



Development Advisory – 30
June 13, 2016

Revised Subdivision Postal Service Mail Delivery Requirement

As previously described in Development Advisory #29, the following guidelines have been revised.

Pursuant to the USPS presentation to the Tidewater Builders Association on May 26, 2016, the City of Chesapeake discussed implementation details with the USPS. As a result of these discussions, and the TBA input at the meeting, USPS has indicated that they will modify their implementation of the new cluster mailbox/mode of deliver requirements for single family subdivisions. The USPS understands that it can be a significant change to require cluster mailboxes in a development that has already progressed through the design process. As such, subdivisions that have received preliminary plan approval prior to April 8th, or in the case where preliminary plan approval is not required have submitted construction plans prior to April 8, 2016, will be permitted to have individual mail service for single-family homes. After April 8th, proposed developments will be required to show cluster box locations on their plans for review and approval by the City. Developers are also encouraged to coordinate their proposed cluster box locations with the Chesapeake postmaster prior to submittal to the City.

The City of Chesapeake has developed a draft policy on suggested locations for the cluster boxes. Other locations will still be considered if they satisfy appropriate safety concerns. In general it is the City's preference to locate cluster boxes immediately behind public sidewalks in common areas or private easements. This will ensure minimal conflicts with other public facilities. There will inevitably be other acceptable alternatives that the City would find acceptable in addition to any standards we develop. We also anticipate limiting parking to short term and potentially having a street light within a specified distance. Once these standards are finalized they will be published for input, but utilized in the interim.

Should you have any questions contact Mark Curry at 757-382-6283 or at mcurry@cityofchesapeake.net

Development Within Electric Transmission Easements and Rights-of-way

As previously described in Development Advisory #25, Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) has developed guidelines by which DVP will evaluate encroachment requests. The guidelines provide general guidance for encroachments however each easement may have unique language or rights, therefore developers are encouraged to work with DVP to develop an encroachment strategy.

The City will continue to require the developer to obtain consent letters from DVP for any stormwater detention facility proposed entirely or partially within a DVP Transmission easement or Right-of-way as well as for any proposed above ground structure.

Below is a link to DVP's website for encroachments:

<https://www.dom.com/corporate/what-we-do/electricity/transmission-line-right-of-way-use>

Link to DVP Guidelines for encroachment use:

<https://www.dom.com/library/domcom/pdfs/electric-transmission/dom-guidelines-use-electric-trans-right-of-way-easements.pdf>