be noted on the plans to be abandoned at the main by the contractor.

317.19.7 Water service connections to transmission mains with diameters 30" and above are not allowed.

317.19.8 Water services shall be perpendicular to the main and in a straight line between the meter and main, except if necessary at line end in a cul-de-sac.

317.19.9 Water services can be located in a “joint-trench” with natural gas services. Sanitary sewer services, as well as non-City utilities shall utilize separate trenches when located within dedicated right-of-way or public easements.

317.19.10 The City of Mesa has standardized service sizes that are acceptable for connection to the public water system.

317.19.11 Service size shall be equal to, or one size larger than the proposed water meter size (i.e., a ¾" meter on a 1" service would be acceptable whereas a ¾" meter on a 2" service would not).

317.19.12 Where a service size must be adapted for a different size water meter, there shall be approximately forty-eight inches in service piping on either side of the water meter box before a transition to a different size or material occurs.

317.19.13 Three-quarter inch (¾") through two-inch (2") water services shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-49.1, M-49.2 and M-49.3.

317.19.14 Water services larger than two-inch (2") in diameter on an existing public water main shall be installed via a wet tap per the “Tapping Sleeves & Valves” section above.

317.19.15 Projects that require a three-inch (3") water service are required to install two two-inch (2") water services, which are manifolded per Mesa Standard Detail M-28.3.

317.19.16 The water service size shall be noted on the improvement plans at all water service locations.

317.19.17 Water Services to Multiple Dwellings/Buildings: For those projects that involve the subdivision of land that will result in individual ownership of land (i.e., condominiums, town homes, patio homes, etc.), the City of Mesa requires that individual services be provided to each unit; except that, a group of structures or parcels may be served by one (1) meter and service connection when the real property under ownership by multiple parties is governed by a homeowners’ association or a unit owners’ association.

317.19.18 For projects in which the property will remain under one ownership (i.e., apartments, residential duplex, etc.), the City allows the use of one of the following options:

317.19.18.1 Individual services to each unit.

317.19.18.2 One service to a single building.

317.19.18.3 One service to the entire project site.

317.20 **Manifolding Water Services:** The City of Mesa does not allow water services & meters to be manifolded together except as follows:

317.20.1 Three-quarter inch (3/4") through two-inch (2") services, which will serve both domestic and landscaping demands, may manifold one service to serve two separate meters for each type of use in accordance with Mesa Standard Detail M-49.3.

317.20.2 Two-inch (2") services are allowed to be manifolded together after the water meters in lieu of a three-inch (3") service and meter in accordance with Mesa Standard Detail M-28.3.

317.21 **Water Meters:** The City of Mesa requires that all service connections to the public water system be metered.

317.22 All water meters to be installed on the public water system shall be purchased from the City.

317.23 Water meters are to be located within dedicated public right-of-way or easements and installed on or at the property or easement line in accordance with Mesa Standard Detail M-49.

317.24 Meters shall be located to avoid crossing back through the right-of-way or easement with a service line.

317.25 The engineer, architect, or designer shall provide on the improvement plans, the criteria used to determine the water service and meter size selected for use on the proposed project.

317.26 The water meter size shall be noted on the improvement plans at all water meter locations.

317.27 The designer shall provide on the improvement plans the address of the water meter. Submit a plan that shows the meter location(s) to the permit services section for addressing.

317.28 **Water Meters for Multiple Units/Buildings:** Projects that involve or will result in individual ownership of the land, unit or building are required to install a separate water meter for each building or unit thereof.

317.28.1 Projects that will remain under one ownership shall select one of the following options:

- Individual water meters to serve each unit;
- One meter to serve a single buildings and all units or suites contained within; or
- A “master meter” to serve the entire project site.

317.29 **Backflow Protection:** The City of Mesa is responsible for protecting the quality of the public water supply. To prevent contamination of the public water supply by backflow and cross connections, the City has identified types of developments requiring backflow prevention, and approved types of devices to prevent backflow.

317.29.1 The following types of backflow prevention devices are approved for use within the City of Mesa Water Utility Service Area:

- Reduced Pressure Principle (RP) Device

City of Mesa Water Meters

Three-quarter Inch (3/4")
Short
One-inch (1")
One and one half Inch (1 1/2")
Two Inch (2")
Four Inch (4")
Six Inch (6")
Eight Inch (8")

- Double Check Valve (DC) Assembly
- Air Gap Separation (AG)
- Single Check Detector Device
- Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB)
- Spill Resistant Vacuum Breaker (SVB)

317.29.2 All backflow preventive devices shall be approved by the “Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the University of Southern California and the City of Mesa Water Resources Department.

317.29.3 Per 8-1-6 of the Mesa City Code, the types of developments presented in Table 3.3 require an approved backflow preventive device. The City of Mesa has identified the backflow prevention device for standard installation at each service connection.

Aircraft and Missile Plants	Food Processing Plants
Automotive Plants	High Schools and Colleges
Interconnected Auxiliary Water Systems	Holding Tank Disposal Stations
Auxiliary Water Systems	Hospitals and Mortuaries
Beverage Bottling Plants	Medical and Dental Buildings, Sanitariums, Rest and Convalescent Homes
Breweries	Premises having separate irrigation systems
Buildings greater than three (3) stories or greater than thirty four (34) feet in height from curb level	Laboratories using toxic materials
Buildings with house pumps and/or a potable water storage tank	Manufacturing, Processing and Fabricating Plants using toxic materials
Buildings or properties with sewage ejectors	Motion Picture Studios
Canneries, Packing houses and Reduction Plants	Oil and Gas Production Facilities
Car Washes with a water reclamation system	Paper and Paper Production Plants
Centralized Heating and Air Conditioning Plants	Plating Plants
Chemical Plants	Private Fire Lines with Hydrants
Chemically Treated Potable or Non Potable Water Systems	Radioactive Materials Processing Facilities
Civil Works	Rubber Plants Restricted, Classified or other closed facilities
Commercial Laundries	Sand and Gravel Plants
Dairies and Cold Storage Plants	Service Connections for Multiple Tenants
Dye Works	Sewage and Storm Drainage Facilities
Film Processing Laboratories	Shell Buildings
Fire Hydrant Meters	Premises where a cross connection is maintained

317.29.4 Portable water hauling equipment such as water trucks, hydraulic sewer cleaning equipment and pesticide rigs are forbidden connection to the public water system unless the rig is equipped with an Air Gap per mesa standard detail M-37.1 and M-37.2

317.29.5 Any development where water supplied by the City is subject to deterioration in sanitary quality and its entry into the public water system is possible, shall properly install an RP at the meter. .

317.29.6 **Fire Systems/Fire Lines:** Fire systems shall have the following backflow prevention devices shown in Table 3.4 below.

Table 3.4: Fire Sprinkler Systems and Backflow Devices	
Type of System	Backflow Device Required
Fire sprinkler systems connected to potable water system only. No tanks or reservoirs. No additives of any kind. In-line booster pumps are OK	Check Valve (see section 317.29.8)* and **
Fire Systems with a Storage Tank	Reduced Pressure Assembly (RP)***
Fire sprinkler systems connected to an auxiliary water supply or with FDCs within 1700 feet of an auxiliary supply	Reduced Pressure Assembly (RP)***
Fire Systems with Chemical Additives	Reduced Pressure Assembly (RP)***

* Not required if the entire sprinkler system is constructed with potable water materials.

** Double Check Assembly will be used for fire system to buildings greater than three (3) stories high

*** This RP is to be installed on the fireline outside of the building **not on the riser**

317.29.7 Per 8-1-3 (A) of the Mesa City Code, backflow prevention devices shall be installed at the service connection(s) in an accessible location. All backflow assemblies shall be installed above ground. *Installation in a vault is prohibited.*

317.29.8 Single check valves and Double check valves on Fire Systems shall be installed on the fire riser.

317.29.9 The backflow prevention device should be located as close as possible to the water meter.

317.29.10 Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-31.1 or M-31.3 depending on the device size.

317.29.11 Double check backflow prevention devices shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-31.2 or M-31.4 depending on the device size.

317.29.12 Pressure vacuum breaker assembly backflow prevention devices shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-31.5.

317.29.13 Check valve assemblies for Fire Protection Systems shall be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-31.6 (Single Check Valve).

317.29.14 Backflow prevention devices that are adjacent to a storm water retention basin shall be installed so that the bottom of the device is located above the high water elevation of the required retention volume.

317.29.15 The size of the backflow prevention device shall be equal to, or greater than the size of the water meter.

317.29.16 The designer shall provide on the improvement plans the address of the backflow prevention assembly. Submit a plan that shows the assembly location(s) to the Permit Services Section for addressing.

317.30 Termination of Public Water Mains: The City requires the use of a curb stop and flushing pipe at the permanent or temporary terminus of all public water mains.

317.30.1 A minimum of one (1) pipe length is required beyond a fitting prior to the installation of the curb stop.

317.30.2 Curb stops with flushing pipe per M.A.G. Standard Detail 390 Type "A" may be used on projects where the termination is temporary, such as phased condominiums or townhouse projects.

317.30.3 Curb stops with flushing pipe per M.A.G. Standard Detail 390 Type "B" shall be used on projects where the termination is considered more or less permanent, such as at the boundary of a subdivision or at the end of the public water line within a street cul-de-sac.

317.31 Removal of Abandoned Waterlines: Existing public water lines that have been abandoned either by the City of Mesa or utility provider that are adjacent to or within the boundaries of the proposed project are required to be removed in their entirety within the limits of the project. Mesa prefers trenchless technology (i.e., pipe pulling) for the replacement in the same location of a smaller diameter service line by a larger diameter service line. In general, abandoned waterlines located under paved roadways are allowed to remain in place.

317.31.1 Engineer, architect or designer shall identify the size; location and material of all abandoned waterlines & provide construction notes to the contractor regarding safe removal and disposal.

317.31.2 Removal and disposal of Asbestos Cement Pipe (ACP) shall be in accordance with the Policy Statement for Removal and Disposal of Asbestos Cement Pipe in the City of Mesa, Arizona; Revised September 29, 1999. Copies of this policy statement are available on the Engineering Division portion of the City of Mesa website at: www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/Policiesandforms.aspx

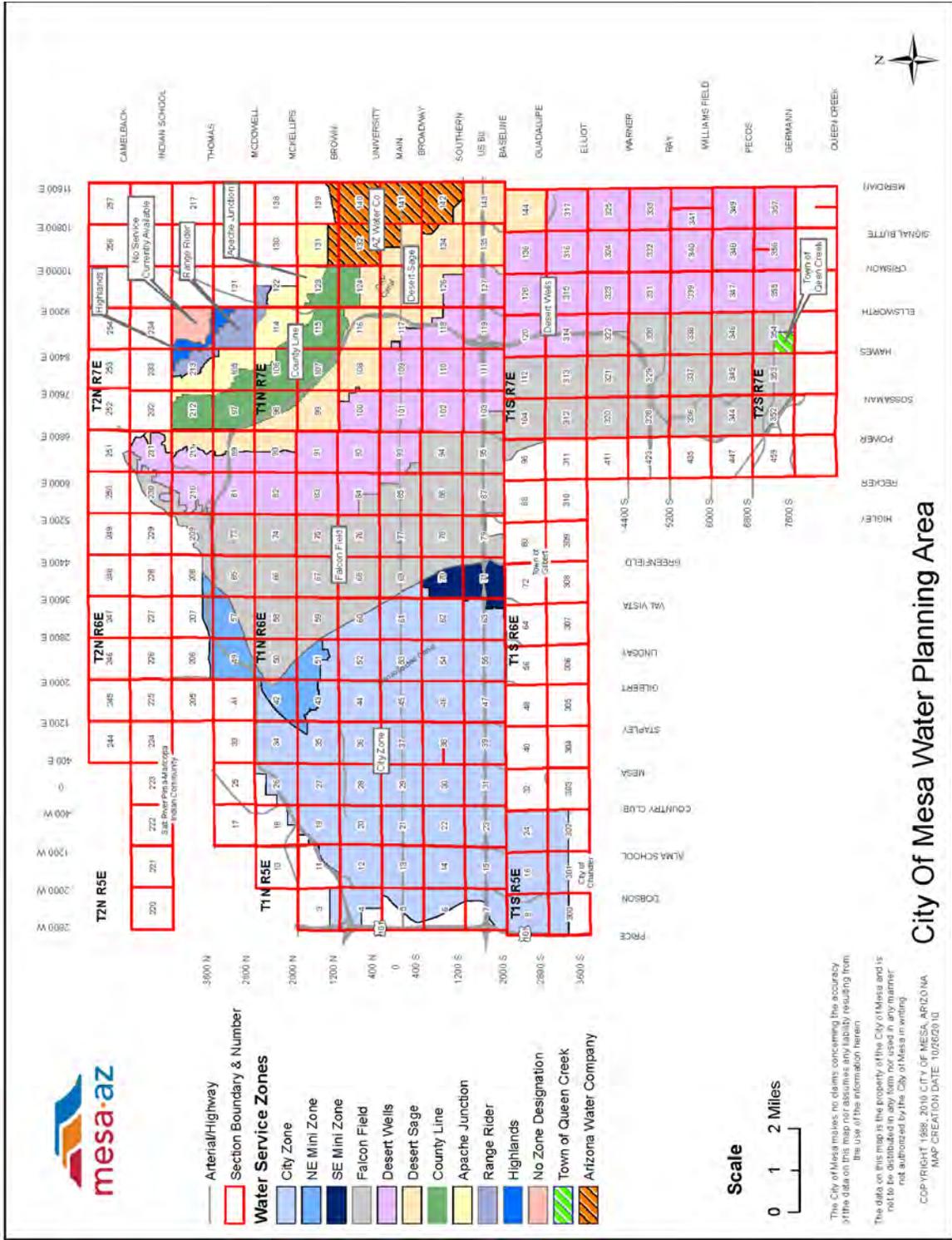


Figure 3.1 - City of Mesa Water Service/Planning Area

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Chapter 4 - Public Utilities - Wastewater

Provides minimum design criteria and guidance regarding the preparation of construction documents for public wastewater collection facilities as an extension to the City of Mesa public utility system.

The purpose of this chapter is to present to the private land developer and any associated design professionals the standards to be used in designing a public wastewater collection system which is to be utilized by new or future land development within the City of Mesa. The intent of this chapter is to provide general guidance to the design professional and City staff during the plan preparation and plan review processes.

Section 401 - General Information

401.1 The City of Mesa owns and operates a public sanitary sewer system which is a master planned system comprised of a combination of collection mains, trunk sewer mains, force mains, lift stations and wastewater treatment facilities. Information regarding the existing system can be obtained from various City Departments or Divisions as outlined below.

401.2 Mesa's system has been developed through a combination of Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) and private land developments, which include subdivision or lot development as well as public utility main extensions. The majority of the wastewater collection system is located within the corporate boundaries of Mesa, but some components of the system are located within the jurisdictions of Maricopa County, the Town of Gilbert, and the Cities of Tempe and Phoenix.

401.3 The Water Resources Department of the City of Mesa is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the public sanitary sewer system. Questions regarding the operations of the public collection and treatment system should be directed to the office of the Assistant Director, (480) 644-4444.

Section 402 - Wastewater Master Plans

402.1 The City of Mesa currently utilizes the October 2009 Wastewater Master Plan Update prepared by Carollo Engineers.

402.2 The current Wastewater Master Plan and associated exhibits can be reviewed at the Water Resources Department offices at 640 N. Mesa Drive.

Section 403 - Availability of City of Mesa Sewer

403.1 Questions pertaining to the availability of public sewer service from Mesa should be directed to Development Planning Section of the Development & Sustainability Department; PO Box 1466 Mesa AZ 85211-1466; (480) 644-3254.

403.2 Questions regarding system expansion or extension requirements to serve proposed new projects shall be directed to the Development Planning Section of the Development & Sustainability Department; PO Box 1466 Mesa AZ 85211-1466; (480) 644-3254.

Section 404 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

404.1 The design professional and/or the land developer should be aware of and become familiar with the following aspects of the various regulations that pertain to land development with the City of Mesa and its utility service area.

Section 405 - City Code

405.1 Title 9, Public Ways & Property contains information regarding the development of the public wastewater collection system in association with private land development. Chapter 6 of Title 9 pertains to land subdivision projects, while Chapter 8 deals with individual lot or parcel development (non-subdivision) projects. Chapter 4 of Title 8 has additional sanitary sewer regulations.

405.2 An electronic version of the City Code can be referred to on the City of Mesa website at: http://www.mesaaz.gov/clerk/CodeBook/Table_of_Contents.aspx

Section 406 - City Ordinances

406.1 City ordinances stipulate the extension of public sanitary sewer mains across all public street frontages of the proposed project in order to facilitate the future extension of the public sanitary sewer collection system to serve other undeveloped frontages.

406.2 The Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities Ordinance provides for and requires that in order to receive utility service from the City of Mesa, that all lands to receive utility service are developed in accordance with applicable regulations, standards and requirements.

406.3 An electronic version of the Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities ordinance can be referred to on the City of Mesa website at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/custserv/pdf/Termsandconditions.pdf>

Section 407 - City Policy

407.1 City policy stipulates that the developer of a project is responsible for any main line extensions necessary for the proposed project in accordance with the adopted Wastewater Master Plan in order to receive sewer service.

407.2 Policy also requires public sanitary sewer mains be extended to serve adjacent parcels which may also require the dedication of public rights-of-way or easements to serve the adjacent parcels.

407.3 Utility crossings of public streets are to be avoided. Open trenching (pavement cut) of public streets are not allowed for pavement less than five (5) years old. When the designer deems a utility must cross a public street, the designer shall provide an engineering evaluation that explains why alternatives to the crossing cannot be avoided.

Section 408 - Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (MCESD)

408.1 The developer and associated design professionals are expected to be aware of and comply with the regulations of the MCESD. See <http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/WaterWaste/Subdivisions/ProjectApprovals.aspx>.

408.2 Maricopa County publishes the “Maricopa County Health Code”, portions of which regulate the construction of public sanitary sewer systems.

408.3 When stipulated by the Maricopa County Health Code for sewage systems including the installation of septic tank systems, provide a copy of the MCESD issued “Approval to Construct” Certificate.

408.4 Each Approval to Construct Certificate shall be followed up with an “Approval of Construction” Certificate that closes out the project after the system is completed. The developer is responsible for obtaining both approvals from MCESD prior to the City’s acceptance of the sewage system.

408.5 Maricopa County also requires a Sewer Service Agreement be executed by the City of Mesa for all industrial and residential subdivisions including condominiums and cemetery projects. See discussion below in the Sewer Service Agreement section for additional information.

Section 409 - Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

409.1 ADEQ published Engineering Bulletin No. 11; Minimum Requirements for Design, Submission of Plans and Specifications of Sewage Works in 1978 when it was part of the Arizona Department of Health Services. The 1978 edition of Bulletin No. 11 is still in effect and the City of Mesa requirements meet or exceed the standards established by Bulletin No. 11, Chapter IV, Sewage Collection Systems.

Section 410 - EPA Regulations

410.1 The City has been required by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop, implement and maintain a program to control discharges that might harm the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). The program establishes local discharge limits for non-residential users and provides for a permitting process based on the user’s discharges and type of business.

410.2 In accordance with this regulation the City of Mesa has created an industrial wastewater pretreatment program. Additional information regarding this program can be found in Title 8, Chapter 4; Sanitary Sewer Regulations of the Mesa City Code.

Section 411 - Public Wastewater System Design

411.1 The following is the criteria for designing public sanitary sewer systems in the City of Mesa and its utility service area. Projected wastewater flows shall be based on the unit flows presented in Tables 4.1 and 4.2. Additional wastewater flows associated with manufacturing processes, central plants, or other uses not listed below must be identified and included in the design analysis. Peak wastewater flows shall be calculated using the peaking factors presented in Table 4.3.

Land Use Categories	Population Density	Average Daily Use	Average Daily Flow
Low Density Residential (RR)	2.5 per dwelling unit (d.u.)	80 gallons per capita day (gpcd)	200 gallons per du
Low Density Residential (ER)	3.0 per d.u.	80 gpcd	240 gallons per du
Medium Density Residential (LDR)	3.0 per d.u.	80 gpcd	240 gallons per du
Medium Density Residential (LMDR)	3.2 per d.u.	80 gpcd	256 gallons per du
Medium Density Residential (MDR)	2.7 per d.u.	80 gpcd	216 gallons per du
High Density Residential (MHDR)	2.0 per d.u.	80 gpcd	160 gallons per du
High Density Residential (HDR)	1.7 per d.u.	80 gpcd	136 gallons per du
Mixed Use/Residential (MUR) – Residential	1.7 per d.u.	80 gpcd	136 gallons per du

Land Use Categories	Average Daily Flow
Commercial/Retail	0.5 gallons per day per square foot (gpd/sf)
Office	0.4 gpd/sf
Restaurant	1.2 gpd/sf
Resort Hotel (includes Site Amenities)	380 gpd/room
School without cafeteria	30 gpd/student
Schools with cafeteria	50 gpd/student
Cultural	0.1 gpd/sf

Average Flow (mgd)	Existing Lines	New Lines
Less than 1.0	2.3	3
1.0 to 10	1.9	2.5
10 to 20	1.7	2.3
20 to 30	1.6	2.1
30 to 40	1.5	2
40 to 50	1.4	1.9
Greater than 50	1.3	1.75

Source: City of Mesa Water Resources Department

Section 412 - Sewer Studies

412.1 Projects that are proposed in areas that were not included in the current Wastewater Master Plan or where the design assumptions were changed from the Master Plan will require a Basis of Design Report (BDR) to establish projected wastewater flows and assure that adequate capacity is available to serve the proposed project as well as the regional needs of the area. A BDR may also be required to demonstrate the conformance of individual phases of a development with the accepted master plan for that development.

412.2 As a minimum, wastewater studies or basis of design reports shall include the following:

- Summary of the planned development, including land use information;
- Design parameters;
- Existing conditions;
- Projected Wastewater Flows;
- Proposed conditions, including planned sewer line extensions;
- Hydraulic analyses including Average Day and peak flows; and
- Supporting exhibits, maps and modeling output as applicable.

412.3 A project-specific Wastewater Master Plan will be required for large developments or projects involving significant extensions of the public wastewater system. A hydraulic model analysis shall be included that demonstrates sufficient sewer capacities within the planned system under all flow conditions for all phases of development

Section 413 - Sewer Service Agreement

413.1 Developments are required to file a *Sewer Service Agreement* document with the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department. This Maricopa County form is initiated by the developer's engineer and executed by the City of Mesa Water Resources Department upon acceptance of the required design analysis and verification of the development's impact on the existing collection system. Questions regarding the Sewer Service Agreement form should be directed to the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department.

Section 414 - Design Analysis

414.1 Projects involving land subdivision are required to provide a design analysis of their projects impact on the public sanitary sewer system. Utilizing the design criteria from Tables 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3, the registrant shall calculate the demand of the proposed project. The resulting report shall be sealed and signed by the engineer and submitted to Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning Section along with copies of the sewer improvement plan sheets (email attachment preferred). Development Planning will forward the design analysis report to the Water Resources Department for their use in signing applicable MCESD form and in preparing a "Sewer Capacity Letter."

Section 415 - Sewer Collection & Plant Capacity Adequacy

415.1 The City of Mesa Water Resources Department will issue a letter to Maricopa County Environmental Services Department acknowledging that Mesa has adequate capacity in the public sanitary sewer system to accommodate the proposed subdivision development if the review of the design analysis supports the addition of the proposed development to the current system. The developer or a designated representative shall submit the request for an acknowledgement letter to the Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning section as part of the Maricopa County form and design analysis submittal.

Section 416 - Standards, Specifications & Guidelines

416.1 **Gravity vs. Pressurized Systems:** All public sanitary sewer systems are to be of a gravity flow design unless other factors dictate the use of a lift station and force main. When conditions dictate the installation of a lift station, the City recommends that the lift station be regionally based in order to serve more than one development.

416.2 The City Engineer and Water Resources Department Manager will consider pressurized systems on a case-by-case basis. This consideration requires the presentation of the facts surrounding the request and the alternates available to the development.

416.3 Sanitary System Components:

416.3.1 **Sewer Services:** Sewer services, sometimes known as sewer laterals, are either 4" or 6" diameter pipe that serves existing or proposed buildings or structures.

416.3.2 **Collector Mains:** Collector mains are 8", 10", 12", 15" 18", 21" or 24" diameter pipe that serve as the primary means of collecting the sanitary sewerage throughout the City or its utility service area.

416.3.3. **Transmission Sewer Mains:** Mains 15" or larger are classified as transmission mains.

416.3.4 **Trunk Sewer Mains:** Trunk sewer mains are 30" diameter pipes or larger.

Section 417 - Private Sewer Utility Companies

417.1 Currently within the City of Mesa's Utility Service Area there are no private sewer utility companies.

417.2 **Arizona Water Company:** Developers and engineers are cautioned that a portion of the northeast area of the Utility Service Area is provided water service by the Arizona Water Company. Projects in this area require the establishment of a special billing arrangement with the City of Mesa Customer Service Division in order to receive sewer service from the City of Mesa.

Section 418 - Sanitary Sewer Main Design

418.1 **Location:** Public sewer mains are required to be located within dedicated public rights-of-way (ROW) or easements (PUFE, PUE). See Chapter 1, General Requirements concerning the dedication of ROW or easements.

418.2 Horizontal Location: The standard locations for public sewer mains in public streets are five feet (5') south or west of the public street centerline unless otherwise approved by the City. Public sewer mains within easements are normally to be centered within a twenty-foot (20') Public Utility Easement or a twenty-foot (20') Public Utilities and Facilities Easement. When more than one public utility will occupy the easement, the public sewer main shall be offset five feet (5') from the centerline of the easement.

418.3 Easement Locations: The twenty-foot (20') public easements should generally be located or centered within a private drive or aisle of the proposed project. Installations under parking stalls, landscape areas, fences/walls, and overhangs shall be avoided unless an engineering evaluation of the necessity and feasibility is approved.

418.4 Easement Access: When a sewer line is located within an easement that is not within a paved roadway or other paved access way, an all-weather access road shall be provided to enable the City to access to the pipe, manholes, and other appurtenances for maintenance and repair. The access road shall have a minimum width of ten (10) feet and shall be paved or constructed of a minimum of six (6) inches of stabilized decomposed granite. Each end of the access road shall be connected to a public street, private access way, or turn-around easement conforming to City of Mesa requirements.

418.5 Raised Medians: Where a raised median divides a public street, the sewer main is to be offset from the median curb. While a minimum dimension for an offset has not been established, Mesa does require that the manhole ring or cover not encroach upon the median curb or gutter.

418.6 Retention Basins: Alignments within retention/detention basins shall be avoided. Where conditions dictate construction through a retention/detention area, special approval is required:

418.6.1 Civil engineer shall provide written justification for the alignment.

418.6.2 Civil engineer shall provide buoyancy calculations and special construction details and/or guidelines per manufacturer's or design manual recommendations.

418.6.3 Any necessary manhole within a retention/detention basin shall have its rim above the high water elevation and shall be watertight.

418.7 Vertical Location (Depth): The City requires a minimum cover of six feet (6') over the crown of the public sanitary sewer main as measured from surface course or finish grade. Cover of less than six (6) feet will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be allowed if approved by the Water Resources Department Director.

418.7.1 Trench Loading Calculations, The engineer shall provide load calculations upon request.

418.7.2 V.C.P. shall be designed for loading per the "Clay Pipe Engineering Manual" based on a 1.5 minimum factor of safety.

418.7.3 Concrete pipe shall be designed for loading per the "Concrete Pipe Handbook" based on a 1.5 minimum factor of safety.

418.7.4 P.V.C., and H.D.P.E. pipe shall be designed for loading per the "Handbook of P.V.C. Pipe, Design and Construction" and the "AASHTO Design Procedure for Thermoplastic Pipe". The most stringent design requirements shall govern.

418.7.5 D.I.P. shall be designed for loading per “Cast Iron Pipe Research Association (CIPRA) Handbook”, latest edition.

418.8 **Wash Crossings:** Any sewer line that crosses a wash shall be encased in concrete in accordance with MAG Std. Det. 402.

Section 419 - Velocity & Slopes

419.1 The City of Mesa requires that the velocity of flows within a public sewer main be in the range of two feet per second (2 fps) to nine feet (9 fps) based on the pipe running two thirds (2/3) full.

419.1.1 The minimum velocity of 2.0 fps provides for an adequate velocity within the conduit to scour the conduit walls of any built up solids.

419.1.2 The maximum velocity of 9.0 fps ensures that the pipe material is not affected and turbulence is minimized.

Section 420 - Sizing

420.1 **Master Plan:** Typically, sizing of public sewer mains is to be per the most recent Mesa Waste Water Master Plan. However where the master plan does not address the area of the proposed project, a sanitary sewer study or in the case of a large development, a master plan shall be developed in accordance with Sewer Studies section above.

420.2 **Minimum Size:** The minimum size of a public sewer main is eight inches (8") in diameter. Pipes shall be sized to carry the projected peak dry-weather flow at build-out, based on the peaking factors presented in Table 4.2, with the pipe flowing 2/3 full.

420.3 **Future & Regional Needs:** Public sanitary sewer mains shall be sized to satisfy the needs of the proposed development taking into account the future needs of the adjacent properties as well as the regional needs of the service area.

Section 421 - Materials

421.1 The following materials are acceptable:

421.2 **Rigid Pipe Material:**

421.2.1 **Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP):** shall conform to Section 743 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications as amended by the City of Mesa.

421.2.1.1 VCP exceeding thirty-inches (30") in diameter requires special bedding treatment and shall be detailed on the construction plans.

421.2.2 **Ductile Iron Pipe (D.I.P.) with a ceramic epoxy lining** only when approved by the **Water Resources Department.**

421.2.3 **Rubber Gasket Reinforced Concrete Pipe (R.G.R.C.P.) with a PVC lining:** shall conform to Sections 735 and 741 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications as amended by the City of Mesa.

421.2.3.1 RGRC pipe is approved for constructing public sewer mains twenty-inches (20") or larger in diameter.

421.3 Flexible Pipe Material:

421.3.1 **Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe:** shall conform to Section 745 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications as amended by the City of Mesa.

421.3.1.1 PVC pipe is approved for public sewer mains eight inches (8") through eighteen inches (18") diameters only.

421.3.1.1 The use of eighteen inch (18") PVC will require that granular bedding (ABC) shall be installed and compacted to one foot (1') above the pipe.

421.3.1.2 The installation of PVC sewer mains in excess of eighteen inch (18") diameter will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The engineer shall provide a comprehensive report that provides the justification for the installation of the larger diameter PVC main(s).

421.3.2 **HDPE or PE Pipe:** The installation of HDPE or PE pipe will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The engineer shall provide a comprehensive report that provides the justification for the pipe material.

421.3.2.1 Where approved, the installation of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) or Polyethylene (PE) shall conform to Section 738 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications as amended by the City of Mesa.

Section 422 - Minimum Separations (Extra Protection)

422.1 In order to protect the public water supply from contamination, the engineer shall maintain separation distances in accordance with the following:

422.2 The Maricopa County Health Code, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Engineering Bulletin 10 and MAG Standard Details 404 – 1 & 404 – 2; Water and Sanitary Sewer Separation/Protection.

422.3 **Subordinate for Quality:** Mains conveying a higher quality of water shall be located above mains conveying a lower quality of water unless otherwise protected.

422.4 **Minimum Separations:** Minimum separations between potable water mains and sanitary sewer mains shall be:

422.4.1 Six foot (6') horizontal as measured from the outside of pipes

422.4.2 Two foot (2') Vertical as measured from the outside of pipes

422.4.3 Sanitary sewers shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet horizontally from the base of any trees.

422.4.4 Sanitary sewers shall be located a minimum of six (6) feet horizontally and two (2) feet vertically from any storm drain.

422.5 **Separation from Manhole:** Minimum Separation between potable water mains and a sanitary sewer manhole shall be:

422.5.1 Six foot (6') horizontal as measured from the center of the manhole and the outside of the water main.

422.6 **Services:** Individual house services or building plumbing shall conform to the latest Plumbing Code adopted by the City of Mesa. Service lines shall be located at their point of connection to the sewer main and at the property line with electronic markers in accordance with MAG Standard Detail 440-1,2 or 3.

Section 423 - Intersecting Sewer Mains

423.1 All points of intersection require the installation of a sewer manhole in accordance with Sanitary Sewer Appurtenances – Manholes section below.

423.2 Angle intersections less than ninety degrees (90°) (i.e., acute angles) in the direction of the flow are prohibited.

423.3 Where the diameters of the intersecting mains are different, the crowns of the mains shall be equal unless otherwise directed by the City.

423.4 Normal invert elevation changes at a manhole shall be in the range of one tenth to two tenth's (0.10' – 0.20').

423.5 There shall be a one tenth of a foot (0.10') drop in elevation in the invert elevations where the deflection of the intersecting mains exceeds forty-five degrees (45°).

423.6 Elevation changes of up to two and a half feet (2.5') may be allowed without the use of a drop structure where justified by the civil engineer due to conflicts or special conditions.

Section 424 - Trench Crossings

424.1 Trench crossings where the public sewer main will be more than four feet (4') above the bottom of the trench to be crossed shall be supported in accordance with MAG Standard Detail 403-1 or 403-2 to prevent shear failures from excessive trench settling. The use of ductile iron pipe in lieu of pipe supports will not be allowed unless specifically approved by the Water Resources Department.

424.2 **Trench Backfill & Pavement Replacement:** The contractor is responsible for backfilling and replacing pavement in all public street excavations per the City of Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4 and the Policy Statement for Street Trench Backfilling and Pavement Replacement, revised September 29, 1999. Copies of the Policy Statement are available online from the Engineering Department web pages at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/Policiesandforms.aspx>.

Section 425 - Main Stubs

425.1 Sewer main extensions that are adjacent to vacant or developable parcels are required to install mainline stubs at the adjoining manhole(s) to facilitate the future extension of the public sewer system to serve future developments. Stubs are to be five feet (5') long minimum and eight inches (8") minimum diameter.

Section 426 - Force Mains

426.1 **Approval to Use:** Proposed private or public sewer force mains to serve a proposed land development project will be reviewed and approved on case-by-case basis by the City Engineer and Water Resources Department Manager.

426.2 Force Mains are not available for connection of other public sewer main extensions or the installation of sanitary sewer services to serve adjacent properties.

426.3 Design Criteria:

426.3.1 **Velocity Requirements:** Velocity of the flow within the force main shall be between 4 and 6 fps unless otherwise approved by the City.

426.3.2 **Material:** All types of pipe material used shall have established ASTM, ANSI, AWWA and NSF standards of manufacture or seals of approval and shall be designated as pressure sewer pipe. Private force main in mesa row shall be ceramic epoxy-lined-ductile iron pipe.

426.3.3 **Air Release Valves:** Air/Vacuum relief is required at all peaks in elevation and where required to mitigate transient pressures as determined by a surge analysis. Sewer-rated air relief valves are required.

426.3.4 **Cleanouts:** Two-way cleanouts shall be installed every eight hundred feet (800') or one-way cleanouts may be installed every four hundred feet (400').

426.3.5 **Pressure Test:** Prior to approval to operate the force main, the force main shall be pressure tested in accordance with M.A.G. Uniform Standard Specifications 615.10, which requires hydrostatic tests in accordance with M.A.G. 610.14.

426.3.6 **Identification:** All force mains require the placement of a marking tape identifying the purpose of the force main within one foot (1') of the top of the main.

426.3.7 **Depth and Cover:** Force mains shall be designed to absorb superimposed live loads and the backfill overburden without damage to either the pipe material or the hydraulic function of the force main. The engineer shall address and identify the minimum depth of cover to be provided during the force main construction.

Section 427 - Curvilinear Sewers

427.1 The installations of new curvilinear sewer mains for public sanitary sewer collection systems are not permitted within the City of Mesa utility service area.

Section 428 - Septic Systems

428.1 Projects that receive approval for a septic disposal system may still be required to install a dry sewer system (see below).

Section 429 - Dry Sanitary Sewer Systems (Unconnected)

429.1 Dry sewer systems are essentially public sewer systems that are installed in advance of a planned public main extension that would provide a point of outfall to the system. These systems where required shall be designed in accordance with the above sections for public sewer mains and shall provide a design that facilitates the conversion from the septic disposal system(s) to the public sanitary sewer system.

Section 430 - Structure Crossings

430.1 Where a proposed sanitary sewer main will cross underneath an existing structure such as a box culvert, the sanitary sewer main shall be:

430.1.1 Constructed of Ductile Iron Pipe (D.I.P.) with a ceramic epoxy lining. Minimum pipe class shall be 350 psi unless otherwise approved by the City.

430.1.2 Two feet (2') of clearance is required between the bottom of the structure and the outside top of the sewer main.

430.1.3 In lieu of two feet (2') of clearance, the sewer main may be encased in 6" of Class "C" concrete.

430.1.4 A casing or a carrier pipe may be utilized.

Section 431 - Pipe Casings (Carrier Pipes)

431.1 Carrier pipes for public sanitary sewer mains shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the MAG Uniform Standard Specification Section 602.

Section 432 - Private Sewer Lines

432.1 Projects that will develop a private sewer collection system shall comply with the requirements of the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, the current edition of the Plumbing Code adopted by the City of Mesa, and City of Mesa Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities.

432.2 Projects constructing a private sewer collection system independent of any on-site private structures are required to obtain a plumbing permit from the Development & Sustainability Department Permits Section.

432.3 Private sewer collection systems that connect to the City of Mesa public sewer system shall make the connection at an existing manhole stub or shall construct a new manhole.

432.4 Private sewer systems cannot be located within Public Rights-Of-Way or Easements.

432.5 Perpendicular crossings of Public Easements by private sewer lines will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Section 433 - Sanitary Sewer Appurtenances

433.1 **Manholes:** Standard manholes on the City of Mesa public sewer system shall conform to MAG Standard Details 420 – 1, 420 –2 & 424 and the following:

433.1.1 Five foot (5') in diameter with a thirty inch (30") frame & cover

433.1.2 No steps shall be installed in the manhole

433.2 Manhole Spacing on public sewer mains shall comply with the following Table 4.3:

Table 4.3 Manhole Spacing	
Pipe Size (Inches)	Maximum Spacing (Feet)
8" to 15"	500'
18" to 30"	600'
36" to 60"	800'
Over 60"	1,300'
Source: ADEQ Engineering Bulletin No. 11	

433.3 Manhole frames & covers shall not be located within public sidewalks, driveways, curbs, or gutters.

433.4 **Corrosion Protection:** Manholes on sewer lines 15" and larger and at force main discharge locations are required to have a form of corrosion protection. Visit the City of Mesa Engineering Department webpage for the current list of approved coating systems, at www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/ApprovedProductsList.aspx.

433.5 The approved coating system shall be applied to all exposed internal concrete, brick, and mortar surfaces including the bench, bench-to-pipe transitions, unlined concrete pipes within the manhole, risers, cones, and adjusting rings. The coating on the bench shall extend into the flow channel, down to the liquid surface. Coating of the metallic manhole frame and cover shall not be required.

433.5.1 Spark testing and adhesion testing of the applied coating system that is performed in accordance with City of Mesa specifications shall be required for all sewer manholes and structures that are coated with a corrosion protective coating. Visit www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/AP9WWmanholecpcs.aspx for the required specification.

433.6 **Drop Manholes:** Drop manholes are to be avoided due to the increased maintenance issues (hazards to personnel that must enter them, generation of odors due to the turbulence of the flow, etc...) associated with their use.

433.7 **Approval to Use:** The City of Mesa shall determine when the use of drop manhole structure(s) is appropriate. When specifically approved by the City of Mesa, the engineer may employ drop manhole structures in conformance with the following:

433.7.1 Where changes in elevation between adjoining manholes is two and one-half (2.5) feet or less, the grade shall be adjusted to eliminate the drop, unless it can be demonstrated that such an adjustment is not feasible.

433.7.2 Changes in elevations between two and one-half feet (2.5') and five feet (5') shall utilize a Drop Sewer Connection per MAG Standard Detail 426 Type "A".

433.7.3 Elevation changes in excess of five feet (5') require the use of a MAG 426 "Type B" drop.

433.8 **Water Tight Manholes:** Watertight manholes shall be used in those locations where the public sewer system may be subject to flooding, as determined by the City. Watertight manholes shall conform to MAG Standard Details 420 – 1 & 420 – 2 and 423.

433.8.1 Five foot (5') in diameter with a 30" frame & cover

433.8.2 No steps shall be installed in the manhole

433.9 **Cleanouts:** Cleanouts are to be constructed in accordance with MAG Standard Detail 441. Cleanouts may be used in place of a manhole at the end of an eight inch (8") main that is less than two hundred feet (200') in length.

433.10 **Sewer Services:**

433.10.1 Sewer services are to be installed per MAG Standard Detail 440.

433.10.2 Sewer services shall not be installed in manholes unless approved by the City Engineer

433.10.3 Connections to the mains shall be made utilizing single wyes or tees.

433.10.4 Double wyes are not permitted.

433.11 Sanitary sewer services shall be designed to pass below existing or proposed public water mains with a minimum clearance of 6-inches (6") between the sewer service and the public water main.

433.12 **Plugs:** Plugs shall be installed per M.A.G. Standard Detail 427.

433.13 **Lift Stations:** Where approved, sewage lift stations shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Sewage Pump Station requirements as published in the Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Chapter 9 and, if private, the latest adopted edition of the Plumbing Code.

433.14 Private lift stations are not permitted to be located within dedicated public rights-of-way or public easements.

Chapter 5 - Public Utilities – Natural Gas

Provides minimum design criteria and guidance regarding the preparation of construction documents for public natural gas system facilities as an extension to the City of Mesa public utility system.

The purpose of this chapter is to present to those design professionals involved in a private land development project or city project that involves the City's natural gas utility system general information regarding the processes that are required during the construction document preparation, plan review, approval and permitting stages of land development.

Section 501 - General Information

501.1 The City of Mesa owns and operates a public natural gas utility. There are two natural gas providers within the City of Mesa's boundaries, City of Mesa Energy Resources Department and Southwest Gas. The City of Mesa Energy Resources Department also maintains and operates gas distribution in Pinal County – Magma/Queen Creek areas. Figure 5.1 (Page 87) shows the limits of the natural gas service areas. In addition there are a limited number of areas, primarily on City of Mesa borders, where the Energy Resource Department's service does extend into Chandler, Gilbert and to the north on Indian Reservation areas. Information regarding the Energy Resource Department's system can be obtained from various City Departments or Divisions as outlined below. Additional information is also available on the Energy Resource Department's website: www.mesaaz.gov/energy/builders_developers.aspx

501.2 The Energy Resource Department's system has been developed through a combination of Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) and private land developments, which include subdivision or lot development as well as public utility main extensions. The majority of the system is within the corporate boundaries of Mesa but some components of the system are located within the jurisdiction of Maricopa and Pinal Counties.

501.3 The Energy Resources Department is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the public natural gas utility system. Questions regarding the operations of the natural gas system should be directed to the office of the Energy Resources Department Director (480) 644-2273.

Section 502 - Availability of City of Mesa Natural Gas Service

502.1 Questions regarding the availability of service, the expansion of the natural gas system or extension requirements to serve proposed new developments should be directed to one of the

Energy Resources Department's business development representatives at (480) 644-3683 or (480) 644-2652. Gas design inquiries should be directed to the Gas Engineering Section of the Engineering Department (480) 644-2509.

Section 503 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

503.1 The design professional should be aware of and become familiar with the following aspects of the various regulations that pertain to land development within the City of Mesa and its natural gas service territory.

503.2 **City Code:** The "Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities" is adopted by public ordinance. It is important that the design professional familiarize themselves with the most current ordinance, rates, service requirements, and authorities to connect, disconnect and terminate services.

503.3 **City Policy:** City policy stipulates that the City of Mesa Engineering Department will perform and provide the engineering design for all new or relocated natural gas facilities in the Energy Resource Department's natural gas service territory.

503.4 City policy also stipulates that City of Mesa Energy Resource Department crews or a designated pipeline contractor shall perform all work involving the City of Mesa natural gas system.

503.5 Utility crossings of public streets are to be avoided. Open trenching (pavement cut) of public streets are not allowed for pavement less than five (5) years old. When the designer deems a utility must cross a public street, the designer shall provide an engineering evaluation that explains why alternatives to the crossing cannot be avoided.

Section 504 - Natural Gas System Design

504.1 **Design Standards, Specifications & Guidelines:** The Gas Engineering section of the Engineering Department will design the natural gas system for the proposed development utilizing the improvement plans. The engineer, architect or designer is required to incorporate the design into the improvement plans. The Senior Gas Engineer for the City of Mesa will stamp and seal the natural gas system portion of the design on the record mylars to be provided to the City. The Senior Gas Engineer will also assure, through a quality control review that all construction notes and references are included prior to affixing the seal.

504.2 **Trench Backfill & Pavement Replacement:** The contractor is responsible for backfilling and replacing pavement in all public street excavations per the City of Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4 and the Policy Statement for Street Trench Backfilling and Pavement Replacement, revised September 29, 1999. Copies of the Policy Statement are available online from the Engineering Department web pages at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/Policiesandforms.aspx>.

504.3 Natural Gas Mains:

504.3.1 **Location:** Gas mains and service lines are usually installed in conjunction with public water line trench and require a minimum cover of 30-inches over the top of natural gas lines, per Mesa Standard Detail M-58. Separation requirements from "other" utilities are identified in Mesa Standard Detail M-60.

504.3.2 **Sizing:** Sizing is per the Engineering Department and/or the Energy Resources Department.

504.3.3 **Materials:** Materials for the City of Mesa Natural Gas System are provided by the Energy Resources Department and installed by Energy Resources or a designated pipeline contractor.

504.4 **Natural Gas Services:** Similar to gas mains, natural gas services are owned, operated and installed by the Energy Resources Department. Installation of residential service lines will also utilize a “joint-trench” concept according to gas detail CP-22.1. Commercial installation will utilize joint-trench opportunities where practical and/or feasible, utilizing either M-58 or CP-22.1. Requirements for the placement of the meter, on property either residential or commercial, will adhere to the plumbing code and applicable Gas Utilities Operations and Maintenance Manual. Copies of these details are available through the Gas Engineering office.

504.5 **“Check and Wrap” General Note Required on All Plans:** The following general note shall be included on all plan sets that involve underground excavation work regardless of whether gas work is part of the project scope or not, “When gas main and/or services are exposed, contact the City of Mesa at 480-644-2261 for inspection of the exposed pipe and coating prior to backfilling the trench.”

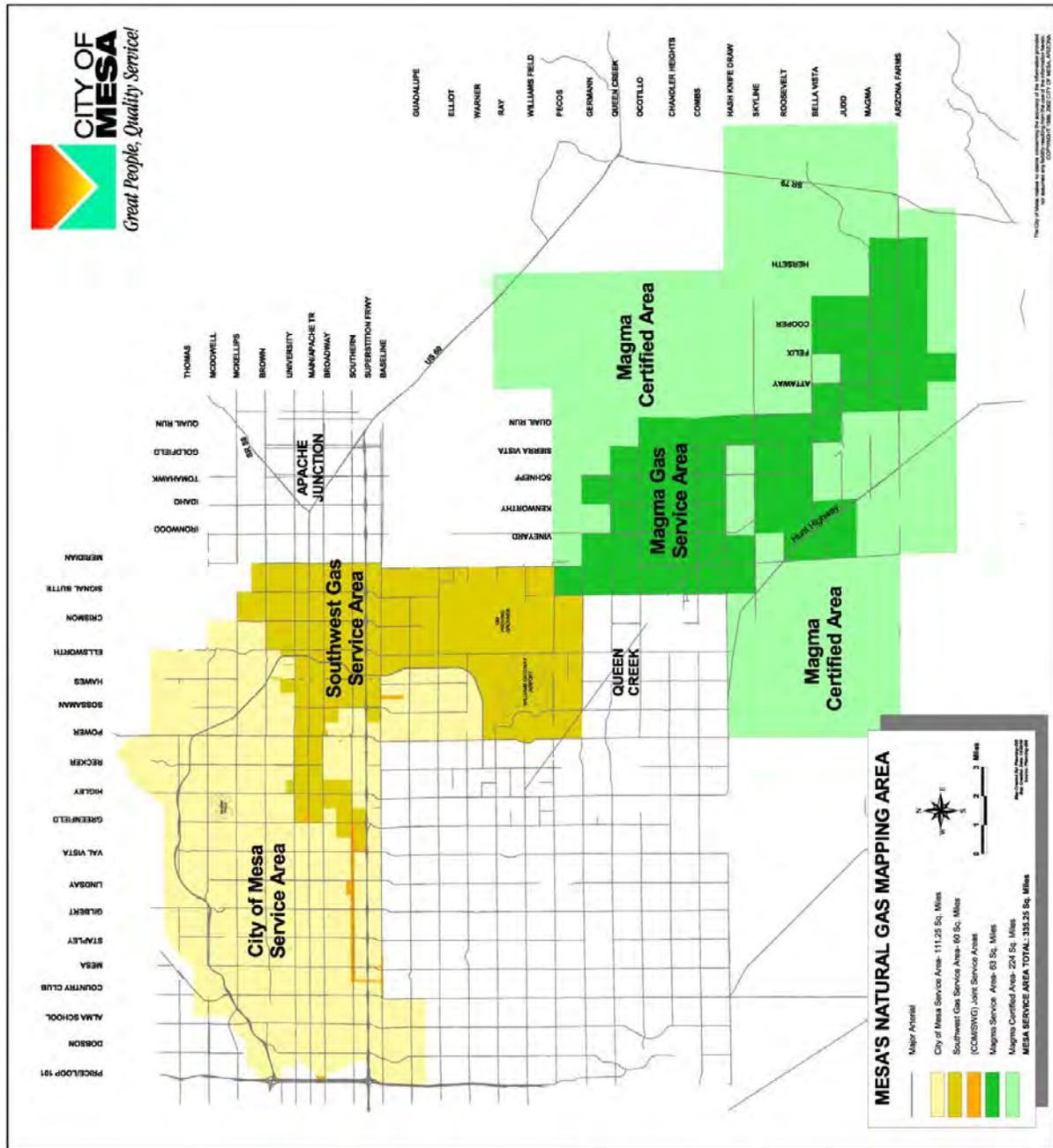


Figure 5.1: Natural Gas Service Areas

Chapter 6 - Public Utilities – City Electric

Provides minimum design criteria and guidance regarding the preparation of construction documents involving the City of Mesa electric system.

The purpose of this chapter is to present to those design professionals involved in a private land development project and city project that involves the City’s electric utility system general information regarding the processes that are required during the construction document preparation, plan review, approval and permitting stages of land development.

Section 601 - General Information

601.1 The City of Mesa owns and operates a public electric utility, which is one of two public utilities that provide electrical service to Mesa residents. Figure 6.1 shows the limits of the City of Mesa Electric Service Area. Information regarding the City of Mesa system can be obtained from various City Departments or Divisions as outlined below. The other public utility providing electric service is Salt River Project.

601.2 The Chandler brothers developed the City of Mesa electric utility system in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. Mesa purchased the utility in 1917 and the Arizona Supreme Court determined the service area in 1954. Unlike the other City of Mesa utilities, developers are not responsible for installing the electric infrastructure. The service area for the City’s electric utility is approximately five and one-half square miles in the heart of the City; the service area is delineated on Figure 6.1, Electric Service Area.

601.3 The Utilities Department of the City of Mesa is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the electric utility system. Questions regarding the operations of the electric utility should be directed to the office of the Electrical System Engineer (480) 644-2156.

601.4 Electric utility service is available to both residential and commercial projects.

601.5 The Electric Utility is located in the Utilities Building at 640 N. Mesa Drive.

Section 602 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

602.1 The design professional should be aware of and become familiar with the following aspects of the various regulations that pertain to land development within the City of Mesa and its utility service areas.

Section 603 - City Policy

603.1 **Contact for Service:** The developer or an appropriate representative (i.e., architect, engineer, etc.) is required to contact the City of Mesa Electric Utility to arrange electric utility service to the proposed project when it is located within the City of Mesa electric service area.

603.2 **Electric Code:** The City of Mesa Electric Utility follows the current edition of the National Electric Code except as modified by the City of Mesa.

603.3 **Service, Voltage & Meters:** Service to the customer will be provided from the City's nearest suitable lines of sufficient capacity to provide adequate service at the voltage available. The City shall determine the location of the electric meter within its service area.

603.4 **De-energization:** The developer or contractor is required to contact the Electric Utility when it is necessary to de-energize the electric service. Only authorized City of Mesa Electric Utility personnel are to break seals, move, relocate or replace meters and other electric utility equipment owned by the City.

603.5 **Right-Of-Way & Easements:** The developer is responsible to provide any rights-of-way or public utility easements necessary to serve the proposed project.

603.6 Utility crossings of public streets are to be avoided, whether overhead or underground. Open trenching (pavement cut) of public streets are not allowed for pavement less than five (5) years old. When the designer deems a utility must cross a public street, the designer shall provide an engineering evaluation that explains why alternatives to the crossing cannot be avoided.

Section 604 - Electric Service Design

604.1 **Proposed Plans:** The developer or an appropriate representative shall provide to the Electric Utility copies of the construction plans for the proposed project.

604.2 The submittal shall include drawings or plans that are of a sufficient scale to determine the location of the metering equipment on the building(s) and the "point of service" on the City of Mesa Electric Utility system.

604.2.1 The submittal shall include the electrical plans, public utility improvement plans, site plans, schematic diagrams and electrical load calculations.

604.3 **Location:** All new electric services and service changes, modifications or upgrades must be located underground.

604.4 **Voltage:** Service Voltages that are available within the City of Mesa Electric Utility service area are:

604.4.1 Voltage available to serve proposed residential projects is 120/240 Volts AC 60Hz.

604.4.2 Voltages that are available to serve commercial projects are 120/240 Volts, Single Phase, 120/208Y Volts, Three Phase or 277/480Y Volts, Three Phase.

604.5 The Electric Utility will furnish the available short circuit current (AIC) upon request.

604.6 **Developer's Responsibility:** The developer is responsible for complete installation of the electric service from the "point of service" to the service entrance section (SES) as determined by the Electric Utility.

604.7 **City's Responsibility:** The City of Mesa Electric Utility will furnish and install the primary conduit(s), the primary conductor, the transformer, the pad mounted transformer (i.e., "point of service"), test switches and the electric watt-hour meter.

604.8 The City of Mesa Electric Utility will review, provide comment on and ultimately approve the electrical service design to all proposed projects within the City's electric service area.

604.9 **Trench Backfill & Pavement Replacement:** The contractor is responsible for backfilling and replacing pavement in all public street excavations per the City of Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4 and the Policy Statement for Street Trench Backfilling and Pavement Replacement, revised September 29, 1999. Copies of the Policy Statement are available online from the Engineering Department web pages at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/Policiesandforms.aspx>.

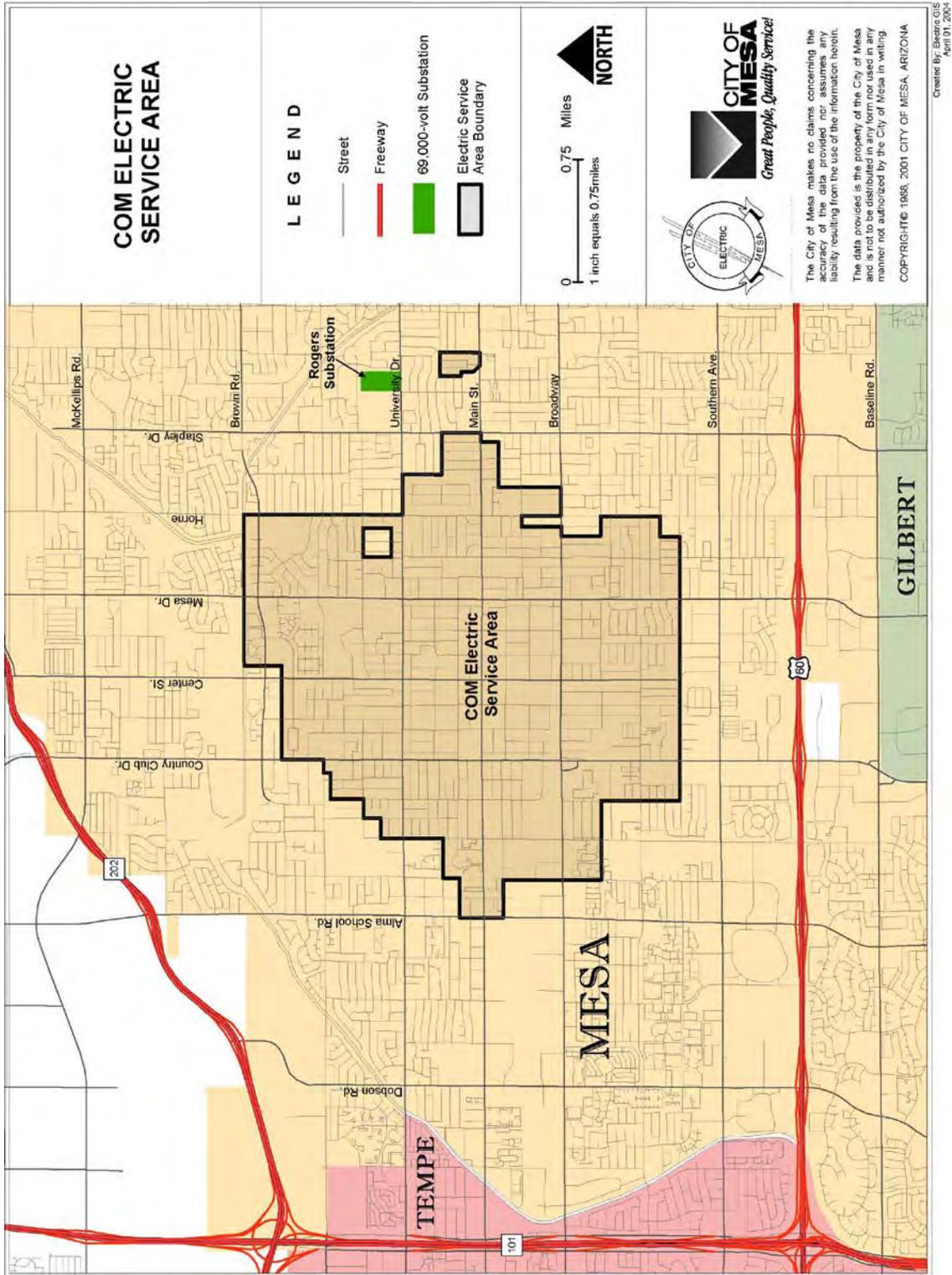


Figure 6.1 City of Mesa Electric Service Area

Chapter 7 - Public Utilities – Non-City Utilities

Provides minimum design criteria and guidance regarding the preparation of construction documents involving the other public utilities or City franchise holders.

The purpose of this chapter is to present to those design professionals involved in a private land development project and city project which involves the other public utilities or City franchisee's that provide utility service to land development projects, general information regarding the processes that are required during the construction document preparation, plan review, approval and permitting stages of land development.

Section 701 - General Information

701.1 Definition: Non-City utilities are those companies, corporations, or entities that provide some type of utility service, whether it is electricity, telecommunications, water, or information services that are not owned, operated or generated by the City of Mesa. Within the City of Mesa, Non-City utilities are provided by but not limited to the following companies or utilities: AGL Networks, Air Products, Arizona Water Company, AT&T, Cox Communications, Eagle West Communications, Qwest Communications, Roosevelt Water Conservation District, Salt River Project, and Southwest Gas Corporation, and Williams Communications.

701.2 Placement in Right-Of-Way & Easements: Utility companies that are recognized as a public utility or have been granted a franchise license by the City Council to serve the citizens of Mesa are allowed to place facilities within the dedicated public rights-of-way and public easements subject to the review and approval of the City of Mesa. All other private facilities are prohibited from utilizing the public rights-of-way and public easements without an encroachment agreement.

701.3 Permit Required: Projects where the developer's contractor(s) will be installing facilities (i.e., conduit) for the use of the Non-City Utilities are required to obtain a separate Right-Of-Way Permit.

701.3.1 A contractor with the appropriate license and current Certificate of Insurance on file may obtain this permit from the Permit Services Section of the Development & Sustainability Department.

Section 702 - Availability of Non-City Utilities

702.1 Questions regarding the products, services, operations and processes of the various utility providers should be directed to the individual utility companies.

Section 703 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

703.1 Land development requires the installation and/or construction of both City provided and Non-City utilities in order to complete the necessary infrastructure for the proposed project.

703.2 **Regulates Use of Right-Of-Way & Easements:** In order to prevent or reduce utility conflicts between the City utilities and those provided by other companies, the City of Mesa has adopted ordinances and standards to regulate the use of the public rights-of-way, which includes dedicated right-of-way for public streets as well as the public utilities and facilities easements (P.U.F.E.) and public utility easements (P.U.E.).

703.3 The design professional and the Non-City Utility providers should be aware of and become familiar with the various regulations that pertain to land development within the City of Mesa and it's utility service areas.

Section 704 - City Code

704.1 Title 9, Public Ways & Property contains information regarding the regulation of public right-of-way and public easements in association with private land development. Chapter 1 of Title 9 pertains to Right-Of-Way Permits, while Chapter 6 deals with requirements to provide right-of-way or easements in conjunction with land subdivision.

704.2 An electronic version of the City Code may be referenced on the City of Mesa website at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/clerk/>

Section 705 - City Ordinances

705.1 City ordinances provide for and require that all private land developments in the City of Mesa be developed, operated and maintained in accordance with applicable regulations, standards and requirements.

705.2 **Telecommunications:** Any telecommunications corporation seeking to install, maintain, construct, or operate telecommunications facilities in the City of Mesa's right-of-way and public utility easements, or provide telecommunication service by means of such facilities, must first be granted a license by the City of Mesa under Title 9, Chapter 14, of the Mesa City Code. For additional information regarding the process to obtain a Telecommunications Franchise License, please contact E-Streets & Licensing at (480) 644-5377.

705.3 **Joint Trench:** The City of Mesa Code, Title 9, Chapter 7, requires cable TV to utilize a common or joint trench with other non-City utilities in new developments where a developer provides a trench for undergrounding of the non-City utilities.

Section 706 - City Policy

706.1 **Conflict Review Required:** It is City policy to perform a conflict review of the Non-City Utility provider's construction plans for improvements, facilities or structures to be constructed or located within City of Mesa public rights-of-way or public easements to ensure that the integrity of the City utilities and the public rights-of-way are maintained. The conflict review is performed as a part of the review of a non-City utilities permit application.

706.2 **Located Underground:** City policy requires that electric lines and communication lines shall be constructed underground in accordance with the requirements of the Arizona Corporation Commission.

706.3 All new electric lines and communications lines shall be placed underground unless otherwise approved by the City.

706.4 All existing overhead utilities, twelve kilovolt (12kv) or less within public right-of-way adjacent to developing properties, shall be relocated underground. This requirement shall apply to all utilities including electric distribution lines, electric service lines, telephone cables and lines, and lines used for other communication systems such as cable-transmitted television. The underground installation shall comply with all utility company's requirements.

706.5 The City of Mesa recognizes that the cost of relocating overhead utilities underground may be prohibitive for certain projects and has established criteria staff will use to cause an exception to the requirement. The developer may request a project be exempted from the undergrounding requirement if it meets either of the two conditions below.

706.5.1 The cost of undergrounding the overhead power lines is at least thirty percent (30%) of the valuation of the project based on the valuation methodology used in the adopted building code for assessing building permit fees or more than fifty percent (50%) of the frontage of properties within the property's reach (a reach being a one mile section from arterial street to arterial street, on the same side of the street) exists above ground.

706.5.2 If the site is to be developed for residential use with the maximum number of dwelling units being three.

706.6 A written request for consideration, with documentation of compliance shall be provided at or prior to the time of construction document submittal to the City of Mesa Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning Section.

706.7 **Coordination Required:** The City of Mesa requires that Non-City Utility providers coordinate the location of their Non-City utilities/facilities for projects that have private streets or drive areas and will have public utilities on-site in public easements.

706.8 The City of Mesa requires the telecommunication providers coordinate the location of their facilities for projects with private streets and public utilities in easements.

706.9 **Utility Crossings:** Utility crossings of public streets are to be avoided, whether overhead or underground. Open trenching (pavement cut) of public streets are not allowed for pavement less than five (5) years old. When the designer deems a utility must cross a public street, the designer shall provide

an engineering evaluation that explains why alternatives to the crossing cannot be avoided. The City of Mesa does not allow the open cutting of public streets to install non-City utility facilities unless an independent geo-technical report is obtained from an appropriate Arizona registrant stating the soil conditions cannot be bored. It is the responsibility of the applicant, developer or utility provider to obtain and pay all costs associated with the geo-technical report. Congestion of the public rights-of-way is not normally grounds for allowing the public street pavement to be disturbed.

706.10 Permits for Maintenance & Repair: Any maintenance or repairs performed on irrigation tile, pipe, conduit or facilities located in the public right of way, public utility easements, or public utility and facility easements will require:

706.10.1 That construction plans be submitted to the Development & Sustainability Department for review, comment and/or approval.

706.10.2 The Permit Services section of Development & Sustainability Department shall issue a right of way and public easement permit, before repairs are made.

Section 707 - Design Standards, Specifications & Guidelines

707.1 Location: In general, non-City utility/facilities shall be located on the south or west sides of the public streets, and on the opposite side of the public street from the public water system unless otherwise approved. Unusual conditions or sites will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis as to the appropriate location of the non-City facility in relation to City's public utilities and pavement. Utilize record drawings and physical verification to locate existing pavement and utility stubs and design to connect to the existing stubs where feasible.

707.2 Adequate Clearances: Proposed Non-City Utility utility/facilities must maintain adequate clearances between the proposed non-City facility and the City of Mesa public utilities. Minimum clearances are:

707.2.1 Horizontal – Two feet (2')

707.2.2 Vertical – One foot (1')

707.3 Clearances are measured from the outer edge of the conduits or structures.

707.4 Horizontal Bores: Designs with pavement boring(s) shall reference Mesa Standard Detail M-18 and the City's Policy Statement for Street Utility Crossings Using Boring Methods. Where the utility provider will be placing facilities in a developer provided conduit, the developer will be required to provide construction plans showing the bore(s) required to install the utility conduit. It is the utility provider's responsibility to coordinate this requirement with the project developer. Pothole and profile information shall be provided to the Engineering Inspector prior to boring.

707.5 Pavement Cuts: Where appropriate, designs with public street pavement cuts shall be in accordance with Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4. Where the utility provider will be placing facilities in developer provided conduit, the developer will be required to provide construction plans showing the alignments, trenches, and bore holes required to install the utility conduit in mesa's rights-of-way and

easement. It is the responsibility of the project developer and utility provider to coordinate this requirement with each other.

707.6 Trench Backfill & Pavement Replacement: The contractor is responsible for backfilling and replacing pavement in all public street excavations per the City of Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4 and the Policy Statement for Street Trench Backfilling and Pavement Replacement, revised September 29, 1999. Copies of the Policy Statement are available online from the Engineering Department web pages at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/engineering/Policiesandforms.aspx>.

707.7 Overhead Facilities: For those private land development projects that have existing overhead electric facilities within, adjacent or contiguous to the proposed development the City of Mesa requires the following:

707.7.1 Overhead electric facilities that are 12kv or smaller and are adjacent to arterial, section, mid-section and/or collector streets, shall be relocated underground.

707.7.2 Overhead electric facilities that are 12kv or smaller and are adjacent to local streets within residential or commercial subdivisions are not required to underground the overhead facilities where all the electric & non-electric facilities are existing overhead throughout the subdivision.

707.7.3 Projects adjacent to local streets and where the 12kv or smaller electric facilities are overhead only adjacent to the proposed project may be required to relocate the overhead facilities underground. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

707.8 The construction of a single residence on an unsubdivided lot or parcel is not required to bury any existing overhead lines.

707.9 Projects that are adjacent to overhead electric facilities that are larger than 12kv, for example 69kv or 230kv are not required to underground those facilities.

707.10 Projects that are adjacent to overhead electric facilities that are larger than 12kv are not required to relocate the electric facilities out of the public right-of-way except when in conflict with required mesa facilities (i.e., streetlighting).

707.11 Where the overhead facilities are a combination of smaller than and larger than 12kv (i.e., under built), the 12kv facilities are not required to be relocated underground except where the 12kv or smaller facilities are or will be in conflict with the required public street lighting facilities.

707.12 This applies to all electric lines that are adjacent to the proposed development. Relocation of the facilities may involve the facilities that are not adjacent to the proposed project (i.e., electric lines to the next utility pole).

707.13 Where existing overhead facilities are a combination of non-electric and electric facilities (i.e., attached to the common utility poles), all facilities are required to be relocated per the above standards.

707.14 Flood Irrigation Facilities:

707.14.1 **Storm Drain Connections:** The City of Mesa prohibits the connection of any flood irrigation system to a public storm drain facility.

- The City of Mesa prohibits the connection of any storm drain facility accepting public street storm water runoff, directly or indirectly, to the Salt River Project Irrigation System.

707.14.2 **Access to Facilities:** The City of Mesa requires that access to irrigation facilities be provided from the property side of the site. Public streets shall not be blocked and the public street vertical curb shall not be mounted during operation or maintenance of irrigation structures.

707.14.3 **Abandonment:** The abandonment, retirement, deactivation and re-establishment of Salt River Project irrigation facilities requires:

707.14.3.1 The Developer shall coordinate the request to deactivate Salt River Project irrigation facilities through the City of Mesa.

707.14.3.2 The Developer shall enter into a re-establishment agreement with Salt River Project, if requested by the City or Salt River Project.

707.14.3.3 The costs of re-establishing a Salt River Project facility will be borne by the Developer, the Developer's heirs or assignees.

707.15 **Arizona Water Company:** For those land development projects that will be provided water utility service from the Arizona Water Company, the City of Mesa will require:

707.15.1 Improvement plans submitted for review, that contains the water system design along with construction notes.

707.15.2 A copy of the approval from Arizona Water Company to install their water utility mains & facilities within City of Mesa's rights of way and public utility easements.

707.15.3 Upon plan approval, a separate Right-Of-Way Permit will be required to install these facilities.

Section 708 - Non-City Utility Construction Plans:

708.1 Non-City Utility plans are typically submitted to the City by the public or private utility for approval to place their facilities within the public rights-of-way and public easements. The Non-City Utility facilities range from totally utility owned & provided to utility facilities within a developer provided conduit.

708.2 Non-City Utility plans are one of the few schematic or "shop drawing" style of construction plans that the City accepts for private land development projects. Even so there are minimum standards that these types of plans shall meet and are discussed below.

708.3 **Minimum Standards:** Identify and dimension from the monument and/or centerline of the road right of way the following:

708.3.1 All existing and/or proposed public right of way;

708.3.2 All existing and/or proposed public utility and/or public utility and facility easements or other public easements;

708.3.3 The existing and/or proposed street improvements (pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, street light poles and cabinets);

708.3.4 Identify and dimension all existing and/or proposed City of Mesa public utilities, (water, sewer, gas, storm drain, street lights)

708.3.5 All above ground facilities including those owned by other providers.

708.3.6 All private utility systems including any developer provided conduit, located within the public right of way or public utility easements shall be clearly identified and dimensioned.

708.4 Sheet size for Non-City Utility plans shall be:

708.4.1 Minimum sheet size of 8.5" x 11"

708.4.2 Maximum sheet size of 24" x 36"

708.5 Since all Non-City utility plans that are approved by the City of Mesa are archived for record, the plans shall be legible for microfilming.

Section 709 - Permit Application & Plan Submittal

709.1 **Submittal to City:** Submittals of the construction documents for the proposed Non-City Utility shall be made to the the Permit Services Section.

709.2 **Application Form:** The City of Mesa “Non-City Utilities Permit Application” is a one page, two-sided application that is filled out, signed by an appropriate and authorized representative of the utility provider, and included with the construction plan submittal. Copies of the application form are available online at <http://mesaaz.gov/devsustain/ConstructionPermits.aspx>.

709.3 **Required Copies:** Submit 3 complete sets of plans along with the completed permit application. Applicants wishing to receive their correction comments or the approved permit and plans should provide a self addressed stamped envelope that is large enough to accommodate the applicant’s copy of the approved plans. Otherwise, the applicant is required to pick up their plans, correction comments and/or permit at the Development & Sustainability Department Permit Services Section offices at 55 N Center. Comments may be found on-line at https://buildingandcode.mesaaz.gov/tm_bin/tmw_cmd.pl?tmw_cmd=UserHome&tmw_current=1.

Section 710 - Plan Review, Approval & Permit Issuance

710.1 **Plan Review:** As stated previously, City of Mesa staff will perform a conflict review of the proposed Non-City Utility plans to examine the relationship to existing and/or proposed City of Mesa utilities and facilities.

710.2 Upon completion of the conflict review, staff will either generate a list of correction comments or will approve the proposed Non-City Utility facilities by completing the permit application form and issuing it as the permit for the proposed facilities.

710.3 **Plan Review Comments:** Correction comments are issued as letter-sized reports that identify the deficiencies noted that shall be corrected prior to plan approval. These reports are either sent to the utility provider or shall be picked up at the Permit Services Section.

710.4 **Permit Issuance:** the following on the Permit form evidences Approval of the Non-City Utility application:

710.4.1 Identification of the date of the original issuance

710.4.2 Identification of the date that the initial issuance of the permit expires

710.4.3 Authorized signature on behalf of the Development & Sustainability Department Manager.

710.5 As with the correction reports, the approved permits are either mailed to the Non-City Utility provider or are available by pickup at the Permit Services section.

710.6 A conduit plan shall be shown on compliant developer or utility provider improvement plans prior to non-city utilities permit issuance.

710.7 **Conditions that Must Be Met:** The applicant shall adhere to all conditions stated on the backside of the Non-City Utilities Permit (NCU Permit).

Section 711 - Permit Extensions

711.1 As stated on the permit, construction of the Non-City Utility facility shall begin within one hundred twenty (120) days of the permit issuance, otherwise the permit expires by limitation and application must reoccur.

711.2 Two extensions of the same application/permit form are allowed if work has not commenced within one hundred (120) days of the permit issuance. The Non-City Utility providers shall provide a copy of the prior permit issued along with the Non-City Utility plans.

711.3 Permits that have expired by limitation three times and the Non-City Utility facility is still required and/or necessary, the Non-City Utility provider shall complete a new application form and submit three (3) copies of the plans for review and/or approval.

Section 712 - Construction & Inspections

712.1 **Conflict Inspection:** The Construction Services section of the Engineering Department performs inspections on all facilities located, constructed or installed with the public right-of-way and public easements.

712.2 **Permit Required:** Engineering Construction will only perform a conflict inspection for those Non-City Utilities installed under the auspices of a "Non-City Utilities Permit".

712.3 **Letter of Acceptance:** Engineering Construction will inspect and issue a "Letter Of Acceptance" for those Non-City Utilities or facilities (i.e., developer conduit) that are installed or constructed under a

City of Mesa Right-Of-Way Permit. The Non-City Utility Permit final shall be held pending Non-City Utility Conduit Row Permit final.

Chapter 8 - Storm Water Drainage & Retention

Provides minimum design criteria and guidance regarding the preparation of construction documents for the development of the public and/or private storm water facilities required of private land development.

The purpose of this chapter is to present general information to, and provide specific guidelines for design professionals on the processes and standards required during construction document preparation, review, approval and permitting stages of the storm water system aspects of private land development.

Section 801 - General Information

801.1 Uniform Drainage Policies and Standards: The City of Mesa has adopted the Uniform Drainage Policies and Standards for Maricopa County as published by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) as modified herein. FCDMC also publishes a Drainage Design Manual for Maricopa County.

801.2 Where criteria or direction is not provided within this chapter or the Engineering Procedure Manual, the engineer may use the FCDMC Drainage Design Manual subject to review and approval of the City.

801.3 Copies of the Uniform Standards and the Drainage Design Manual are available from the FCDMC at: <http://www.fcd.maricopa.gov>.

801.4 Public Storm Water Collection Systems: The City of Mesa owns and operates a public storm water drainage system, which provides storm water collection, conveyance, retention and discharge. Other public agencies own and/or operate storm drain systems in the Mesa planning area, including the FCDMC and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Additionally, private developments and landowners own and operate storm drain systems.

801.5 Mesa's storm water drainage system has been developed through a combination of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and private land developments.

801.6 **Existing Information:** Information regarding the City of Mesa system can be obtained from various City departments or divisions as outlined below:

801.7 Mesa's Transportation Department is responsible for operations and maintenance of the street drain portions of the public storm water drainage system. Questions regarding the operations of the storm water system should be directed to the office of the Field Operations Superintendent at (480) 644-3121.

801.8 Mesa's Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department is responsible for operation and maintenance of City-owned retention/detention basins. Questions regarding the operation of these basins should be directed to the office of the Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department Planning and Development staff at (480) 644-2643.

Section 802 - Storm Drain Master Plans

802.1 Several storm drain studies have been done for areas within Mesa's jurisdiction. For additional information regarding these studies, please contact the Development Planning section of the Development & Sustainability Department; P.O. Box 1466 Mesa, AZ 85211-1466; (480) 644-3254.

Section 803 - Availability of City of Mesa Storm Drain Systems

803.1 After research of utility quarter section maps, improvement plans and master plans noted above, questions pertaining to the availability of Mesa storm drains should be directed to the Development Planning Section of the Development & Sustainability Department; P.O. Box 1466 Mesa, AZ 85211-1466; (480) 644-3254.

803.2 Questions regarding system expansion or extension requirements to serve proposed new projects shall be directed to the Development Planning Section of the Development & Sustainability Department; P.O. Box 1466 Mesa, AZ 85211-1466; (480) 644-3254.

Section 804 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

804.1 Since development activities can result in higher storm flows, more frequent flooding and increased pollutants, the City of Mesa has adopted ordinances and standards to alleviate or reduce those potential results. The design professional should be aware of and become familiar with the various regulations that pertain to land development within the City of Mesa and its utility service areas.

804.2 Utility crossings of public streets are to be avoided where possible. Open trenching (pavement cut) of public streets are not allowed for pavement less than five (5) years old, unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer. When the designer deems a utility must cross a public street, the designer shall provide an engineering evaluation that explains why alternatives to the crossing cannot be avoided.

Section 805 - City Code

805.1 Title 9 of City Code ("Public Ways & Property") contains information regarding the development of the public and private storm water systems in association with private land development. Chapter 6 of City Code Title 9 pertains to land subdivision projects, while Chapter 8 of said Title 9 deals with individual

lot or parcel development (non-subdivision) projects. Chapter 5 (“Storm Water Pollution Control”) of City Code Title 8 contains information regarding the control of pollutants in the City storm water system.

805.2 Chapter 15 (“Site Development Design Standards”) of City Code Title 11 contains information regarding private retention basins.

805.3 An electronic version of the City Code may be referenced on the City of Mesa website at: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/clerk/>

805.4 City code requires the developer to retain on-site storm water runoff for proposed land development projects in order to manage storm water runoff flow rates and volumes resulting from urban development. If the drainage or retention systems fail to meet that intent, the owner, developer or landowner is responsible to bring the deficient systems into compliance at no cost to the City. Once constructed and approved by the City, the drainage and retention facilities may not be modified unless approved by the City Engineer.

Section 806 - On-Site Storm Water Management

806.1 This section discusses the requirements and provides the criteria for storm water management of the on-site portion of the proposed private land development site, exclusive of public street right-of-way whether internal in the development or adjoining the project site.

806.2 The “Off-Site Storm Water Management” section that follows discusses the requirements and criteria for the storm water management of the off-site component of private land development.

806.3 **Design Storms:** As stipulated by the City Code, all developments must handle the peak flow and retain the volume of runoff from rainfall events for the contributing drainage area as summarized below:

806.3.1 **Retention Volume:** Citywide (including all areas within Mesa’s planning area) shall provide storm water retention for events up to and including the 100-year frequency, 2-hour duration storm event, except for areas within the Downtown Redevelopment Area, which are discussed in the next paragraph.

806.3.2 Projects within the Downtown Redevelopment Area (which is delineated in Figure 8.2) shall provide storm water retention for two thirds (2/3) of the runoff from the 100-year, 2-hour storm event.

806.3.3 **Peak Discharge:** The peak storm is also known as a time of concentration storm and provides an estimation of the peak discharge flow (Q).

806.3.4 Different frequency storms are analyzed for the “peak” depending on the public infrastructure affected. See “Off-Site Storm Water Management” section below for specific information.

806.4 **Rainfall Depth:** The rainfall depth corresponding to the 100-year, 2-hour storm is 2.2 inches, or latest version of the referenced NOAA Atlas 14. In the Downtown Redevelopment Area, two-thirds (2/3) of said depth (or 1.5 inches) is the rainfall depth to use for the purposes of calculating retention requirements.

806.5 Contributing Drainage Area: The area to be considered as generating storm water runoff to be retained shall be the development site itself and the adjacent public streets, except as follows:

806.5.1 Where adjacent public streets were previously improved to the ultimate pavement width and vertical curb & gutter was installed without inlets, scuppers, etc. to convey public street runoff onto the property being developed; the adjacent right-of-way shall not be considered as a contributing area.

806.5.2 Where the developing property is adjacent to arterial streets that are located between the natural grade break (i.e., the “Mesa”) that drains runoff northerly to the Salt River and US 60 (Superstition Freeway), the adjacent right-of-way shall not be considered as a contributing area unless the fronting street does not have existing provisions for storm water management.

806.7 Runoff Coefficients: The City of Mesa uses the following runoff coefficients for the rational method:

Table 8.1 - Composite Runoff Coefficients	
Turf (grass) Landscaping	C = .15
Desert Landscaping (Undeveloped or without impervious underlying liner (plastic, etc. . .))	C = .50
Desert Landscaping with impervious liner	C = .70
Asphalt Pavement or Asphalt Tiled Roofs	C = .85
Concrete Surfaces or Tile Roofs (clay, concrete, etc.)	C = .95

806.8 Weighted Coefficients: The City of Mesa permits the use of weighted coefficients as a component of the rational method subject to the following:

806.8.1 Weighted coefficients shall be identified by the prefix “C_w” in the calculations.

806.8.2 Subareas are clearly defined and explained and the associated weighted coefficients calculated.

806.8.3 Subareas shall be shown on either the drainage maps, drainage exhibits and/or on the grading plans for the proposed development.

806.9 Peak Discharge & Volume: As stated previously, all developments are responsible for the peak discharge of the design storm and shall provide the necessary infrastructure to route or convey the peak storm runoff of the rainfall event to the retention basin.

806.10 Rational Method: The “rational method” provides a simple equation for sizing storm drains, culverts, etc. for the peak discharge from the design storm event for drainage areas up to one hundred sixty (160) acres. The rational method is as follows:

$$Q_p = C \times I \times A_d$$

Q_p = peak discharge
 C = coefficient representing the ratio of rainfall to runoff (see Table 8.1)
 I = rainfall intensity (in/hr) at a selected recurrence interval and duration
 A_d = the size of the drainage area in acres

806.11 Engineers and designers may use Figure 3.6 of the Drainage Design Manual, Hydrology for Maricopa County to estimate the rainfall intensity in the Q_p equation.

806.12 Time of Concentration: The time of concentration is the time required for runoff from the hydraulically most remote point of the drainage area to reach the point of concentration (e.g., inlet of the drainage structure), as measured from the beginning of the rainfall event.

806.12.1 The time of concentration (T_c) can be calculated utilizing the formula developed by Papadakis & Kazan (1987):

$$T_c = 11.4L^{0.5} \times K_b^{0.52} \times S^{-0.31} \times i^{-0.38}$$

T_c = time of concentration, in hours
 L = length of the longest flow path, in miles
 K_b = watershed or drainage area resistance coefficient
 S = watercourse slope, in feet/mile
 i = rainfall intensity, in inches/hour

806.12.2 Engineers shall utilize Table 3.1 and Figure 3.1 of the Drainage Design Manual, Hydrology for Maricopa County to estimate the resistance coefficient (K_b) in the T_c equation.

806.12.3 The minimum time of concentration (T_c) shall not be less than 10 minutes.

806.13 Volume of Retention: Development projects are required to provide retention for the storm water runoff contributed by the defined drainage area for rainfall events up to and including the 100-year, 2-hour storm.

806.13.1 The formula for calculating the runoff volume that shall be retained for drainage areas up to 160 acres is:

$$V_{required} = C \times \frac{D}{12} \times A$$

$V_{required}$ = runoff volume from the drainage area to be retained in acre-feet
 C = coefficient representing the ratio of rainfall to runoff (see Table 8.1)
 D = depth of water generated by the 100-year 2-hour storm in inches
 A = the size of the drainage area in acres

806.14 Large Acreage Projects: Projects that are in excess of one hundred sixty (160) acres are required to utilize a unit hydrograph method or other approved method to calculate the peak discharge and retention volume.

806.15 Retention Methods: Allowable methods of providing storm water retention are discussed in subsequent sections.

806.16 Surface Storage: Where surface storage of the required retention is planned or provided (i.e., the traditional retention basin), the basin(s) shall comply with the following subsections.

806.16.1 Retention is to be accommodated within a limited number of well-defined irregularly shaped areas. Pursuant to the City Code, multiple small retention basins are not acceptable for either public or private developments unless approved by the City Engineer.

806.16.2 To count separate retention areas as one, they must have the same high water elevation and be connected by equalizer pipes. Basins with different high water elevations may not be interconnected, even if valves are installed on the connection piping.

806.16.3 On-lot retention is required for all residential subdivisions classified as “Suburban Ranch”. Each lot shall make provision for the lot runoff as well as the adjacent half street.

806.16.4 On-lot retention is prohibited in all other residential subdivisions.

806.16.5 Underground retention is prohibited for single-family and multi-family residential developments.

806.16.6 Lots 5 acres and larger may be self-retaining.

806.16.7 Maximum depth of the required retention within a surface retention basin shall be three and one-half feet (3.5'), as measured from the bottom elevation of the basin to the high water elevation.

806.16.8 The high water elevation shall be lower than the adjacent grades of adjoining property unless an approved engineered berm is constructed.

806.16.9 Retention facilities (surface basins, underground pipes, tanks, etc.) shall not cross property boundaries.

806.16.10 Right-of-way areas shall not be excavated, depressed or encroached upon for storm water retention, unless approved in writing by the City Engineer.

806.16.11 Retention area(s) including the high water elevation limits for the design storm may encroach into Public Utility Easements (PUE's) or Public Utilities and Facilities Easements (PUFE's) subject to the following requirements:

806.16.11.1 Adequate protection and cover is maintained for all existing utilities.

806.16.11.2 Buoyancy calculations for existing and/or proposed public utilities are required when the pipe diameter is larger than sixteen inches (16").

806.16.11.3 If wastewater manholes exist or are planned within the high water limits, the manholes shall have a watertight frame and cover per M.A.G. Standard Detail 423 and the rim shall be higher than the high water elevation of the design storm.

806.16.12 Retention may be accomplished upon paved areas (i.e., impervious surfaces such as asphalt or concrete), not to exceed one foot (1') in depth. However, the City of Mesa Fire Department prohibits the inclusion of designated fire lanes within retention areas, except as provided in the next paragraph.

806.16.12.1 Mini-storage projects in which the access lanes for the storage units also function as the designated fire lanes may include retention within said designated fire lanes, provided the depth of retention does not exceed four and one-half inches (4.5") at any point and the time duration of ponding does not exceed twenty-four hours.

806.17 **Underground Storage:** Using storage tanks, vaults, etc. to place all or part of the required storm water retention volume underground is permissible subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

806.17.1 Underground retention is permissible only for commercial, retail and/or industrial developments. Underground retention is not permitted for residential developments (including mobile home subdivisions, condominiums and townhome developments), excepting multi-family apartment developments and mobile home park developments that are owned and operated by a single commercial entity. Exceptions may also be made for condominium developments on a case-by-case basis where the management agency can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City Engineer an established mechanism for long-term maintenance. The plans for any development having underground retention shall clearly note that maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner and that said responsibility does not fall upon the City. The developer shall also demonstrate the existence of appropriate instrument, as judged solely by the City (e.g., recorded drainage covenant, recorded plat with appropriate dedications, recorded drainage easement, etc.), to cause said maintenance responsibility to run with the land.

806.17.2 Underground retention is not permissible within public right-of-way.

806.17.3 Underground retention is not permissible on land owned by the City of Mesa unless approved by the City Engineer.

806.17.4 Unless otherwise determined by the City Engineer, the City of Mesa will not accept ownership or maintenance responsibility for underground retention facilities.

806.17.5 Underground storage structure(s) shall not cross or straddle property lines.

806.17.6 Venting of the structure(s) is required.

806.17.7 Access to the underground structure for routine maintenance such as sediment removal is required.

806.17.8 Structural loads (including traffic loads or other surface loads) must be accounted for in the design.

806.17.9 The depth of aggregate foundation for underground storage systems and the required thickness of aggregate cover over the top of such systems (particularly in areas subject to traffic loadings) shall be established by geotechnical investigation and structural engineering analysis. The geotechnical report shall recommend allowable bearing capacity for the dry and saturated state subgrade soils. The engineering analysis shall establish the required depths of aggregate foundation/fill using the saturated bearing capacity.

806.17.10 Buoyancy of the structure must be accounted and designed for.

806.17.11 For structures with open bottom, no allowances for retention volume will be given due to soil percolation rate.

806.17.12 For structures with an open bottom, allowance for retention volume within the backfill rock void space around the chambers will be given provided the following conditions are met:

806.17.12.1 The foundation and embedment aggregate shall be open-graded, clean, crushed, angular rock meeting the gradation requirements of AASHTO Specification M43, sizes 3 through 57. The void ratio to be used for the purposes of retention calculations shall be demonstrated by testing provided by the manufacturer or supplier, not to exceed 40 percent.

806.17.12.2 Only the void spaces in the aggregate at or below the level of the top of the chambers shall count towards the required retention volume.

806.17.12.3 The aggregate backfill shall be completely separated on all sides from native soils and other fine-graded soils by a Class 2 nonwoven geosynthetic fabric conforming to AASHTO M288.

806.17.12.4 The underground storm water retention system shall include means to pre-treat the runoff via a sediment chamber to remove sediment before the water enters the rock. Said method must ensure that sediment does not clog the rock void spaces.

806.17.12.5 The sediment chamber shall be lined with a double-layer filtration geosynthetic Class 1 woven fabric conforming to AASHTO M288 or equal means to contain the sediment and prevent it from migration out of the sediment chamber into the rock or into other retention system chambers. The sediment chamber shall be sized to hold runoff from the first 1/2-inch of rainfall over the drainage area. The sediment chamber shall have a manhole suitable for entry, inspection, maintenance and cleanout.

806.17.13 For structures with an open bottom, the foundation for chamber rows connected to the manifold shall be protected from scour by lining the bottom with a filtration geosynthetic Class 1 woven fabric conforming to AASHTO M288.

806.17.14 The engineer shall include in the drainage report for the project, the justifications, design criteria and the operational and maintenance information for the underground structure and any associated equipment such as pumps.

806.17.15 The disposal of storm water runoff retained within underground retention systems shall be accomplished within thirty-six (36) hours after the storm event. Refer to a discussion of acceptable means for storm water disposal later in this chapter.

806.18 **Common Retention Basin:** In lieu of retaining runoff within the boundaries of a single development or lot, a common retention facility may be established for two or more parcels, developments or lots, subject to the conditions set forth in the following subsections:

806.18.1 Commercial and industrial subdivisions shall provide a central retention basin for lots smaller than 5 acres. The basin shall be on a separate lot or tract owned and maintained by a

property owners' association or on a single lot within the subdivision that will be maintained by the lot owner.

806.18.2 When receiving storm water runoff from public right of way, the drainage facilities and retention basin shall be in a public drainage easement and shall have a public drainage covenant.

806.19 **Conveyance to Retention:** Storm drains may be necessary in private developments to assure that the finish floors will not be inundated. The developer or property owner of said private developments is responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the on-site storm water management system. Peak storm runoff shall reach the designated retention basin(s) without first "flowing" into or otherwise affecting public right-of-way.

806.20 **Storm Water Disposal:** Land development projects are required to release the accumulated storm water in accordance with Maricopa County Environmental Services' vector control requirements. The delayed release of the required volume also serves to attenuate the impact of the peak discharge of the storm event upon storm water systems.

806.20.1 **Responsibility:** Regardless of which method is utilized to dispose of the required storm water volume, it is the responsibility of the developer, property owner, or property owners' association to ensure that storm water is drained and/or disposed of within the required time period.

806.20.2 **Time Period:** The required retention volume for a land development project shall be drained within a 36-hour period following a storm event. The retention volume shall be drained only after the peak of the storm event has passed.

806.20.3 **Nuisance Waters:** Retention systems shall incorporate methods to dispose of nuisance waters that are introduced into retention basins and drainage structures at inlet structures or into pumping systems wet wells. It is important that nuisance water be disposed of promptly due to vector control issues as well as to ensure that adequate volume is available for future storms.

806.21 **Storm Water Disposal Methods:** The following subsections set forth permissible means of storm water disposal and the conditions that apply to each method.

806.21.1 **Direct Percolation for Surface Basins:** Direct percolation may be the designated method to drain above ground (surface) retention basins, provided the following conditions are met:

806.21.1.1 The depth of retention at the design volume is equal to less than 12-inches; in other words, the retention area has a high water elevation less than or equal to 12-inches above its low point.

806.21.1.2 The bottom of the retention basin does not have an impervious surface.

806.21.1.3 The basin does not have any subsurface features, such as a caliche layer, that would restrict percolation.

806.21.2 **Direct Percolation for Underground Storm Water Retention Systems with an Open Bottom:** Direct percolation is allowed as the designated means of storm water disposal for

underground storage systems only if they have an open bottom placed on an aggregate foundation installed over native subgrade. To use direct percolation as the means of disposal, all of the conditions set forth in the remainder of this section shall be met:

806.21.2.1 While direct percolation is permissible for underground storm water retention systems with an open bottom, this method is less preferred than a gravity bleed-off solution (if available) but more preferred than a pressurized bleed-off solution. The engineer shall use a gravity bleed-off solution if a sufficiently deep storm drain system (or other acceptable gravity outfall) is located within a reasonable distance, as determined by the City.

806.21.2.2 The underground retention chambers shall have an open bottom that can percolate directly to the underlying aggregate foundation. There shall be no impervious surface between the underground retention chambers and the underlying native soil. (Pervious geosynthetic fabrics and rock/aggregate backfill are pervious and therefore do not count as “impervious surfaces”.)

806.21.2.3 The subsurface features below the underground system shall not have any feature, such as a caliche layer or high ground water table, that would severely restrict or preclude percolation.

806.21.2.4 The rate of percolation that can be used in engineering calculations shall be determined by a double-ring infiltrometer test performed at a depth equal to the design depth of the bottom of the granular backfill beneath the underground storage system. More than one test location may be required if the soils are highly variable across the site. Infiltration testing shall be conducted in accordance with County methods described in DDM Volume II – Hydraulics Section 9.3.1.

806.21.2.5 If the infiltrometer tests and associated calculations do not demonstrate that direct percolation can drain the storage system within the required time, drywells or other means of disposal shall be installed to augment the direct percolation. Furthermore, notwithstanding the results of the infiltrometer tests and percolation calculations, a minimum of one dual chamber drywell shall be connected to all underground storm water retention systems that otherwise rely solely upon direct percolation.

806.21.3 **Gravity Bleed Off:** The following conditions and guidelines apply to gravity bleed-off:

806.21.3.1 For surface basins, gravity bleed-off is the preferred method of storm water disposal for those surface basins that do not qualify for direct percolation (e.g., that are more than 12-inches deep). The engineer shall use a gravity bleed-off solution for such basins if a sufficiently deep storm drain system (or other acceptable gravity outfall) is located within a reasonable distance as determined by the City.

806.21.3.2 For underground storage systems with an open bottom, gravity bleed-off is the preferred over direct percolation and shall be used in lieu of direct percolation if a sufficiently deep storm drain system (or other acceptable gravity outfall) is located within a reasonable distance as determined by the City.

806.21.3.3 For both surface and underground storage systems, gravity bleed-off is preferred over pressurized bleed-off and shall be used in lieu of a pressurized system whenever it is practical to do so.

806.21.3.4 The preferred outfall for gravity bleed-off systems is connection to the City's storm drain system via a catch basin connection.

806.21.3.5 A connection to another jurisdictional agency's storm drain system (such as Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or Flood Control District of Maricopa County) is permissible, provided the engineer or developer can obtain and provide proof of approval to connect bleed-off to these facilities.

806.21.3.6 An outfall to a historical point of discharge into an existing desert wash is permissible provided the engineer has taken into account the historical discharge volume and rate of discharge and provided the bleed-off does not cause the historic rate of discharge to increase. This type of bleed-off shall also not adversely impact downstream property owners or users.

806.21.3.7 When a private storm drain or bleed-off line crosses a public street, the engineer shall consider traffic loading and the line shall be constructed of materials approved for public storm drains.

806.21.3.8 Private storm drains or bleed-off lines shall maintain adequate clearances from other public utilities, which shall be two feet (2') horizontally and one foot (1') vertically, unless otherwise approved by the City.

806.21.3.9 The minimum pipe diameter for gravity bleed off lines is 8-inches.

806.21.3.10 The Engineer shall provide calculations that confirm the appropriate pipe diameter. Considering that the goal is to attenuate the storm peak discharge over time, the engineer shall calculate what size of pipe is required to drain the required volume within the stipulated time period.

806.21.3.11 All bleed-off lines shall have a method (i.e., valve or headgate, etc.) to shut off discharges from the retention facility.

806.21.3.12 Control valves or gates shall be located adjacent to the right-of-way line where feasible and installed such that they are readily accessible by maintenance personnel and available for inspection by City forces with the access cover set above the retention high water elevation.

806.21.3.13 Valves and gates shall be kept in a closed position until the storm period passes.

806.21.3.14 Bleed lines shall not be in series when draining retention areas of differing high water elevation.

806.21.3.15 Rim elevation of outlet from retention to bleed-off shall be no more than 0.2' higher than the retention bottom.

806.21.3.16 Bleed-off lines within the public right-of-way shall be constructed of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) SDR-35 pipe or rubber gasket reinforced concrete pipe (RGRCP). Where the bleed-off line is not subject to vehicular loads (i.e., outside of traffic areas), high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) may be used.

806.21.4 **Pressurized Bleed Off:** Where retention has been accommodated either within a surface storage area or an underground facility and both direct percolation and gravity bleed-off are not possible and/or are not permissible per the restrictions of this chapter, the retention may be drained via a pump station and force main subject to the following conditions:

806.21.4.1 Pump controls shall include an automatic start in addition to manual controls.

806.21.4.2 The pump or pumps shall be designed to activate the pumps after the design storm event has passed.

806.21.4.3 The pump(s) shall be sized to evacuate the required retention volume in the stipulated time period. The engineer shall select pumps that lessen the impact of the discharge to the storm water system.

806.21.4.4 Where possible, the force main shall convert from a pressurized pipe to a gravity flow system prior to entering the public right-of-way.

806.21.4.5 Where pressure pipe is approved by the City Engineer for use in a public street right-of-way, it shall be constructed of ductile iron pipe.

806.21.4.6 The City of Mesa will not accept ownership or maintenance of pump stations and force mains, unless otherwise approved in writing by the City Engineer.

806.21.5 **Drywells:** Where retention has been accommodated within a surface or underground storage area and direct percolation is not a permissible disposal method and existing conditions such as topography or lack of existing storm drain facilities precludes gravity or pressurized bleed-off, the retention may be drained by the installation of drywells. Disposal via drywells is the least preferred method of storm water disposal and shall be used only where other methods are not available as determined by the City, and only then with the written permission of the City Engineer. One exception to this rule is that at least one drywell shall be installed in conjunction with the use of "Direct Percolation of an Underground Storm Water Retention System with an Open Bottom", as discussed in the section herein of the same title. The use of drywells is subject to the following conditions and guidelines:

806.21.5.1 Under the above-stated conditions, drywells may be approved for use in privately maintained retention areas. Special approval from the City Engineer is required for use of drywells in publicly maintained basins.

806.21.5.2 For the purposes of calculating the number of drywells needed, each drywell shall be calculated to drain a maximum of 19,440 cubic feet within a 36-hour period, with the exception that for large retention basins drained by three or more drywells, each drywell may be calculated to drain up to, but not exceeding 32,000 cubic feet within a 36-hour period. Engineer shall provide calculations substantiating the number of drywells

required to drain the entire volume of required retention. When drywells are used, no provision will be allowed for natural percolation through the bottom or sidewalls of the retention basin.

806.21.5.3 Rim elevation of outlet from retention to drywell shall be no more than 0.2' higher than the retention bottom.

806.21.5.4 The following statement shall appear on all plans, which include the use of drywells:

“All drywells shown on this project shall be maintained by the owners and are to be replaced by the owners when they cease to drain the surface water in a 36-hour period. Regular maintenance of the drywell silting chamber is required to achieve the best operation of the drywell.”

806.21.5.5 Drywell details shall be included on the improvement plans. All drywells shall be new dual chamber type, such as the Maxwell Plus or approved equal. See Figure 8.1 for a typical detail.

806.21.5.6 The owner, developer or property owners' association is responsible to ensure that drywells are designed, installed, inspected, operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). See additional information below in the ADEQ section.

806.21.5.7 The drywell drilling shall extend as deep as necessary to penetrate a minimum of ten feet (10') into sand or gravel or, if no sand or gravel layer is encountered, to a depth of at least seventy-five feet (75').

806.21.5.8 A percolation test shall be performed when the installer is not assured that a sufficiently thick sand or gravel layer has been penetrated. The test shall consist of injecting the excavated hole with clean water until the rates of inflow and percolation have stabilized for one-hour.

806.21.5.9 If the rate of inflow is greater than or equal to 0.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), the drywell shall be considered adequate.

806.21.5.10 If the rate of inflow is less than 0.5 cfs, the succeeding drywells installed shall be increased in depth, not to exceed a maximum depth of 75-feet, or additional drywells are to be installed to make up the difference in the rate of percolation (tested versus 0.5 cfs).

806.21.5.11 The City's Development Service Department building inspector will inspect drywells installed in privately maintained retention basins. The City inspector from the City's Engineering Department will inspect drywells installed in publicly maintained retention basins, or a third party will inspect and certify.

806.21.5.12 The inspection should occur prior to the placement of the perforated pipe and backfill to verify the ten-foot (10') penetration into sand and gravel or the maximum depth.

806.21.5.13 Drywells are considered temporary solutions to drainage problems. It is the owner's responsibility to connect to storm drain if storm drain subsequently becomes available.

806.21.5.14 It is also the owner's responsibility to replace or refurbish drywells that cease to drain a project within the stipulated time period where alternate methods of disposal are still not available.

Section 807 - Off-Site Storm Water Management

807.1 This section discusses the requirements and provides the criteria for the off-site drainage portion of the proposed private land development site including any public street right-of-way.

807.2 **Off-site Flows:** Off-site flows are flows that originate upstream of the proposed land development site and have historically traversed either through the site or have been channelized in some form in the right-of-way adjacent to the project.

807.3 Land development projects are required to convey around or through the project site, the one hundred (100) year time of concentration (Tc) peak flows.

807.4 Off-site flows shall not be mixed with storm water flows originating within the project's contributing drainage area.

807.5 Off-site flows shall be carried through the development and discharged at a location and in a manner consistent with historical flow patterns without adverse impact to adjacent, upstream, or downstream properties.

807.6 Storm drains or box culverts shall be required when off-site flows are discharged from a development site into public right-of-way. See the "Storm Drain Facilities" section below for additional information.

807.7 Please note that the definition of "off-site flows" does not include storm water runoff from adjacent public right-of-way that the project must retain in accordance with the "On-Site Storm Water Management" section above.

807.8 **Public Street & Right-Of-Way Capacity:** Public street surfaces and the adjacent right-of-way may be used as a means to convey storm water flows subject to the following:

807.8.1 Inverted crown designs are not permitted for public streets.

807.8.2 Arterial streets and major collectors shall be designed to convey peak flows generated by a ten (10) year, peak storm. Flows shall be limited to a spread of one traffic lane in each direction

807.8.3 All other public streets except those noted above shall be designed to carry runoff from a 10-year peak storm between the curbs.

807.8.4 All public streets shall convey peak flows from a 100-year storm within the cross-section between right-of-way lines.

807.9 **Capacity Calculations:** The following equation can be used to calculate the theoretical flow-carrying capacity of the street cross-section:

807.9.1 Manning’s equation for open channel flow:

$$V = \frac{1.49}{n} \times R^{2/3} \times S^{1/2}$$

V	=	Velocity in feet per second
N	=	Manning’s coefficient for roughness
R	=	Hydraulic radius in feet.
S	=	Average slope of the gutter in feet per feet.

807.9.2 Modified Manning’s equation for gutter or triangular flow:

$$Q = 0.56 \times \frac{z}{n} \times S^{1/2} \times D^{8/3}$$

Q	=	Discharge in cubic feet per second.
z	=	Reciprocal of the cross slope.
n	=	Manning’s coefficient for roughness
S	=	Average slope of the gutter in feet per feet.
D	=	Depth of water at the curb in feet.

807.9.3 Time of concentration is the interval of time (as measured from the beginning of rainfall) for water to travel from the hydraulically most remote point of the defined drainage area to points of concentration (such as a drainage inlet). Time of Concentration (T_c) is calculated by utilizing the formula developed by Papadakis & Kazan (1987):

$$T_c = 11.4L^{0.5} \times K_b^{0.52} \times S^{-0.31} \times i^{-0.38}$$

T_c	=	time of concentration, in hours
L	=	length of the longest flow path, in miles
K_b	=	watershed or drainage area resistance coefficient
S	=	watercourse slope, in feet/mile
i	=	rainfall intensity, in inches/hour

807.10 Engineers shall utilize Table 3.1 and Figure 3.1 of the Drainage Design Manual for Maricopa County to estimate the resistance coefficient (K_b) in the T_c equation.

807.11 The minimum time of concentration (T_c) is 10 minutes.

807.12 **Storm Drain Facilities:** Where the peak flows exceed the capacity of the public street to convey the peak flows, storm drains shall be installed and sized to carry the excess flows (i.e., when the 10-year peak flow exceeds the spread criteria or exceeds the curb capacity of the public street or when the right-of-way cannot convey the 100-year peak flow.)

807.13 Where the historical pattern of flow crosses a public street subject to improvement requirements or will be impacted by the development of the upstream property, culverts used to convey the storm water beneath the public street shall be sized per the following:

807.13.1 Local streets in the Desert Uplands Area of Mesa shall use the 10-year peak storm. However, the flow increment between the 10-year and 100-year that crosses over the street must reach the wash downstream (i.e., not flow laterally along the roadway).

807.13.2 All other areas of Mesa shall use the 50-year peak storm as the design storm for such events. However, the flow increment between the 50-year and 100-year that crosses over the street must reach the wash downstream (i.e., not flow laterally along the roadway).

807.14 These standards and criteria apply to public storm drain facilities (i.e., facilities located within public right-of-way, within public utilities and facilities easements [PUFE's], on City-owned or City-leased property, or facilities that will be maintained by the City upon acceptance). The standards may be used, but are not required, for private facilities located on private land that will not be City-maintained.

807.15 **Storm Drain Inlets:** Inlets are those drainage structures that are placed and sized to intercept storm water flows and direct those flows into a conveyance.

807.16 Inlets that have been approved for use within public right-of-way or publicly maintained areas are:

807.16.1 Inlets constructed in accordance with Mesa Standard Detail M-64, which is the preferred inlet, or M.A.G. Standard Details 533 (Type D), 534 (Type E), or 535 (Type F). MAG 535 is not allowed in public street gutter.

807.16.2 Scuppers or depressed curb type inlets are prohibited within City of Mesa right-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer.

807.16.3 Unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer, projects that are being developed adjacent to existing public streets in which a scupper type inlet exists to direct street runoff onto the project site are required to remove and replace the existing scupper with an approved inlet.

807.16.4 Inlets that provide an "access" (e.g., manhole lid) opening into the box are prohibited.

807.16.5 Slotted drains may be utilized in combination with an approved inlet. Where proposed, construction details shall be provided on the improvement plans.

807.16.6 Other inlet types with the appropriate justification may be approved by the City Inspector on a project-by-project basis.

807.17 Inlet capacities on public streets shall be calculated in accordance with the following guidelines:

807.17.1 The Drainage Design Manual for Maricopa County, Volume III, Hydraulics, or

807.17.2 The Federal Highway Administration's (F.H.W.A.) Hydraulic Engineering Circular Number Twelve (H.E.C. 12) Drainage of Highway Pavements.

807.17.3 The engineer shall make allowances for clogging of the inlet structure.

807.18 Inlets within public right-of-way shall not be placed or connected in series.

807.19 The minimum horizontal distance between inlets within public right-of-way shall be thirty feet (30').

807.20 **Storm Drain Laterals:** That portion of the conveyance that connects the inlet structure to the storm drain mains or to an outlet structure is considered a lateral pipe. Laterals within the public right-of-way shall conform to the following:

807.20.1 Minimum diameter for storm drain laterals shall be fifteen inches (15") in cases where the lateral is subject to traffic loading forces, or twelve inches (12") otherwise.

807.20.2 The crown of the lateral pipe shall not encroach or protrude into the public street pavement section (A.B.C., base or surface asphalt courses).

807.21 See the "Storm Drain Mains" section below regarding acceptable materials for lateral pipes that are located within public right-of-way.

807.22 The connection of the lateral pipe to the main pipe of the storm drain shall be per M.A.G. Standard Detail 524 or via a prefabricated tee component.

807.23 The minimum D-load classification for lateral pipes shall be Class 3 or the actual installation requirements whichever is greater.

807.24 **Manholes & Structures:** Manholes or junction structures shall be provided on public storm drains to facilitate maintenance in accordance with the following:

807.24.1 Manhole spacing on public storm drains shall comply with the following table:

Table 8.2 Manhole Spacing	
Pipe Size (Inches)	Maximum Spacing (Feet)
8" to 15"	500'
18" to 30"	600'
36" to 60"	800'
Over 60"	1300'

807.24.2 Unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer, deflections in the storm drain alignment in excess of three degrees (3°) require the installation of a manhole.

807.24.3 Manholes on public storm drains shall be installed per M.A.G. Standard Details 420, 424 and 521.

807.24.4 Storm drain manholes shall have a five-foot minimum diameter shaft, and 30-inch frame and cover.

807.24.5 The City of Mesa does not permit the installation of steps in the manhole shaft. The plan construction note call-outs shall clearly state that "manhole steps are not to be installed".

807.24.6 Unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer, storm drain manholes shall be located so that the frame and cover will not encroach into the curb, gutter, driveways or sidewalk on public streets.

807.24.7 Other junction structures installed on publicly maintained storm drains shall have a thirty-inch (30") maintenance access opening.

807.24.8 Public storm drain manhole lids shall be labeled “City of Mesa Storm Sewer”.

807.25 Storm Drain Mains: The pipe(s) that convey the storm water flows from the lateral points of connection to outlet points are classified as storm drain mains and are generally referred to as storm drains. Storm drains located within public right-of-way or public easements shall conform to the following requirements:

807.25.1 Location: The normal alignment of a storm drain is five feet (5') east or north of the centerline of the public street.

807.25.1.1 Where a street has a raised median, the proposed storm drain shall be offset from the median curb.

807.25.1.2 Public storm drains located outside of public right-of-way shall be centered within a twenty-foot (20') public utility and facilities easement (PUFE).

807.25.2 Depth: Storm drains located within public right-of-way or PUFE's shall comply with the following requirements:

807.25.1 When establishing the depth of a storm drain pipe, the engineer shall consider the depth of manholes to be installed on the storm drain. Shallow manholes (having less than 24-inches of cover over the top of the manhole cone) shall be avoided and require the City Engineer's approval.

807.25.2 The crown of storm drain pipes whether public or private shall not encroach or protrude into the pavement section of the public street, including a prohibition against protruding into the aggregate base course.

807.25.2 The crown of storm drain culverts shall not encroach or protrude into the pavement section of public streets, with the exception that with City Engineer approval, the asphalt courses may be placed directly onto the concrete slabs of concrete box culverts.

807.25.3 Hydraulic Grade Line: While most storm drains in Mesa are intended to operate as a gravity conveyance for the design storm event, the City of Mesa does not require that the hydraulic grade line be maintained inside the pipe.

807.25.3.1 Normally, the hydraulic grade line should be at or below the top of the pipe; however, it is acceptable in some instances to have a higher hydraulic grade line, as discussed below.

807.25.3.2 The hydraulic grade line in public storm drains shall be a minimum of one foot (1') below the grate elevation of City-maintained inlets.

807.25. The engineer shall calculate and present the hydraulic grade line calculations for all storm drains proposed, whether public or private, in the drainage report.

807.25.4 Velocity: The City of Mesa requires that the velocity of storm water flows within public storm drains be in the range of two feet per second (2 fps) to ten feet per second (10 fps).

807.25.5 **Pipe Classification:** Storm drains (private or public) installed within City of Mesa right-of-way shall be designed per the following requirements:

807.25.5.1 The minimum D-load class specification shall be Class 3 or the actual, calculated D-load requirement, whichever is greater.

807.25.5.2 Trench loading calculations shall be provided upon request.

807.26 **Materials:** The following materials are acceptable for constructing conveyance components of publicly maintained storm drains within the City of Mesa.

807.26.1 Rubber Gasket Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RGRCP) conforming to Section 618 of the Uniform Standard Specifications as published by the MAG, as amended by the City of Mesa.

807.26.2 Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) is approved for storm drains fifteen inches (15”) in diameter or larger. RCP shall conform to Section 618 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications, as amended by the City of Mesa.

807.26.3 Cast-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) conforming to Section 620 of the M.A.G Uniform Standard Specifications as amended by the City of Mesa, and subject to the following requirements:

807.26.3.1 A soils report shall be provided that confirms that soil conditions are adequate for the installation of CIPP.

807.26.3.2 The hydraulic grade line for the design event(s) shall be kept within the pipe.

807.26.3.3 The City Engineer must grant specific approval for the installation of CIPP. Letters of request shall include a justification statement and shall be submitted to the Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning Section for private projects. Letters of request shall be forwarded to the city engineer for city projects.

807.26.4 Reinforced concrete is an approved material for constructing box culverts. Engineer shall detail the culvert design on the civil engineering improvement plans, including structural calculations if something other than ADOT standard details are used.

807.26.5 **Other Pipe:** Where a lateral conveyance is not subject to traffic loading (e.g., laterals directly from inlets into a retention basin), the following, additional pipe materials are also approved for use:

807.26.5.1 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), SDR 35 or greater, conforming to Section 745 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications, as amended by the City of Mesa.

807.26.5.2 High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) conforming to Section 738 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications, as amended by the City of Mesa.

807.26.6 **The following materials are not approved for use in constructing storm drains located within City of Mesa right-of-way.**

807.26.6.1 Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP)

807.26.6.2 Corrugated Metal Pipe Arch (CMPA)

807.26.7 Other materials for public storm water conveyance may be considered on a case-by-case basis subject to the following requirements:

807.26.7.1 A written request shall be submitted to the City Engineer detailing the justification for the use of alternative materials.

807.26.7.2 The request shall be made through the Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning.

807.27 **Channels:** Channels, washes or other similar open conduits can convey storm water flows. For the purposes of this chapter, the use of the term “channels” includes both artificial and man-made open conveyances. Where channels are used as a means of conveying the storm water within public right-of-way or on publicly-owned properties, they shall comply with the requirements set forth in this section:

807.27.1 Channels within the Desert Uplands area whether in public right-of-way or not, shall be in compliance with the Desert Uplands Development Standards, found in Section 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 9 of the Mesa City Code.

807.27.2 **Hydraulic Capacity:** The hydraulic calculations shall take into account the lining used and/or landscaping materials included within the channel (e.g., by use of an appropriate roughness coefficient).

807.27.3 Conveyance of historical flows shall be maintained.

807.27.4 **Channel Types:** The following types of channels are acceptable for use, and can be applied individually or in combinations.

807.27.4.1 **Concrete lined:** Concrete lined channels shall have a four-inch (4") thick (minimum) gunite or concrete lining with twelve (12) gauge, four-inch (4") by four-inch (4") welded wire fabric reinforcement or approved equal.

807.27.4.1.1 A natural coloring additive may be allowed or even required in some areas.

807.27.4.1.2 Landscaping adjacent to both sides of the channel is required.

807.27.4.2 **Desert landscaped:** Where desired or applicable, channels having landscaping within the channel cross-section may be approved, subject to the following requirements:

807.27.4.2.1 The ability to easily maintain the channel shall be considered. An eight foot (8') wide (minimum) bottom may be required.

807.27.4.2.2 Side slopes can be landscaped with appropriate trees, shrubs and rock features which do not impede with the function of, or the maintenance of the channel.

807.27.4.3 **Soil Cement Lining:** The use of soil cement requires special approval from the City Engineer. Where approved, this type of channel shall utilize native soils to achieve a character consistent with the surrounding area.

807.27.5 Appropriate roughness coefficient(s) (N-values) shall be used in sizing the channel.

807.27.6 Appropriate materials, as approved by the City, shall be used as a channel liner. The engineer shall take into consideration the potential for erosion and ease of maintenance.

807.27.7 **Side Slopes:** Channels shall have the following maximum side slopes, unless otherwise approved by the City:

807.27.7.1 Concrete or gunite-lined channels – 1:1 sideslopes

807.27.7.2 Landscaped channels – 4:1 sideslopes

807.27.7.3 All other channel types – 6:1 sideslopes

807.27.8 **Channel Safety:** Channels adjacent to pedestrian walkways (which is not limited to concrete sidewalks), whether located within public right-of-way or on private property, shall have safety guard railings per Mesa Standard Detail M-65 or an equivalent design.

807.27.9 **Erosion and Sedimentation:** For all channel types, the engineer shall give consideration to erosion and sedimentation of the channel.

807.27.10 **Additional References:** The engineer may wish to consult Section 6, “Open Channels” of the Drainage Design Manual for Maricopa County; Volume II, Hydraulics as well as FHA’s HEC 15, Design of Roadside Channels With Flexible Linings for additional design information.

807.28 **Dip Sections:** The design of public streets to create a dip section in which to channelize the storm water flows of the design storm across public streets without the use of storm drain or culverts is prohibited.

807.28.1 Existing dip sections on public streets that are subject to widening requirements associated with the development of adjacent properties are to be removed or modified.

807.28.1.1 Where the contributing storm water flows to the existing dip section have been eliminated or reduced and topography permits, the dip section shall be completely removed and the public street reconstructed.

807.28.1.2 Where topography or existing conditions do not permit complete removal of the dip section, the dip section shall be modified so that flows associated with Mesa’s design storms and lesser events are conveyed via storm drain facilities (e.g., culverts) under the road and discharges associated with larger storm events would be allowed to flow across the modified dip section in the historic fashion.

807.29 Storm Drain Outlets: Structures that are located at the downstream terminus of storm drain laterals or mains are classified as outlets. Storm drain outlets that are located within public right-of-way or areas that are subject to maintenance by the City of Mesa shall comply with the following requirements:

807.29.1 Concrete headwalls shall be installed on fifteen-inch (15") and larger pipes per MAG Standard Detail 501 "U-Type" or equal.

807.29.2 Trash racks shall be installed on eight-inch (8") or larger lateral pipes per MAG Standard Detail 502.

807.29.3 Erosion protection shall be provided.

807.29.4 Safety railing shall be installed on headwalls that are twenty-four inches (24") and greater in height per Mesa Standard Detail M-65 or equal.

Section 808 - Public versus Private Retention Basins

808.1 The following types of developments shall utilize private retention basins to handle the storm water retention requirements:

808.1.1 Commercial type developments (i.e., retail, business, etc.)

808.1.2 Industrial developments

808.1.3 Multi-family residential (i.e., apartments, condominiums, townhomes, etc.)

808.1.4 Planned Area Developments (PAD's)

808.2 Storm water retention basins in single family subdivisions may be accepted for maintenance by the City upon compliance with the following requirements:

808.2.1 The City of Mesa shall conceptually agree to accept maintenance of the basin(s) during the plan review processes. The City of Mesa shall do so only when it is in the City's best interest to do.

808.2.2 The facilities shall be designed in compliance with the Engineering & Design Standards and the Landscaping & Irrigation Standards.

808.2.3 Construction shall be in accordance with MAG Standard Specifications & Details for Public Works Construction, as amended by the City of Mesa.

808.2.4 There shall be conveyance via fee simple title of the land for the retention basin(s) to the City of Mesa.

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In addition to complying with the above sections, retention basins that have been approved for maintenance by the City of Mesa are required to comply with the following requirements:

809.1 **Grading:** The bottom of the public retention basin shall have a one percent (1%) minimum slope in all directions to grated inlet(s) that are connected to the low-flow/bleed-off system.

809.2 **Low Flow System:** Conveyance of nuisance water from the storm drain outlet structures to the storm water disposal system is required. Such low-flow systems shall comply with the following requirements:

809.2.1 Grated inlets shall be installed per MAG Standard Detail 535.

809.2.2 Inlets are required to have a concrete erosion pad around the inlet.

809.2.3 The minimum pipe diameter for a low flow system is eight-inches (8").

809.2.4 Deflections in alignment greater than twelve and one-half degrees (12.5°) require the installation of an inlet.

809.2.5 Acceptable pipe materials for the low flow system are:

809.2.5.1 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) SDR 35 or greater conforming to Section 745 of the MAG Uniform Standard Specifications, as amended by the City of Mesa.

809.2.5.2 Rubber Gasket Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RGRCP) conforming to Section 618 of the Uniform Standard Specifications as published by the MAG as amended by the City of Mesa.

809.2.5.3 Other materials for low-flow systems may be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis. Requests for consideration of other materials shall comply with the following:

809.2.5.3.1 A written request to the City Engineer shall be submitted, detailing the justification for the use of alternative materials.

809.2.5.3.2 The request shall be made through the Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning.

809.3 **Landscaping:** Publicly maintained retention basins are to be landscaped in conformance with the following requirements:

809.4.1 "Landscaping & Irrigation Standards" booklet of the Engineering Procedure Manual, and

809.4.2 Chapter 15 of Title 11 of the Mesa City Code.

809.4 **Storm Water Disposal:** In addition to complying with the requirements for storm water disposal as detailed in the "On-Site Storm Water Management" section of this chapter, public retention basins that require a pressurized bleed-off system shall comply with the following:

809.4.1 Pump stations shall be designed to meet the design capacity when the largest pump is out of service.

809.4.2 Pump stations shall be located so that the pumps are accessible along an acceptable route when the retention basin is completely full.

809.4.3 The pump station shall be enclosed by a seven-foot (7') high (minimum) block wall with a thirty-six inch (36") wide (minimum) gate.

809.4.4 Electric service to the pump shall be underground three-phase unless otherwise approved by the City.

809.4.5 Pump motors shall be three-phase, four-wire, unless otherwise approved by the City.

809.4.6 Pump types shall be submersible pump types, as manufactured by Flygt or approved equal.

809.4.7 The pump station sump (wet well) shall comply with the following requirements:

809.4.7.1 Storm water shall be filtered through a galvanized or stainless steel expanded metal screen installed in a separate sump before entering the pump sump.

Section 810 - Construction Documents

810.1 **Drainage Calculations/Reports:** All land development projects are required to provide either a drainage report or simple calculations shown on the improvement plans.

810.2 For projects that are proposed to be developed in phases, the drainage report(s) or calculations shall provide information indicating how the drainage will function and be accomplished in each phase. Temporary retention shall be provided for any undeveloped parcels, future phases or adjacent parcels in which overland on-site storm water flows are “cutoff” from their historic flow patterns.

810.3 **Drainage Calculations:** Where a project in which the site development is rather straightforward or is not subject to complex storm water issues (such as large offsite flows that must be accommodated and routed) simple drainage calculations may be placed on grading or other improvement plans sheets.

810.4 Simple calculations shall include the amount of retention the project is required to provide as well as the sizing calculations for the retention area(s) and a statement about off site flows. See the “Volume of Retention” discussion in the “On-Site Storm Water Management” section of this chapter for information regarding the calculation of retention required.

810.4 **Drainage Reports:** Where a project is large or complex, the designer shall provide a detailed drainage report analyzing the storm water issues associated with the development of the proposed site. Drainage reports are a separate letter sized document bound in a report cover, which shall include maps detailing the project site and the associated drainage area. Drainage reports are required to be sealed by a qualified registrant. Digital/ electronic files on CD/DVD-ROM's in PDF format of the project's drainage report shall be submitted to the Development & Sustainability Department prior to the issuance of the building permit.

810.4.1 **Preliminary Drainage Reports:** The submittal to the Planning Division for Subdivision Technical Review for large or complex projects shall include a preliminary report that includes the following:

810.4.1.1 A drainage map that identifies the on-site drainage area(s) as well as any associated off-site drainage areas.

810.4.1.2 All existing drainage or irrigation structures or features, such as washes, channels, delivery ditches, turnout structures, etc., shall be shown on the map(s). Report shall discuss the impact on and modifications to the existing features.

810.4.1.3 Drainage patterns of all public or private streets whether within or adjacent to the proposed project shall be delineated on the drainage map(s).

810.4.1.4 Proposed retention basin location(s), size(s) and means of storm water conveyance and disposal shall be shown on the drainage map(s). Narrative discussion and supporting calculations shall be provided in the body of the report.

810.4.2 Final Drainage Reports: Construction document submittals to Development & Sustainability Department Development Planning for large or complex projects shall include a “final” drainage report that indicates compliance with the storm water management requirements of the City. Final drainage reports can be considered to be the further development of preliminary drainage reports with specific information regarding the project’s storm water management.

810.4.2.1 Narrative discussions and any calculation are to clearly distinguish between public and private facilities.

810.4.2.2 The narrative portion of the final drainage report shall include but is not necessarily limited to the following components:

810.4.2.2.1 Narrative text that introduces and describes the project scope and location.

810.4.2.2.2 A narrative discussion regarding the existing drainage conditions and the proposed modifications and/or improvements to affect storm water management in accordance with City regulations and standards.

810.4.2.2.3 A section that discusses the operation and maintenance of the storm water facilities, which discusses the responsibility for actions relating to performance and maintenance, such as the operation of a control valve on the bleed-off line.

810.4.2.3 Where the proposed retention facilities will be maintained by the City of Mesa and a pumping station is used for storm water disposal, the engineer shall include in the Drainage Report, a section describing the pump(s) specifications including:

810.4.2.3.1 Type & model proposed.

810.4.2.3.2 Pump Curves (Note, overloading the pump anywhere on the curve is not permitted).

810.4.2.4 A concluding statement that summarizes the proposed storm water management associated with the development.

810.4.2.5 Supporting calculations shall be included in the final drainage report. These include but are not necessarily limited to:

810.4.2.5.1 Off-site flows that affect the development of the proposed site.

810.4.2.5.1 Peak discharge & volume of retention required, including runoff coefficient determination.

810.4.2.5.3 Street capacity calculations including Time of Concentration.

810.4.2.5.4 Inlet sizing calculations.

810.4.2.5.5 Storm drain, culvert and channel sizing calculations including inlet calculations are to be provided for both public and private storm water facilities.

810.4.2.5.6 Retention storage sizing & discharge calculations.

810.4.2.5.7 Pump station calculations including the following:

810.4.2.5.7.1 Head loss calculations for the entire pressurized system, including:

- Maximum and minimum Total Dynamic Head (T.D.H.)
- Maximum and minimum gallons per minute (gpm).

810.4.2.6 The graphic component of the final drainage report shall include any exhibits and drainage map(s) that show the project location and the pre and post development drainage conditions. These include but are not necessarily limited to:

810.4.2.6.1 A vicinity map or exhibit showing the proposed project and the surrounding area. This typically is a large-scale exhibit.

810.4.2.6.2 An exhibit showing the existing topography of the proposed project and the surrounding area. Off-site drainage areas should be delineated on this exhibit. Topography can be combined with the vicinity map as long as the information presented can be understood.

810.4.2.6.3 An exhibit supporting the determination of runoff coefficients used in the supporting calculations.

810.4.2.6.4 Detailed drainage map(s) drawn at an appropriate scale, which includes the following information:

810.4.2.6.5.1 Drainage areas (both on-site and off-site) and any sub-areas shall be distinctively identified by a unique identifier that corresponds to any supporting calculations.

810.4.2.6.5.2 Critical points of interest, such as points of concentration, inlet locations, etc. which are uniquely identified.

810.4.2.6.5 The pattern of storm water flow shall be delineated.

810.4.2.6.6 Proposed storm drain and bleed-off systems shall be delineated. This includes the sizes, locations and alignments of the storm drain pipes, manholes, inlets, outlets, bleed-off lines and control valves.

810.4.2.6.7 Retention basin(s) uniquely identified and locations delineated.

810.5 Grading Plans: Projects that propose to modify the existing site topography are required to provide a grading plan(s). The information shown on the grading plan sheet(s) shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

810.5.1 Retention basin(s) and contributing drainage areas including sub-areas shall be clearly shown and distinctively identified.

810.5.2 High water elevations, bottom elevations and storage volumes required and provided shall be identified for all retention basins.

810.5.3 Lot corner elevations shall be noted.

810.5.4 Outfall elevations shall be identified.

810.5.5 Finished pad elevations shall be given.

810.5.6 Finish floor elevations in conformance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) requirements shall be noted.

810.5.7 Proto-typical flow pattern detail for the lot(s) or project site.

810.6 Phased Projects: In addition to the above grading requirements, projects that are proposed to be constructed in phases shall provide the following information:

810.6.1 Grading plans are to be provided with the construction documents proposed for each phase.

810.6.2 The engineer shall address the erosion potential for retention areas that will be landscaped in a later phase.

810.7 Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans: As required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), these plans detail the efforts to mitigate the unauthorized runoff of storm water pollutants, including eroded sediments, from construction sites.

810.7.1 The City of Mesa does not require the storm water pollution prevention plans to be included in the construction documents that are reviewed and approved for permitting by the City of Mesa.

810.8 Drainage Easements and Covenants: A drainage easement is an area designed and used for conveyance and/or retention of storm water runoff in which nothing can be placed which will impede or divert the storm water runoff or cause the runoff to have an adverse affect on adjoining property.

810.8.1 The City requires that all drainage easements and covenants be recorded on a subdivision plat or, for those projects that do not require a land subdivision plat, the easements and covenants shall be recorded by separate instrument or document.

810.8.2 Public easements and covenants shall be prepared and recorded by the City of Mesa. Private easements and covenants shall be prepared and recorded by the developer or representative after review and approval of the associated documents by the City of Mesa.

810.8.3 It is the developer's or property owner's responsibility to execute or to cause the execution of the legal documents. The developer or engineer shall return the executed documents along with any recording fees, as well as provide recorded copies of all private easements in order to receive construction document approval and/or permits from the City.

810.9 Public Drainage Easements: A public drainage easement is required if the storm water conveyance or storage involves any one of the following: conveyance through City-owned property, storage on City-owned property and/or storm water from public right-of-way is conveyed onto private property.

810.9.1 Public easements can only be extinguished through City Council action, as administered by the City of Mesa.

810.9.2 The engineer shall provide the following documents with the construction documents for the preparation of a Public Drainage Easement:

810.9.2.1 A sealed legal description of the easement area

810.9.2.2 A graphic exhibit of the easement area

810.9.2.3 Proof of ownership (i.e. warranty deed or title report)

810.10 Private Drainage Easements: Where the storm water runoff will be retained on private property in which any of the following is true, a private drainage easement is required:

810.10.1 Where the storm water runoff from private land is conveyed across property lines

810.10.2 Where storm water runoff from private land is stored in a common retention area

810.11 Temporary Drainage Easements: Where storm water is retained in an area subject to future development, the easement can be described as a "temporary drainage easement". These easements are treated the same as regular drainage easements in that they are required to be recorded and can only be

extinguished through the submittal of revised easement documents for review and approval and the subsequent recording.

810.12 Drainage Covenants: A drainage covenant is a restrictive promise specifying the use of the property relating to storm runoff, drainage and retention. A drainage covenant shall be recorded for private property when it conveys or retains storm water runoff from public streets or public property.

Section 811 - Construction & Inspections

811.1 City policy requires that a responsible professional (i.e., civil engineer of record, land surveyor, etc.) certify that the drainage and retention facilities were constructed in accordance with the approved as-built plans and that the facilities conform to City standards.

811.2 Construction Certification: The responsible professional shall use the Construction Certification Letter given in Figures 1.1 or 1.2 to certify the storm water management facilities.

Section 812 - Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC)

812.1 Drainage Design Manual: The developer and associated design professionals are expected to be aware of and comply with (except as modified by the City) the regulations contained in FCDMC's publications, "Drainage Design Manual for Maricopa County, Volumes I, II and III" which provide guidelines for the design and construction of public and private storm water systems.

812.2 Flood Plain Use Permit: FCDMC also regulates development in designated flood zones and is the agency that issues a flood plain use permit. (See <http://www.fcd.maricopa.gov/> under the "permitting" link or call 602-506-1501.)

812.3 When all or part of a proposed project lies near or within a 100-year flood zone as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the following steps must be completed before development can be approved:

812.3.1 Contact FCDMC prior to plan review submittals to the City of Mesa, to determine whether a flood plain use permit is required.

812.3.2 If required, submit development plans to the FCDMC for plan review and approval. Obtain flood plain use permit approval prior to City plan review approval. Changes to grades, structures, lower floor level, etc. will require re-approval by FCDMC.

812.3.3 The grading plans, drainage report map, and final plat shall show the location of the flood plain according to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

812.3.4 The grading plans shall show pad and finished floor elevations complying with the flood plain use permit.

812.3.5 Construction and inspections for work above the lowest floor level is not permitted prior to obtaining floor level certification from FCDMC.

Section 813 - Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD)

813.1 **Earth Moving & Dust Control:** MCAQD regulates development projects that involve earth-moving operations or dust-generating operations that will disturb 0.10 contiguous acres or greater. For additional information please see: <http://www.maricopa.gov/aq/>.

813.2 As described in Section 8-2-3(A) of the Mesa City Code, the developer shall provide Mesa's Development & Sustainability Department Permits Section with copies of their Maricopa County Earth Moving Permit and Dust Control Plan in conjunction with the issuance of any construction and/or right-of-way permits. The City of Mesa shall not issue a construction permit nor verbal authorization to proceed with initial grading and drainage operations until an approved dust control permit with dust control plan have been submitted to the City.

Section 814 - Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

814.1 **Water Quality:** ADEQ regulates the quality of storm water discharges, including those directed to drywells. The developer is responsible for designing and installing, and the landowner is responsible for operating and maintaining the storm drain system to meet applicable regulations.

814.2 **Drywells:** Prior to drilling, installing or abandoning a drywell, permission must be obtained from ADEQ. For additional information regarding this requirement, please see <http://www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/water/permits/> or call 602-771-4686.

814.3 It is the responsibility of the registrant of record or drywell owner to obtain the required ADEQ drywell registration and to keep said registration on file as part of the project file in conformance with ADEQ regulations and requirements.

814.4 **Notice of Intent (NOI):** As prescribed by the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) General Permit for Discharge from Construction Activities to the Waters of the U.S., any development project in Mesa that will disturb 1.0 contiguous acres or greater, shall complete a Notice of Intent (NOI) form. For additional information see <http://www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/water/permits/> or call 602-771-4374.

814.4.1 A copy of the completed NOI shall be provided to Mesa's Development & Sustainability Department Permits Section prior to or in conjunction with the issuance of any construction and/or right-of-way permits per City Code 8-5-3(c).

Section 815 - Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)

815.1 **Permitting:** The developer and associated design professionals are expected to be aware of and comply with the permitting regulations contained in Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. See <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/> or call the Phoenix Project Office of the Corps at 602-640-5385.

815.2 **Areas Identified:** Areas of proposed projects that are designated by the Corps as within the jurisdiction of Section 404 shall be clearly identified and delineated on the improvement plans and land subdivision maps and plats.

815.3 The drainage report shall also identify and delineate Section 404 areas on all exhibits, figures, etc. as well as provide a narrative discussion regarding the 404 designation, permit holder identification and procedures to modify said designations.

815.4 **Authority to Modify:** The City of Mesa does not have the authority to authorize any modifications, encroachments or deletions to 404 designated areas. It is the 404-permit holder's responsibility to monitor and manage the 404 areas in accordance with the permit granted by the Corps.

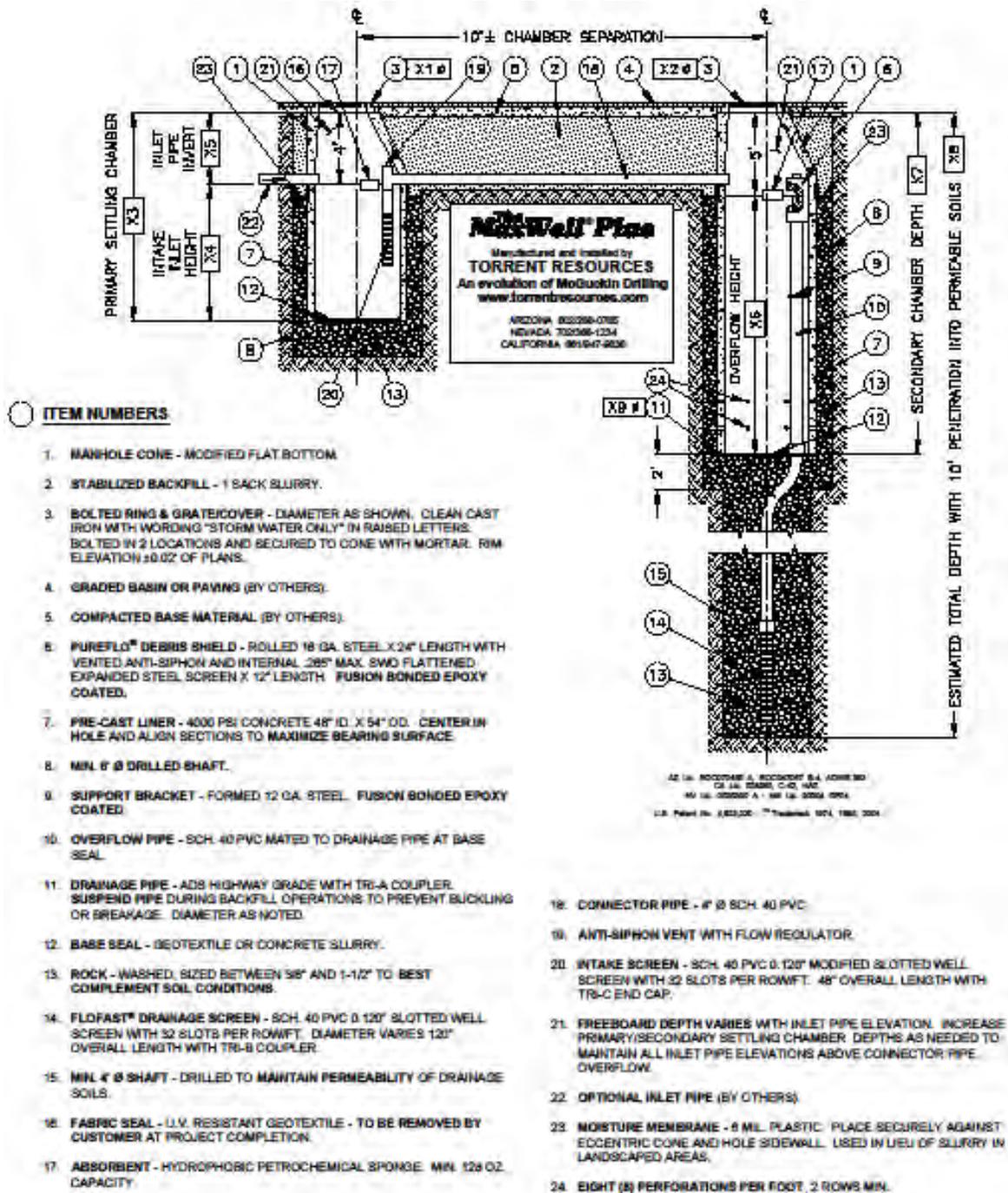


Figure 8.1 - Drywell Detail

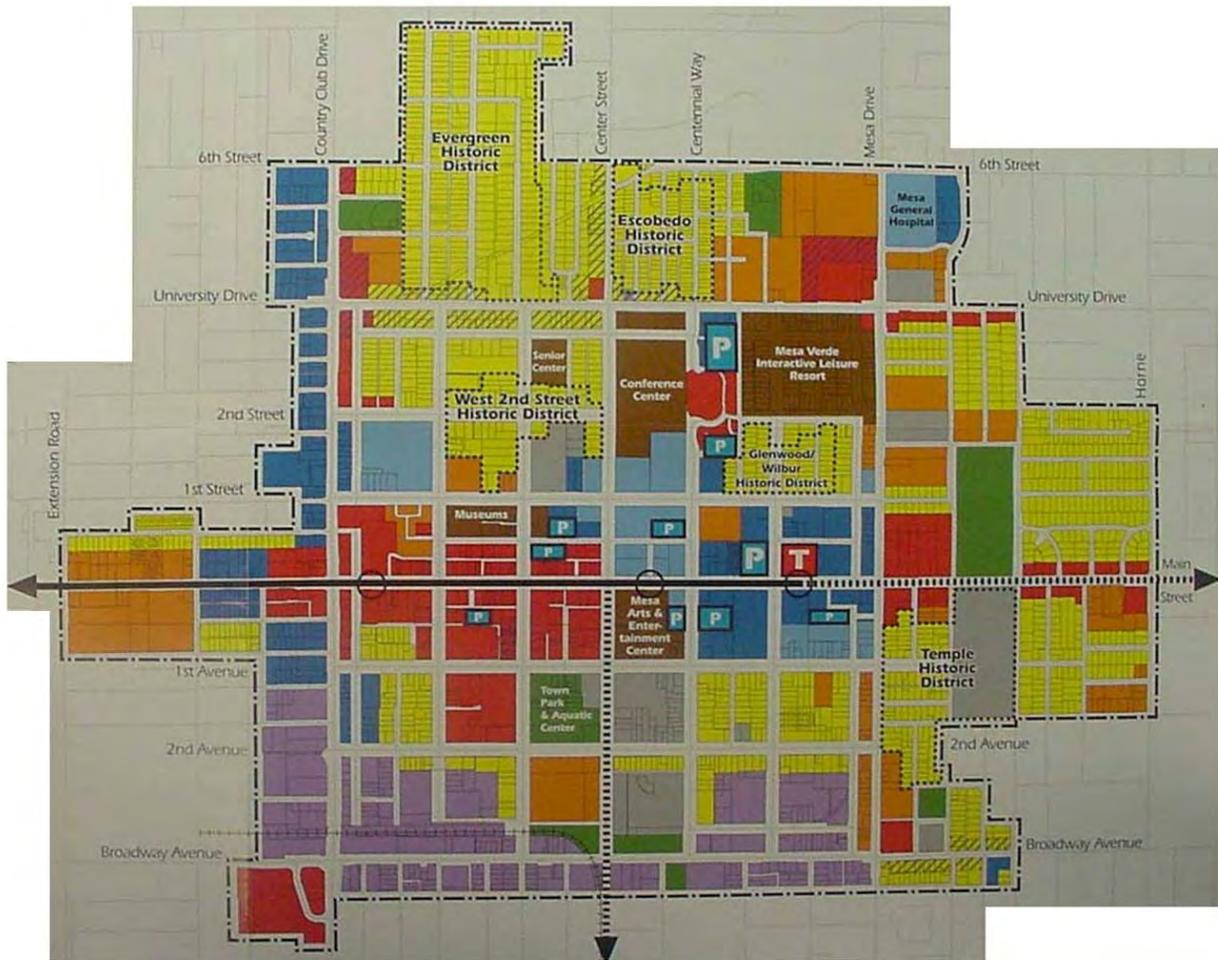


Figure 8.2 – Redevelopment Area

Chapter 9 - Public Street Lighting Requirements

Presents the minimum design criteria & standards to develop and produce construction documents regarding the extension and development of the public street lighting system.

The purpose of this chapter is to outline the process to those design professionals involved in private land development projects on how to incorporate the City's public street lighting requirements into their project. This document contains general information regarding the processes that are required during the construction document preparation; plan review, approval and permitting stages of land development.

Section 901 - General Information

901.1 The City of Mesa owns, operates and maintains street lighting for the public streets within the corporate limits of the City of Mesa. Information regarding the City of Mesa system can be obtained from various City Departments or Divisions as outlined below.

901.2 Mesa's system has been developed through a combination of Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) and private land developments, which include both, land subdivisions or individual lot or tract type of land development.

901.3 The Transportation Department is responsible for the operations and maintenance of public street lighting.

901.4 Questions regarding the operations of the public street lighting system should be directed to the office of the Streetlights System Supervisor at (480) 644-3141.

Section 902 - City Code, Policies & Regulations

902.1 The design professional should be aware of and become familiar with the following aspects of the various regulations that pertain to land development within the City of Mesa and its utility service areas.

Section 903 - City Code

903.1 Title 9, Public Ways & Property contains information regarding the construction of public street lighting in association with private land development. Chapter 6 of Title 9 pertains to land subdivision projects, while Chapter 8 deals with individual lot or parcel development (non-subdivision) projects.

903.2 Title 4, Building Regulations contains information regarding light pollution and light trespass. Chapter 6, Outdoor Light Control deals primarily with private lighting and does not apply to the lighting of public streets.

Section 904 - City Policy

904.1 All private land development projects, as formalized by the City Code are required to provide street lighting that meets City of Mesa standards, for all public streets within, adjacent or affected by the proposed project

Section 905 - Arizona State Statutes

905.1 Title 49 – The Environment, Chapter 7 – Light Pollution contains requirements for shielding of outdoor light fixtures as well as the prohibition of mercury vapor light fixtures. The provisions of this Title apply to both public and private lighting systems.

905.2 In accordance with ARS Title 49, the City of Mesa requires the use of cutoff light fixtures (i.e., fully shielded) on the public street lighting system and prohibits the use of Mercury Vapor (MV) lamps.

905.3 Title 4, Chapter 6 of the Mesa City Code pertaining to Outdoor Light Control supersedes the requirements of the Title 49 in accordance with Article 49-1106.

Section 906 - Public Street Lighting System Design

906.1 **General Information:** In addition to the M.A.G. Uniform Standards and Mesa’s amendments to M.A.G; Mesa has also established the Mesa Electric Code. For additional information please see Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Mesa City Code.

906.2 **Design Criteria:** It is the City of Mesa’s intention to provide illumination of the public street transportation system in accordance with the “American National Standard Practice for Roadway Lighting” (RP-8-00) as published by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA).

906.3 Copies of RP-8-00 are available by contacting the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America at 120 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005 or at <http://www.iesna.org>.

906.4 **Design Method:** While the RP-8-00 Standard Practice contains three different design criteria methodologies for designing roadway lighting, designs in the City of Mesa are to utilize the “Illuminance Criteria” method.

906.5 **Minimum Values:** Tables 2 & 9, of RP-8-00 provide the minimum recommended values that are to be met by all public street lighting designs within the City of Mesa.

906.6 **Maximum Values:** Designs shall not exceed the recommended Uniformity Ratio Value for the appropriate street classification.

906.7 The maximum light level shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the recommended “minimum maintained average values” of Table 2, RP-8-00.

906.8 **Footcandles Required:** Calculations provided to prove conformance to the minimum recommended values in Table 2 of RP-8-00 are to be in footcandles (fc).

906.9 **Design Grid:** The Calculation/Measurement Grid shall extend to the face of curb on both sides of the public street rather than to the edge of pavement as described in Annex A of RP-8-00. This includes but is not limited to public street cul-de-sacs, traffic circles or roundabouts and traffic calming devices

906.10 **Intersection Levels:** Intersection lighting levels shall be a minimum of the sum of the values recommended for each public street that forms the intersection. See Table 9, RP-8-00. For the purposes of this analysis, the area is defined by the extension of the face of curb alignment across the street to match the opposing face of curb alignment. Roundabouts (Major & Collector Streets) and Traffic Circles (Local Streets) shall be considered and analyzed as an intersection.

906.11 **Pedestrian Area Calculations:** Separate calculations for the pedestrian areas are not required, even if the pedestrian sidewalk is separated from the street curb.

906.12 **Street Classifications:** The RP-8-00 Standard Practice document classifies the various types of streets found in the transportation system into roadway classifications. The following Table 9.1 provides the conversions between the RP-8-00 classes to the equivalent City of Mesa designation.

Table 9.1 Street Classifications	
RP-8-00 Designation	City of Mesa Equivalent
Freeway Class A	None
Freeway Class B	None
Expressway	6 or 4-Lane Parkway
Major	6 or 4-Lane Arterial
Collector	4 or 2-Lane Collector
Local	Local

906.13 **Pedestrian Areas:** The RP-8-00 Standard also defines areas in which pedestrian traffic may come into contact or conflict with vehicular traffic, such as at intersections or mid-block crossings. The following examples specific to Mesa help clarify the application of these definitions.

906.13.1 **High:** Areas with significant numbers of pedestrians expected to be on the sidewalks or crossing the streets during darkness. Examples in and around the City of Mesa would be adjacent to regional shopping malls such as Superstition Springs Mall; areas around a concert venue such as the Mesa Arts Center as well as around cinema complexes such as the Harkins or AMC multi-screen theatres.

906.13.2 **Medium:** Areas where lesser numbers of pedestrians utilize the streets at night. City of Mesa examples would be office complexes, apartments or multi-family residences and neighborhood shopping centers that are usually located at arterial street intersections.

906.13.3 **Low:** Areas with very low volumes of night pedestrian usage. In Mesa, these are typified by low-density residential developments such as suburban ranch or single residential zoning districts.

906.14 **Pavement Classification:** RP-8-00 Standard Practice also defines the reflectance characteristics of the roadway surface.

906.14.1 The pavement classes to use for fixed roadway lighting in the City of Mesa are R2 & R3.

Section 907 - Lighting Analysis

907.1 All land development projects that are required to improve or install public street lighting shall conduct a lighting analysis of the existing conditions, the proposed improvements and any future street widening, which is based on the adopted 2025 Mesa Transportation Plan. The result of this analysis shall be the preparation of photometric calculation sheets based upon the street light design sheets and shall be included as part of the construction document submittals.

907.2 **Existing Public Lighting:** Where the land development project is adjacent to, or adjoining an existing public street with existing public street lighting, the public street improvements associated with the proposed project shall not result in degradation of the existing lighting levels below the required minimum levels. Projects in which the lighting analysis shows that the existing lighting levels will be impacted negatively, the proposed project shall improve the existing public street lighting system to meet the required standards.

907.3 An analysis of the existing public streets adjoining the proposed project shall be performed. The area to be examined shall be between the face of curbs.

907.4 **Public Street Widening:** A separate “proposed” analysis of the public streets to be widened by the land development project is required. Analysis shall include all right turn lanes and tapers.

907.5 **Future Street Widening:** A separate “future” analysis will be required when the public street does not meet the ultimate street width, such as when the opposing side of the public street has not been widened or improved. The analysis shall utilize the future street widths and shall propose the locations of the future streetlights to meet the required lighting levels.

907.6 Land development projects that include or adjoin a public street intersection shall include separate intersection(s) calculations with all the required lighting analysis.

Section 908 - Design Standards, Specifications & Guidelines

908.1 All adjacent street light poles, mast arms and luminaires shall be of the same height, length and type when installed on local streets unless otherwise directed and approved by the City of Mesa Traffic Engineer.

908.2 **Luminaires:** The City of Mesa has thousands of luminaires in the public street light system and in order to efficiently manage the system the Transportation Division has standardized the luminaire specification.

908.3 All luminaires installed on the public street lighting system must be from one of the following approved manufacturers.

908.3.1 GE (General Electric) Lighting Systems, Inc. or

908.3.2 Hubbell Lighting

908.4 All luminaires installed are to be

908.4.1 Classified as a “full – cutoff”;

908.4.2 Housings are to be fitted with power doors for mounting ballast assemblies, etc.;

908.4.3 Ballast shall be 120/240 volt three coil with an isolated lag

908.5 Mesa Standard Details M-70.1, M-70.2 & M-70.3 have additional specifications, such as the IES Distribution, Type, Housing Color, etc., which all luminaires installed in the City of Mesa street lighting system must comply with. Use of non-standard IES distribution may be allowed with approval from the City.

908.6 **Lamps:** All lamps shall be high-pressure sodium (HPS) unless directed otherwise.

908.7 High-pressure sodium (HPS) lamps shall conform to the requirements of Mesa Standard Detail M-71.

908.8 **Poles:** Street light poles to be installed on a local or collector street are to be either a P-104 or P-106 per Mesa Standard Detail M-73.1 unless otherwise approved.

908.9 Street light poles to be installed on a four (4) lane collector or major street are to be a P-206, when the light pole is adjacent to or within a residential neighborhood. A P-207 may be used when in office, retail, commercial or industrial zoning districts. See Mesa Standard Detail M-73.2.

908.10 **Pole Foundations:** Street light pole foundations shall be per Mesa Standard Details M-76.1 & M-76.2.

908.11 Where a proposed pole foundation will be in conflict with an existing City of Mesa natural gas main, the gas main shall be encased per City of Mesa Natural Gas Detail GP-19 (Contact City of Mesa Gas Engineering for a copy of this detail). Where the existing gas main cannot be encased per GP-19, an offset or spread foundation must be designed or the utility must be relocated.

908.12 **Conduits:** Conduits shall run in a direct line from pole to pole or pull box to pull box.

908.13 **Material:** Unless otherwise approved, conduits that are part of the public street lighting system shall be schedule 40, rigid PVC, UL approved for use with 90° C wire above and below ground.

908.14 **Location:** Conduits shall be dimension on the plan with a minimum of one foot (1') from edge of sidewalk or two feet (2') from the curb in median islands.

908.15 **Minimum Depth:** Minimum depth from the top of curb or street pavement finish grade is to be twenty-four inches (24") unless otherwise approved.

908.16 **Rigid Steel Conduit:** Areas where twenty-four inches (24") cover is not possible, galvanized rigid steel conduit (G.R.S.) may be installed. G.R.S. conduit shall be double wrapped with 20-mil tape to six inches (6") past the threaded metal coupling. Compression couplings are not allowed. Prior approval is required for any design proposing to use G.R.S. conduit.

908.17 **Sizes:** Acceptable sizes of conduit on the public street lighting system are: one-inch (1"), one and one-half inch (1 ½") or two-inch (2") in diameter as described below.

908.17.1 Conduits on major streets are required to be two-inch (2") diameter, except that a one-inch (1") diameter conduit shall be used between the circuit pull box and the street light pole.

908.17.2 Conduits on collector or local streets shall be one and one-half inch (1 ½") or one-inch (1") as required by the conductor size. Where P-400 series poles are used, conduit into the pole will be one-inch (1") only. One and one-half inch (1 ½") may be used pull box to pull box, with a one-inch (1") from the pull box to the streetlight pole.

908.17.3 A two-inch (2") in diameter conduit shall be installed from the street light control cabinet to the pull & junction box located at the point of service connection.

908.17.4 Conduits containing photo control wiring shall be one and one-half inch (1 ½") minimum.

908.18 The conduit from the point of service connection to the electric utility's facilities shall be per the specifications of the electric utility.

908.19 A two-piece expansion joint coupling shall be installed in all conduits at intervals not to exceed one hundred feet (100').

908.20 Conduit stubs that are twenty-feet (20') or longer are required to be terminated with a sweep into a temporary pull box.

908.21 The maximum number and size of conductors in a one-inch (1") conduit shall be:

908.21.1 Two (2) No. 6 (AWG) XHHW copper conductors,

908.21.2 One (1) green No. 8 (AWG) XHHW copper bond,

908.21.3 **Exception:** Where P400 poles are used with one-inch (1") conduit going pole to pole, No. 8 (AWG) shall be the largest conductor allowed.

Section 909 - Circuits, Wire & Conductors

909.1 The public street lighting system is composed of the following circuits:

909.2 **Supply Circuit:** The circuit, which is from the electric utilities facilities to the approved point of service, is known as the supply circuit.

909.3 **Power Circuit:** The power circuit, which is the circuit from the point of service to the streetlight control cabinet.

909.4 **Street Light Circuit:** The street lighting circuits, which are from the streetlight control cabinet to the street light poles & luminaires.

909.5 The maximum numbers of street light circuits from a lighting control cabinet is two (2) and are usually designated as circuits "A" and "B". Note that the typical total load of a single circuit shall not exceed 24 amps.

909.6 Where a control cabinet is utilized the street light circuit shall be 240 volt.

909.7 Where a control cabinet is not utilized the street light circuit shall be 120 volt. Note that the electric service shall still be 120/240 volt.

909.8 **Photo Control Circuit:** The photo control circuits shall be 120 volts, which are from streetlight control cabinets to the photoelectric controls.

909.9 The photo control circuit wiring is to run continuously, without splices, from the photocell to the lighting control cabinet.

909.10 **Wire:** All wire used in the public street lighting system shall be stranded copper. Aluminum wire is prohibited.

909.11 **Insulation:** All wire to be used shall have insulation as follows:

909.12 All conductors in the power circuit shall be XHHW/XHHW-2. Insulation color shall be black (power), and white (neutral). It is also acceptable to use black insulation for the neutral wire, when each end of the conductor is marked with white tape, six-inches (6") in length. Exception: power conductors from pole hand hole in luminaire may be THHN/THWN insulation and cannot be color coded with tape.

909.13 All bond wiring shall be XHHW/XHHW-2. Insulation colors shall be green.

909.14 Photo control circuit shall be three (3) no. 14 xhhw-2 conductors contained in a TC type control cable with a sunlight-resistant CPE jacket. Individual insulation colors shall be black (power to photocell), red (power from photocell) and white (neutral).

909.15 **Gauge:**

909.16 **Power Circuit:** The wire to be used in the power circuit (i.e., from the point of service to the streetlight control cabinet) shall be:

909.16.1 Minimum gauge (AWG): No. 2 XHHW/XHHW-2

909.16.2 Maximum gauge (AWG): No. 2/0 XHHW/XHHW-2

909.17 **Street Light Circuit:** The wire to be used as a conductor in the street light circuits shall be based on the Voltage Drop Calculations. The minimum and maximum gauges are:

909.17.1 Minimum gauge (AWG); No. 10 XHHW/XHHW-2

909.17.2 Maximum gauge (AWG); No. 2/0 XHHW/XHHW-2

909.18 **Photo Control Circuit:** The wire to be used in the photo control circuit shall be three (3) no. 14 XHHW-2 conductors contained in a TC type control cable with a sunlight-resistant CPE jacket.

909.19 **Street Light Pole:** The wire to be used as a conductor in the street light pole (i.e., hand hole to the luminaire) shall be No. 12 (AWG).

909.20 **Ground (Bond):** All wires intended to be used; as a ground (bond) shall be seven (7) strand copper, minimum gauge is No 8 (AWG).

Section 910 - Point Of Service (POS)

910.1 The design engineer shall contact the appropriate electric utility company to establish a “point of service”. It is the responsibility of the designer to coordinate the proposed project design with the utility company’s approved point of delivery (P.O.D.). Placement of point of service pull box shall be per M-75.3 and M-75.4 of the Mesa Standard Details and Specifications.

910.2 When the proposed development is within the City of Mesa Electric Service area, the design engineer shall provide with the construction documents submittal, a “Point of Service form” sometimes referred to as a “meter spot form” identifying the approved point of service.

910.3 Point of Service forms shall include the stationing identification for the point of service delivery.

910.4 Point of Service forms shall also identify all lots or tracts of the proposed projects within the vicinity of the point of service.

Section 911 - Power Supply

911.1 When the public street lighting improvement plans are approved and mylar reproducible received and processed, the City of Mesa Transportation Department will submit a copy of the approved design to the public utility supplying electricity to the proposed development. This will allow that agency to initiate the final power design for the public street lighting system.

Section 912 - Voltage Drop

912.1 Voltage drop calculations are required to be submitted with the construction documents.

912.2 The voltage drop between the electric utility point of delivery pull box and the lighting control cabinet shall not exceed one percent (1%), assuming 240 volts at the pull box and a maximum 48 amp load at the lighting control cabinet.

912.3 The voltage drop between the lighting control cabinet and the end of the each lighting circuit shall not exceed three percent (3%).

Section 913 - Photometrics

913.1 The photometric results of the lighting analysis shall be shown on plan sheets that utilize the civil engineering base sheets for the proposed public street improvements. The X and/or Y coordinates shall match the stationing on the civil engineering improvement plans.

Section 914 - Location

914.1 The public street light system shall be designed for, and installed in the public street right-of-way. If existing conditions are such that the street light system cannot be located within the right-of-way, Public Utilities and Facilities Easements (P.U.F.E.) shall be dedicated, or cause to be dedicated for the public facilities.

914.2 **Local Streets:** Streetlights are typically installed on the south or west side of the public street.

914.3 **Collector Streets:** Streetlights are typically installed on the south or west side of the public street.

914.4 **Major Streets:** Streetlights are typically installed on both sides of the major streets with staggered spacing, or may be located in center raised median.

914.5 **Lot Lines:** Streetlights in residential areas should be installed on the intersecting lot lines.

914.6 **Intersections:** There shall be at least one streetlight located at each public street intersection.

914.7 **Curb Return Locations:** Street light poles shall not be located within the radius of a corner at a public street intersection.

914.8 **Cul-De-Sac's:** Cul-de-sac type streets shall have streetlights installed within the cul-de-sac to meet the recommended light levels if the radius point of the cul-de-sac is fifty-seven feet (57') or greater from the centerline of the intersecting street.

914.9 **Adjacent to Sidewalk:** Street light foundations and lighting control cabinet pads shall be adjacent to the sidewalk when feasible. Pull boxes shall be installed one foot (1') behind sidewalk when feasible.

914.10 **Curb Offsets:** Street light poles shall be offset from the back of curb per the following:

914.11 For streetlights installed on a local street, the poles shall be offset from the back of curb a minimum of three feet (3') and a maximum of six feet (6').

914.12 For streetlights installed on collector or major streets, the poles shall be offset from the back of curb seven and one half foot (7.5').

914.13 In areas where concrete curbing (vertical or ribbon) does not exist, the street light poles shall be offset eight feet (8') from the edge of pavement.

914.14 **Luminaire Overhang:** Luminaires shall overhang the public street paving a minimum of one-foot (1') unless otherwise approved and noted on the improvement plans

914.15 **Pole Spacing:** Pole spacing shall be based on the results of the lighting analysis.

Section 915 - Clearances

915.1 The following minimum clearances are to be met around all street light poles:

915.2 **Local Streets:** A minimum of three-feet (3') of clearance shall be maintained around all street light pole foundations installed on local streets.

915.3 **Collector & Major Streets:** A minimum of four-feet (4') of clearance shall be maintained around all street light pole foundation installed on collector or major streets.

915.3.1 **Exception:** The exception to the required four feet (4') of clearance involves public utilities. The normal clearance between a public utility and the street pole foundation is one foot (1'), the minimum clearance allowed is six-inches (6").

915.4 **Fire Hydrants:** There shall be a minimum of five-feet (5') of clearance between any street light pole or lighting control cabinet and a fire hydrant.

915.5 **Driveways:** There shall be a minimum of six-feet (6') of clearance between any street light pole or lighting control cabinet and a driveway as measured from the exterior driveway wing contraction joint.

915.6 **Landscaping – Trees:** There shall be a minimum of eighteen feet (18') of clearance as measured from base of tree trunk to outside edge of between any street light pole or lighting control cabinet.

915.7 **Landscaping – Shrubs:** There shall be a minimum of seven-feet (7') of clearance as measured from centerline of shrubs and outside of street light pole or lighting control cabinet.

915.8 **Utility Transformers:** Clearances shall be maintained around the electric utility company's electrical transformer(s) in accordance with the City of Mesa and utility company's requirements. See Salt River Project (SRP) Electric Service Specifications book for additional information.

915.9 **Overhead Electric Facilities:** The following clearances shall be maintained between street light equipment in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes 40-360.42.

915.9.1 A minimum of six feet (6') of clearance shall be maintained between street light equipment and energized overhead electric lines or current carrying facilities.

915.9.2 A minimum of three feet (3') of clearance shall be maintained between street light equipment and the overhead electric common neutral line.

915.9.3 A minimum of one foot (1') of clearance shall be maintained between street light equipment and any other overhead utility line; this includes, but is not limited to telephone and cable television lines.

915.10 **Responsibility to Relocate:** Where it is not possible to maintain the required clearances, it is the developer's responsibility to relocate any underground or overhead facilities that are in conflict with the public street lighting system.

Section 916 - Public Street Crossings

916.1 Where a conduit for the public street lighting or traffic signal system is required to cross an existing paved public street, the crossing shall be via a horizontal bore in conformance with Mesa Standard Detail M-18.1 unless otherwise approved.

916.2 Where an open cut of the existing public street pavement has been approved, the trench backfill and pavement replacement shall be in accordance with Mesa Standard Detail M-19.4.

Section 917 - Desert Uplands

917.1 The Desert Uplands Area is that area of Mesa bounded by the Central Arizona Project (CAP) Canal on the west, Meridian Drive and Utery Mountain Regional Park on the east, University Drive on the south and Tonto National Forest boundary on the north

917.2 **Standard Fixture:** The “shoebox” fully shielded streetlight fixture per Mesa Standard Detail M-70.1 with a square pole per Mesa Standard Detail M-73.4 shall be the standard public fixture and pole in the Desert Uplands Area.

917.3 **Illumination & Spacing:** Public Street lights on major streets and collector streets shall comply with City standard illumination and spacing requirements, except as otherwise specified or approved.

917.4 **Location:** Public Streetlights may be installed in median islands where available or adjacent to sidewalks where medians do not exist. Mounting height shall be thirty-five feet (35') to forty feet (40').

917.5 **Collector Streets:** On public collector streets that have eighty feet (80') right-of-way, thirty-four foot (34') face-of-curb to face-of-curb. Street lighting shall use poles with a thirty-foot (30') or thirty-five foot (35') maximum mounting height and an average 0.37-footcandle light level with a 6-1 average to minimum ratio.

917.6 At intersections with major streets and adjacent to school sites, parks, or activity centers, the face of curb width shall be increased to forty-six feet (46'). The lighting along the forty-six foot (46') wide sections of these streets shall comply with City standard illumination and spacing requirements for collector streets.

917.7 **Local Streets:** Streetlights on local streets shall be placed at all intersections and at the end of cul-de-sacs that are more than two hundred feet (200') long. On straight sections of roadway, four hundred-foot (400') spacing between lights may be used. However, other factors must also be evaluated; e.g., horizontal and vertical alignment. Topographical conditions may require additional lighting. Mounting height on local streets shall be twenty-five feet (25') with a seventy (70) watt lamp.

917.8 **Pull Boxes:** Pull boxes shall be a maximum of two hundred ten feet (210') apart.

Section 918 - Public Street Lighting Components

918.1 **Poles:** All proposed or existing poles on the public street light system are required to be identified by stationing. Design plans shall show the station number for both proposed and future poles as well as any existing poles.

918.2 All poles on the public street light system are required to be identified by a public street address number. The City Plans Examiner will provide addresses during the plan review process.

918.3 **Lighting Control Cabinets:** The lighting control cabinet and pad shall be in accordance with Mesa Standard Detail M-75.1 and M-75.2.

918.4 All control cabinets on the public street light system are required to be identified by stationing. Design plans shall show the station number for both proposed cabinets as well as any existing cabinets within the vicinity of the project.

918.5 All control cabinets on the public street light system are required to be identified by a public street address number. The City Plans Examiner will provide addresses during the plan review process.

918.6 Electrical service to the lighting control cabinet shall be 100 amps 120/240 volt single phase.

918.7 The engineer shall assure that the available fault current at the lighting control cabinet shall not exceed 10,000 amps.

918.8 The electric control panel for the lighting control cabinet will be furnished and installed by the City of Mesa – Transportation Department.

918.9 Separate lighting control cabinets are typically required when streetlights are going to be installed on both sides of a public street.

918.10 It is the responsibility of the developer and the design team to assure that the locations of the lighting control cabinets coincide with the point of power delivery as established by the electric utility.

918.11 **Pull Boxes:** The distance between pull boxes (which also includes the hand holes on poles) shall not exceed two hundred feet (200').

918.12 Standard location of pull boxes is adjacent to the public sidewalk when possible.

918.13 A pull box shall be installed in any horizontal conduit run that has a change in direction greater than forty-five degrees (45°).

918.14 A pull box shall be installed whenever a conduit run branches to a conduit run on an intersecting public street.

918.15 A pull box shall be installed whenever a conduit crosses a public street. The pull box shall be installed in order to create the shortest conduit run possible crossing the public street.

918.16 Pull boxes are to be installed per Mesa Standard Detail M-74.1 & M-74.2. Pull boxes shall be offset from the light pole a minimum of five feet (5') (center to center).

918.17 Pull boxes to be installed on slopes shall be in conformance with Mesa Standard Detail M-74.2.

918.18 A pull box shall be installed at each streetlight pole where the conduit to be installed is one and one half inches (1.5") or greater.

918.19 A No. 3.5 pull box shall be used on local or collector streets when a one-inch (1") or one and one half inches (1.5") conduits is used.

918.20 No. 5 pull boxes shall be used with a two inches (2") conduits.

918.21 P.O.S. boxes shall be No. 5 pull boxes.

918.22 **Photo Cell:** The photocell for the photo control circuit is typically installed on the first street light pole on each circuit from the lighting control cabinet.

Section 919 - Improvement Plans - Public Street Lighting

919.1 **Basis:** Public street lighting plans shall be based on the civil engineering improvement plan base sheets and shall show all existing and/or proposed off-site public improvements (i.e., public street widening, right-turn decelerations for both public street intersections or private property, driveways, sidewalk ramps, public and private utilities, etc.). For those projects in which separate civil engineering design is not required (i.e., existing public street improvements), the street light plans shall be developed per the standards for Construction Documents as discussed in Section 1, General Requirements.

919.2 **General Notes:** Public street lighting shall include the City of Mesa general notes for public street lighting.

919.3 **Construction Notes:** Construction notes for public street lighting shall refer to the Mesa Standard Detail number as well as the specific specification number (i.e., M-73.1, P-106 pole).

919.4 **Stationing:** Stationing of public street light equipment or facilities shall be based on the same stationing as the civil engineering design or where civil engineering design is not required for the proposed project, stationing shall be based on a known survey monument on a public street centerline.

919.5 **Future Street Light Locations:** Where future street lighting (i.e., future widening of the opposite side of the street) is utilized by a lighting analysis in order to meet the required lighting levels for the proposed project, the proposed future street light locations shall be shown on the street light design sheets.

919.6 **Addressing Street Light Facilities:** The City of Mesa requires that street lights & control cabinets be addressed. Address for new facilities will be provided during the plan review process. New facilities shall have addresses enclosed within parentheses () while existing addresses are to be enclosed in brackets []. Addresses for existing facilities can be found on the approved street lighting plans for those facilities.

919.7 **Quantities List:** The quantities list on the street light plans for the public street lighting system shall show only the number of street lighting poles and lighting control cabinets, unless otherwise directed.

919.8 **Reproducibles:** Reproducible mylars of the street light design sheets are required to be submitted upon approval of the public street light design.

919.9 **Incorporation Into Civil Design:** When the street light design is in conjunction with other public works infrastructure improvements, the street light design sheets are to be incorporated into the civil engineering design set, the design sheets and the mylars shall be sequentially numbered. The street light engineer shall coordinate with the project's civil engineer.

919.10 **Construction Details:** The City of Mesa standard details for the public street lighting system are to be referenced in construction note callouts. The standard details shall not be included as details on the plans except where the project will receive federal funds for the construction of the public streetlights.

919.11 Details will be required for aspects of the public street lighting system (such as poles, luminaires, and/or pole foundations) that are not covered by Mesa's standard details. The City shall approve any variations from the City of Mesa Standard Details.

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