

STAFF REPORT

Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance

February 24, 2026, Town Council Meeting



Requested by Planning and Transportation & Infrastructure Development Staff:

- 1) **Amendments to Secs. 7.2.1 *Design Standards, Streets*; 7.2.4 *Design Standards*; and 13.4 *Transportation, Definitions* in order to permit the use of temporary turnarounds in connection with stub streets.**

Background: Staff propose the following amendments to clarify that temporary turnarounds, may be permitted in connection with stub streets. The intent of this amendment is to 1) ensure that emergency and other Town-related vehicles can safely and efficiently maneuver throughout a subdivision and 2) provide guidance for their eventual removal as the stub streets are connected to future development on adjacent properties and the temporary turnaround is no longer required.

7.2.1 Design Standards, Streets

l) Temporary Turnaround

A temporary turnaround shall be provided at the terminus of any stub street exceeding 150 feet in length. Temporary turnarounds shall be constructed within a temporary public access and construction easement or within the public right-of-way and shall comply with all applicable standards, including the Town of Apex Standard Specifications and Standard details.

- 1) *Applicability.* The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to temporary turnarounds approved after March 10, 2026.**
- 2) *Easement and Design.* The temporary turnaround shall be placed in a temporary public access and construction easement meeting the standards of Sec. 7.2.4.C *Temporary Public Access and Construction Easement* or within a dedicated public right-of-way until such time as the roadway is extended.**
- 3) *Fee-In-Lieu (FIL).* A fee-in-lieu pursuant to Sec. 7.5.4.F *Stub Street Fee-In-Lieu* shall be required for the future conversion and removal of the temporary turnaround prior to Master Subdivision Final Plat or Site Plan Final Plat approval.**
- 4) *Removal and Restoration.* The developer of the adjacent property making a street connection to the existing stub street shall be responsible for the removal of the temporary turnaround, restoration of the affected area, ~~landscaping to meet the buffer type that would have been required adjacent to the roadway extension that would have been required had the temporary turnaround not been located there,~~ and construction of any additional improvements required by the UDO for street extensions, including typical roadway cross-sections, sidewalks, and utilities.**
- 5) *Use Limitations.* Temporary turnarounds shall not be used for parking and/or driveways.**

- 6) **Signage.** When a temporary turnaround is provided, a clearly visible street sign per the Town of Apex's *Standard Specifications and Standard Details* shall be erected at the end of the stub street stating that the street is planned to be connected to a future street.
- 7) **Size and Dimensions.** The temporary turnaround shall comply with the size and dimensional requirements set forth in the Town of Apex's *Standard Specifications and Standard Details*.
- 8) **Platting.** Any plat containing a stub street shall include the following note: "The street system shown on this plat includes one or more stub streets that are intended to connect to adjacent property when such property is developed. These connections are required to promote the efficient flow and distribution of traffic and to provide additional points of access for emergency vehicles."
- 9) **Materials.** The temporary turnaround shall be built to the Town of Apex's standards per Town of Apex *Standard Specifications and Standard Details*.
- 10) **Buffer and Landscaping Restrictions.** Temporary turnarounds and any associated temporary public access and construction easements, grading, or pavement shall be located outside of all required buffers established by this Ordinance.

7.2.4 Design Standards

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- C) **Temporary Public Access and Construction Easement.** A temporary public access and construction easement shall be required for any portion of a temporary turnaround located outside of public right-of-way. The temporary public access and construction easement and any improvements within such easement shall not encroach into required buffers unless expressly permitted elsewhere in this Ordinance. The temporary public access and construction easement shall be of sufficient size to allow for necessary construction and future conversion of the roadway to a through street. Any slope easements, construction easements, and/or right-of-way dedication needed to construct the future roadway connection shall be dedicated. The temporary public access and construction easement shall follow one of the following methods:
 - (1) **If the adjacent land is owned by the subdivider, a temporary turnaround can be provided within a temporary public access and construction easement on such adjacent land. Temporary turnarounds shall meet the standards found in Sec. 7.2.1.I Temporary Turnaround; or**
 - (2) **The subdivider may provide the required turnaround on one of the last lots or common area nearest to the adjacent land and fronting on the temporary stub street through use of a temporary public access and construction easement dedicated to the Town. Temporary turnarounds shall meet the standards found in Sec. 7.2.1.I Temporary Turnaround.**

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13.4 Transportation, Definitions

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Temporary Turnaround

A turnaround area, constructed in accordance with the *Town of Apex Standard Specifications and Standard Details*, located within a temporary public access easement or public right-of-way at the terminus of a street that is planned for future extension.

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PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Planning staff recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed amendments during their January 12, 2026, meeting.