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1.1 Short Title

These regulations, together with all future amendments, shall be known as the *City of Sioux Falls Engineering Design Standards for Public Improvements* (hereinafter called Design Standards).

1.2 Jurisdiction

These Design Standards, along with the City of Sioux Falls Standard Specifications (hereinafter referred to as Standard Specifications) and the City of Sioux Falls Standard Plates (hereinafter referred to as Standard Plates), shall apply to all public improvements within the incorporated area of the City of Sioux Falls except where superseded by federal or state requirements.

1.3 Amendments and Revisions

These standards and criteria may be amended as new technology is developed or experience gained in the use of these Design Standards. The Mayor, following the recommendations of the City Engineer and the Infrastructure Review Advisory Board, shall consider revisions and/or amendments to these Design Standards.

1.4 Enforcement Responsibility

It shall be the duty of the City Engineer to enforce the provisions of these Design Standards.

1.5 Review Process

The City will review all submittals for compliance with the specific Design Standards. Acceptance by the City does not relieve the Owner, Design Professional, or Contractor from responsibility for ensuring that the calculations, plans, specifications, construction, and record drawings are in compliance with the Design Standards.

1.6 Prior Approval

These Design Standards shall not abrogate or annul: (a) any permits issued before the effective date of these Design Standards; (b) any construction plans approved before the effective date of these Design Standards; (c) any final plat documents that have been recommended for approval by the City of Sioux Falls Planning Commission prior to the effective date of these standards; or (d) any easements or covenants already in effect.

1.7 Relationship to Other Standards

If special districts impose more stringent standards, this difference is not considered a conflict and the more stringent standard shall apply. If state or federal government imposes more stringent standards, criteria, or requirements, these shall be incorporated into these Design Standards in accordance with Section 1.3 of this Manual.

1.8 Variances

Variances from these Design Standards will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the City Engineer.

1.9 Private Facilities

If an owner of private street or utility facilities wishes to dedicate these facilities for public use and maintenance, the facilities must meet the standards set forth herein prior to being accepted by the City.