

ORDINANCE NO. 084, 2021  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS TO  
ADOPT THE UPDATED 2021 LARIMER COUNTY  
URBAN AREA STREET STANDARDS BY REFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards (the "LCUASS") is a comprehensive, urban level, set of engineering design and construction standards resulting from a cooperative effort of Fort Collins, Loveland, and Larimer County for development and construction of streets and related improvements within Fort Collins city limits and the growth management areas of the Cities of Fort Collins and Loveland; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2001, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 186, 2000 initially adopting the LCUASS; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the current version of the LCUASS was adopted by City Council through Ordinance No. 166, 2016, with more limited updates on July 17, 2018 (Ordinance No. 092, 2018) and September 4, 2018 (Ordinance No. 110, 2018); and

WHEREAS, the LCUASS and policy level amendments thereto applicable in both jurisdictions were concurrently adopted by the City of Loveland and Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, City staff, in collaboration with staff from the City of Loveland and Larimer County, has prepared proposed amendments to the LCUASS resulting in a new set of standards dated August 1, 2021, on file with the City Clerk (the "2021 LCUASS"), which will replace the previous versions of LCUASS in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, certain additional changes to City Code are required so that the 2021 LCUASS and City Code correspond; and

WHEREAS, final approval of the 2021 LCUASS requires formal adoption by the City of Loveland and Larimer County in addition to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter, Article II, Section 7, City Council may enact any ordinance which adopts any code by reference in whole or in part provided that before adoption of such ordinance the Council shall hold a public hearing thereon and notice of the hearing shall be published twice in the newspaper of general circulation, published in the city, one (1) of such publications to be at least eight (8) days preceding the hearing and the other at least fifteen (15) days preceding the hearing; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with City Charter, Article II, Section 7, the City Clerk published in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* such notice of hearing on June 20, 2021, and June 27, 2021, prior to the hearing held on the second reading of this Ordinance on July 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the attached Exhibit "A" is a copy of the text of the Notice of Public Hearing that was so published and which the Council hereby finds meets the requirements of City Charter, Article II, Section 7; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 1-14, at least one copy of the 2021 LCUASS shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk available for public inspection, and one copy shall be kept in the office of the chief enforcement officer thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Board and Bicycle Advisory Committee have both been briefed and input was invited on the 2021 LCUASS at their meetings on April 21, 2001 and April 26, 2021, respectively, although no formal action was taken since updating the LCUASS does not require a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission was briefed, and input was invited on the 2021 LCUASS at its Work Session on May 14, 2021, although no formal action was taken since updating the LCUASS does not require modification of the City's Land Use Code (LUC); and

WHEREAS, public outreach on the LCUASS modifications throughout the process, included regularly updating information on a dedicated LCUASS website (<https://www.larimer.org/engineering/standards-and-guides/urban-area-street-standards>), a subscription update service via email to 174 registered users, two open houses (virtual format), social media and newsletter outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the 2021 LCUASS comport with the principles and policies contained in City Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, and the Bicycle Master Plan and are in the best interests of the City and should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes any and all determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the 2021 LCUASS on file with the City Clerk is hereby approved and adopted by reference, to be effective August 1, 2021.

Section 3. That all current and previous versions of the LCUASS, except for the 2021 LCUASS adopted herein by reference, are repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. That Chapter 24 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 24-4, to read as follows:

**Sec. 24-4. Adoption of Standards.**

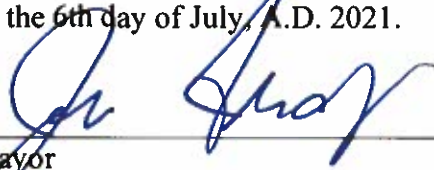
(a) Pursuant to the power and authority conferred by C.R.S. Section 31-16-202 and Article II, Section 7 of the Charter, there is hereby adopted by reference the 2021 Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards on file with the City Clerk as the comprehensive, urban level, set of engineering design and construction standards resulting from a cooperative effort of Fort Collins, Loveland, and Larimer County for development and construction of streets and related improvements within the Fort Collins' city limits and growth management areas of the Cities of Fort Collins and Loveland.

(b) One copy of the 2021 Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards (LCUASS) shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours.


(c) LCUASS may be amended as set forth therein, with technical revisions or policy revisions or both. Upon adoption of any revisions, the City Engineer shall provide to the City Clerk documentation of such revisions specifying the date upon which they become effective.

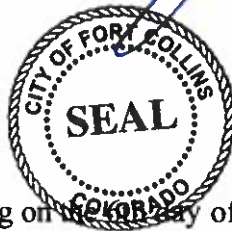
Section 5. That effective August 1, 2021, all references in the City Code and the Land Use Code to the Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards or LCUASS shall be deemed to refer to the 2021 LCUASS.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 15th day of June, A.D. 2021, and to be presented for final passage on the 6th day of July, A.D. 2021.

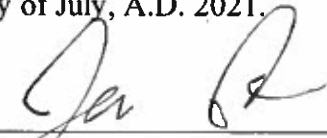
  
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Passed and adopted on final reading on the 6th day of July, A.D. 2021.

  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given of a public hearing to be held before the City Council of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D., 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on for hearing, in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 300 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado for the purpose of considering an ordinance adopting by reference the *2021 Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards (LCUASS)*, prepared by City of Fort Collins, City of Loveland, and Larimer County staff.

Not less than one (1) copy of said Manual has been, and now is on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Fort Collins and is available for public inspection.

The purpose of the *2021 Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards* adopted by said ordinance is to serve as the governing comprehensive, urban level, set of engineering design and construction standards for development and construction of streets and related improvements within Fort Collins' city limits and the growth management areas of the Cities of Fort Collins and Loveland.

The City of Fort Collins will make reasonable accommodations for access to City services, programs and activities and will make special communication arrangements for persons with disabilities. Please call 221-6515 (V/TDD: Dial 711 for Relay Colorado) for assistance.

This notice is given and published by order of the City of Fort Collins,

Colorado. Dated at Fort Collins, Colorado this 20th day of June, A.D. 2021.

Rita Knoll  
Chief Deputy City Clerk