

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Request for an  
Exception to a Road Standard  
and/or  
Modification to Project Conditions

Project Number: TM 5528 P06-101

Date of Request: 05/23/08

Project Location: Southwest corner Palm Canyon Dr & Borrego Valley Rd, Borrego Springs

Thos. Bros. Map/Grid: 1079 B3 & C3

APN: 199-011-17, 18

Requestor Name: AMG & Associates, Inc.

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Requested Exception/Modification (attach engineering sketches showing existing layout, details and notes):  
Request relief from being held to minimum longitudinal gradient of 1% shown in Note 1, Table 2, Page 11 of Public Road Standards. Request design be allowed to use 0.5% as minimum gradient for interior streets.

Reason for requested Exception/Modification (provide attachment if additional space is required): See attached

List alternatives that could mitigate the requested Exception/Modification (attach engineering sketches showing proposed layouts, details and notes):  
See attached

Describe the hardship(s) to the property owner(s) and/or neighbor(s) if the request is not approved (see note 3. on reverse): Would result in potential for flood damage to adjacent properties

Provide Design and Cost Estimate for meeting the Condition (see note 3. on reverse): Be advised, reason for design standard modification request is not caused by anticipated financial hardship but rather the inability to physically comply with County design standards and the potential of creating hardship (flood damage) to adjacent properties if we are held to the 1% minimum gradient for project interior streets.

*See reverse for important information.*

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This form is to be used for the following:

- A. Request exception to a Road Standard and/or modify DPW Conditions included in the **Preliminary Approval** prior to the issuance of the Final Approval.
- B. Request exception to a Road Standard and/or modify DPW Conditions included in the **Final Approval** document(s) prior to the recordation of the map, which may also require an amendment of conditions.

Note: Request for exceptions/modifications to conditions of a recorded map, in most cases, requires a map modification, which is a separate process.

This request may be initiated by the owner or by the project engineer, land surveyor, the local fire prevention district or the local planning group acting on behalf of the owner.

The following guidelines apply to this request:

1. Incomplete and unclear requests, or requests that are not supported by appropriate documents will be returned as incomplete applications. Requests must be specific and clear.
2. This request must be completed and submitted with supporting attachments. Attachments may consist of documents from the relevant County departments, regulatory agencies, fire prevention districts, water and utility districts, planning groups. Photos, plan and profile sketches, diagrams, engineering studies, certifications, cost estimates, and other pertinent information may also be included.
3. Provide detailed cost estimates for work included in this request. Single figure summary and "bottom line" cost estimates will not be accepted. *Please note that financial hardship cannot be the sole basis of an exception request.*

*Example 1:* A request to reduce an intersectional sight distance condition must, as a minimum, be supported by a detailed plan of the intersection showing the right-of-way easements, the available/required line(s) of sight and the existing obstructions to the line(s) of sight, a certification by a registered engineer of the prevailing speed along the major road, certification as to the minimum acceptable sight distance and the availability of such distance, as well as a detailed cost estimate for compliance with the initial condition.

*Example 2:* A request to reduce road width improvement standard must, as a minimum, cite the reasons necessitating the request, a letter from the local Fire Prevention District stipulating the acceptable changes to the road(s), plan and profile sketches of the road showing centerline stationing, nature, size and location of utilities that are impacted, and a detailed cost estimate for compliance with the initial improvement condition(s).

4. The applicant will be contacted if additional information or clarification is required. Your request may be forwarded to the local planning group for input. The DPW Project Team responsible for the project area will evaluate the request and make a recommendation to the Director through the Deputy Director. The Director's decision, which is final, will be conveyed to the applicant in writing, with copies to all parties and agencies concerned.
5. Requests take an average of ten (10) working days to process. They may take longer if submitted without the proper supporting documents or if there is insufficient balance in the project account.
6. Mail or submit your completed request(s) to the Department of Public Works (DPW), 5201 Ruffin Road (MS-0336), Suite D, San Diego, CA, 92123.
7. *Staff time to process this request will be charged against the project account. The applicant will be contacted for additional funds if the account balance is insufficient to cover the estimated charges for processing the request.*