

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 13, 2025

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SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE CITY OF
PALM DESERT STANDARD DETAILS AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-077 WHICH ADOPTED THE CITY OF PALM DESERT STANDARD DETAILS AND DESIGN GUIDELINES AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On October 24, 2024, the City of Palm Desert City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-077 approving updated City of Palm Desert Standard Details and Design Guidelines (Standards) to refine the standards and provide additional minimum criteria for the design, materials, and methods of construction for common items of public and private infrastructure including, but not limited to, streets, storm drains, landscaping, traffic control devices, and streetlights. These Standards have been implemented and are now in effect. However, upon further review, inconsistencies in some illustrations have been identified that require clarification for accurate implementation.

To avoid a questionable interpretation and enforceability of the guidelines, the recommendation is to repeal and replace the Standards to incorporate the items listed below.

The list below specifically identifies the revisions which will be made for implementation:

Standard No.	Standard Name	Proposed Change	Reason for the Change
101 (Sheet 2 of 2)	DRAFTING STANDARDS AND TOPOGRAPHY SYMBOLS	Added "Traffic Line Types"	Standards details needed for consistency in designing of streets.
300	SIDEWALK	Added an 8' sidewalk option	Provide detail options for 8-foot sidewalk.
401	WEDGE CURB	Wedge curb will not be allowed.	New private or public improvements will not allow wedge curbs.

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912	BICYCLE/GOLF CART LANE SIGNS PAVEMENT MARKINGS	Added sign detail	The standard was missing the illustration detail.
918	BICYCLE DETECTOR PAVEMENT MARKING	Added sign detail	The standard was missing the illustration detail.
919	BICYCLE PAVEMENT MARKING	Added sign detail	The standard was missing the illustration detail.
1007	PARKWAY LANDSCAPE MOUNDING	Minimum parkway distance from curb to sidewalk changed from 2' to 3'	Increased the landscape area between curb and meandering sidewalk.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office.

Environment Review:

The City of Palm Desert (City), in its capacity as the Lead Agency for this project, finds that the project is exempt from CEQA since the proposed Standards do not alter the physical environment and qualify for a CEQA exemption under Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) since there is no substantial evidence that there is any possibility that the approval of these Standards will have a significant effect on the environment. This does not consist of a project and therefore exempt from any environmental review under CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact to the General Fund associated with adopting these Standards. However, operational savings may be realized over time, through more consistent and standardized public improvements.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. New City of Palm Desert Standard Details and Design Guidelines