

GRATIOT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BOARD POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 14, 1993

NUMBER: 7R

SUPERSEDES: _____

DATED:

SUBJECT: PRIVATE ROAD POLICY

Private roads are roads currently in use with the right-of-way under control of adjacent property owners (private land). Maintenance and improvements of these roads are the responsibility of the owners. Private roads may have been established in platted areas (early 1900's) or may have evolved from a common driveway into a parcel of land that was split and sold to several individuals. Michigan laws allow a road authority to enter into an agreement to maintain a private road or to accept jurisdiction over a private road. This policy will establish a uniform system for accepting responsibility for private roads and should prevent taking over problems of a few by the citizens of the community.

It is the policy of this commission to accept jurisdiction over a private road (or maintain by contract) providing that the right-of-way and said road complies with the published Standards and Specifications for Plat Development and Street Construction adopted by this Commission are met by the owners, unless modified by the Road Commission.

A standard deed or easement document is required for the right-of-way dedication.

Act 139, PA 1972, Section 221.20, Michigan Compiled Laws and Plat Act.