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Subject: Letter to Industry – Street Specification Changes effective July 1, 2018

The Public Works Department is excited to announce that it will be adopting the “2018 NCDOT Standard Specifications for Street and Highway Construction” as the City’s official standard for Street Construction, effective July 1, 2018.

The City’s current standards were last updated in 1991 and are not representative of the current state of the industry, design, or construction standards. Adoption of the NCDOT Standards will allow the City to be more consistent in its application of construction inspection and will give industry designers more clarity in development of plans and construction drawings.

The City will retain several standard details, linked at <http://durhamnc.gov/671/Construction-Standards>. These details represent construction features unique to the City of Durham which are not addressed by NCDOT, such as alley sections. These details are the only exceptions which will remain in effect to the new NCDOT standards. These details are also being updated as a part of the July 1 changeover, however, updates are primarily cosmetic and minor in nature. You should not find substantial differences from their current format.

Developers with projects in active construction should plan to adhere to approved plan drawings, in consultation with City Inspection staff. Projects in development which do not have plan approval before July 1 should expect to include references to the new Standards.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with this changeover. Questions and comments about the new standards should be directed to Charles.rice@durhamnc.gov.