

CHAPTER 13.04

CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC STREETS

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13.04.010: Classification Generally: All public streets comprising the City street system shall be classified as follows:

(1) Principal arterials are intercommunity and intrametro area streets that are primarily used for traffic movement. Their general characteristics include moderate to high speeds that are generally thirty five (35) mph to fifty five (55) mph, high traffic generators, and no on street parking.

(2) Minor arterials are intercommunity and intrametro area streets that provide primarily for traffic movement and secondarily for land access. Their general characteristics include moderate speeds (30 mph to 40 mph) and moderate to high traffic volumes (1,500 to 16,000 vehicles per day), some restriction on traffic movements, controlled driveway spacing and on street parking is generally prohibited.

(3) Collectors are streets that their primary function is to collect and distribute traffic between the local street system and the arterial street system. Collectors also provide for land access and inter-neighborhood traffic movement. Their general characteristics include low speeds (25 mph to 30 mph), low to moderate traffic volumes (500 to 5,000 vehicles per day), limited regulation of access control, and limited on street parking.

(4) Locals are streets that primarily serve direct land access with the secondary function of traffic movement. Their general characteristics include: low speeds (25 mph), low traffic volumes (less than 1,500 vehicles per day), few access controls, and parking is generally permitted. (Ord. 3274 Sec. 6, 1990: Ord. 1097 Sec. 1, 1961: Ord. 3575 Sec. 1, 1994)

13.04.021: Principal Arterial, Secondary Arterial, Collector, and Local Streets

Identified: The classification of principal arterial, secondary arterial, collector, and local streets shall be in accordance with the latest adopt version of the Tri-Cities Urbanized Area Functional Classification System as it pertains to the City. (Ord. 3575 Sec. 4, 1994)

13.04.050: New Streets - Classification: When a new street is added to the City by annexation or by other means, it shall either maintain the same classification as in the latest adopted version of the Tri-Cities Urbanized Area Functional Classification System or be classified or reclassified in accord with Section 13.04.070. (Ord. 3575 Sec. 2, 1994: Ord. 1097 Sec. 5, 1961)

13.04.060: New Construction - Conformance to State Law: All new construction on City streets shall conform to regulations of state laws and City ordinances as required for classification of the street. (Ord. 1097 Sec. 6 (part), 1961)

13.04.070: Classification Changes: The City Manager and Director of Public Works are authorized and direction to make a continued study of the vehicle traffic volumes in the City and to recommend changes in the Tri-Cities Urbanized Area Functional Classification System as it pertains to the City. Recommendations for changes to the Functional Classification System shall be approved by the City Council by resolution. (Ord. 3575 Sec. 3, 1994: Ord. 1097 Sec. 6, (part), 1961)

13.04.080: Street Closures: Public streets may be closed temporarily or permanently in accord with the provisions of this Section.

(1) Streets may be temporarily closed by the Director of Public Works or the Chief of Police because of unsafe conditions, construction, or immediate or potential hazards either to the travelling public or persons or property in the vicinity of the street. The Director of Public Works may also temporarily close a street for temporary, special occasions such as block parties, parking for festive events, or other special activities of a temporary nature on such terms and conditions as he deems necessary to provide for the public safety and for access to affected properties. The Director will issue a permit evidencing his approval. The permit may contain any regulation or condition provided in Chapter 6.49 or 6.01. The procedural provisions of Chapter 6.01 apply to the issuance of such a permit.

(2) The City Council may order the closure of a street on a permanent or indefinite basis if the street or any portion thereof has become hazardous or potentially hazardous to persons or property or if the street serves no significant public purpose but vacation thereof is unwarranted. (Ord. 3523 Sec. 4, 1994: Ord. 2797 Sec. 1, 1983: Ord. 1696 Sec. 1, 1973)

13.04.090: Access to State Highways: The Director of Public Works shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with RCW 47.50 and the rules of the Department of Transportation, WAC 468-51 and 486-52 for the regulation of access to State highways. (Ord. 3634 Sec. 3, 1995)