

CHEROKEE COUNTY ROAD ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

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**Effective for all roads accepted after June 1, 1989
Price for Pavement costs revised February 11, 2013**

Property Owner: _____
Phone Number: _____
Subdivision Name: _____
Owners Address: _____
City, State: _____ Zip Code _____
Location: _____

Surveyor's Name: _____
Contractor's Name: _____

All steps as outlined in this document shall be met by the subdivision owner prior to recommendation for acceptance. Any completed work not approved by the County Engineer will require proof of completion. The County Engineer, at his discretion, shall have the right to perform or require the subdivision owner to perform, any necessary testing to validate proof of completion in compliance with this document.

The following steps shall be followed for planning, construction, approval, and general location of streets and drainage structures.

STEP ONE

1. Review site with County Engineer for location of intersections and general location of streets and drainage structures.
2. Submit preliminary plat of subdivision. Plat shall show a turn-around at all dead-end streets. Turn-around shall be a fifty (50') feet X one hundred (100') feet "T" or "L" or a turn circle with a fifty (50') foot radius.

County Engineer Approval: _____ Date: _____

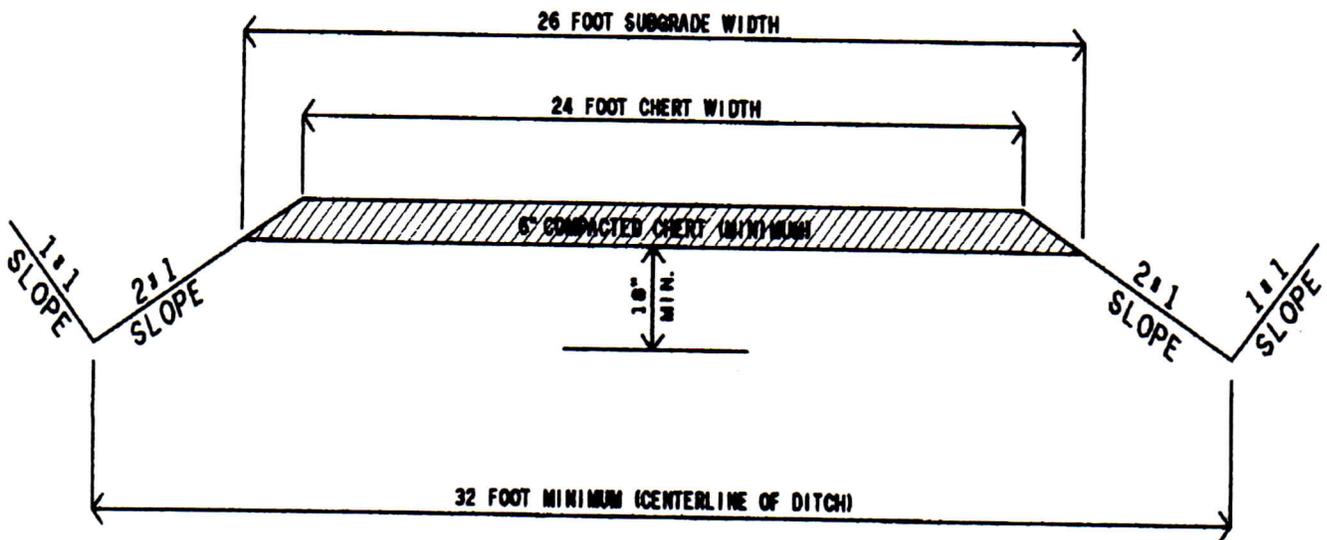
STEP TWO

1. Test pits shall be required along the centerline of proposed roadway to allow the County Engineer to determine the approximate amount of topsoil to be removed. Test pits shall be no more than 150' apart, 3' deep, and 3' wide.
2. Clear **ALL** trees, stumps, brush, and topsoil for full Right-of-Way width. The minimum R.O.W. width shall be fifty (50') feet plus a ten (10') foot utility easement on one side of the road for a total R.O.W. width of sixty (60') feet.
3. Get County Engineer to size drainage pipes and drainage structures.
4. Stake side ditches thirty-two (32') feet apart (from bottom of ditch to bottom of ditch). Stakes should be placed no more than fifty (50') feet apart along the ditch line to assure good alignment.

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STEP THREE

1. Proceed with grading and drainage pipe installation. Cross-drainage pipe shall be minimum quality of 16 gage bituminous-coated galvanized corrugated metal, or equal, as determined by the County Engineer. Driveway pipe, or side-drains may be uncoated pipe. The minimum pipe diameter shall be fifteen (15") inches and the minimum length shall be thirty (30') feet. If the pipe diameter exceeds fifteen (15") inches, the length of pipe shall be increased four (4') feet for each twelve (12") inches the diameter exceeds fifteen (15") inches.
2. Typical cross section for grading and chert base is as shown below:



**NOTE: Maximum grade along centerline of roadway shall not exceed 15%.
Minimum grade on ditches shall be 0.5%.**

STEP FOUR

1. All areas of the roadbed where topsoil removal is required shall be backfilled with compacted chert or other approved material. Backfill material must be approved by County Engineer prior to placement.
2. Place a minimum of 6" compacted chert or other approved base material, full width of the roadway. Base material must be approved by County Engineer prior to placement.

Name of Chert Pit Owner: _____

Location of Chert Pit: _____

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3. At the discretion of the County Engineer, test holes may be utilized by highway department personel to verify the base thickness. Any area along the roadway that shows less than six (6") inches thickness at the test hole shall be scarified and the necessary chert shall be added to get the required six (6") inches thickness. A tolerance of five (5") inches thickness will be allowed on no more than twenty-five (25%) percent of the test holes.

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STEP FIVE

1. Get the County Health Department's approval and signature on subdivision plat.
2. Requires that any new road on the subdivision plat must have a road number assigned by the Cherokee County Communications District (E911 Board) before being accepted by the County Commission regardless of ownership (Public or Private). The road numbers must be displayed on the plat prior to being accepted for recordation.

3. Requires the developer or his/her agent to have properly prepared, executed and delivered to the County, a deed for the road that is to be accepted by the County, at the same time the request is made of the County to accept the road into the County system.
5. The subdivision owner shall submit a payment to the Cherokee County Commission to cover the cost of paving with a Bituminous Treatment "JG", at the time the subdivision is accepted into the County Road System. The pavement cost shall be calculated at \$6.00 per square yard. The minimum pavement width shall be twenty (20') feet wide.
6. Get County Commission approval and resolution accepting the roads into the County Road System.
7. Get County Engineer's signature on final plat before recording in the Probate Judge's office. **The County Engineer is not allowed to sign the final plat until the County Commission has accepted the roads into the County Road System.**

SPECIAL NOTE:

The subdivision owner has the option to have the required paving completed without utilizing #5 as listed above, however, the following stipulations shall apply:

- A. All materials and construction requirements shall meet ALDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Latest Edition.
- B. Test reports shall be provided to the County Engineer for all materials used in the placement of the Bituminous Treatment "JG".
- C. The finished roadway base must be inspected and approved by the County Engineer prior to placement of the Bituminous Treatment "JG".
- D. Subdivision owner shall contact the County Engineer prior to placement of Bituminous Treatment "JG" to coordinate inspection by highway department personnel.
- E. After paving is complete and approved by the County Engineer, a recommendation will be made to the County Commission by the County Engineer for acceptance into the County Road System.