

**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Transportation and Traffic Management	<b>CODE NUMBER:</b> AC-11-3
<b>TITLE:</b> Traffic Regulation Orders and Control Measures	<b>ADOPTED:</b> 8/11/93
	<b>AMENDED:</b> 3/24/98, 8/12/03
	<b>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:</b> Department of Transportation

**PURPOSE/SCOPE:**

To provide the Director of the Lee County Department of Transportation (DOT) with the authority to place and maintain traffic control devices in Lee County in conformity with the manual and specifications of the Florida Department of Transportation.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

- 1.0 The Board of County Commissioners hereby designates DOT as the entity with the power and responsibility to regulate, place and maintain traffic control devices and measures, as deemed necessary, to guide, regulate or warn traffic throughout Lee County.
- 2.0 The Director of the DOT hereby delegates the power and authority to act in accordance with the duties and responsibilities set forth in this code to the Lee County Chief Traffic Engineer.
- 3.0 The duties of the Chief Traffic Engineer include, but are not limited to:
  - A. Determining the installation, timing sequence, and maintenance of official traffic control devices.
  - B. Conducting engineering analyses of traffic accidents and devising remedial measures.
  - C. Conducting engineering investigations of traffic conditions.
  - D. Planning the operation of traffic on the streets of Lee County.
  - E. Cooperating with other officials in the development of ways and means to improve traffic conditions.
  - F. Carrying out the additional powers and duties imposed by ordinances, resolutions, and administrative codes of Lee County.
  - G. Conducting and reviewing engineering investigations and reports to determine the appropriate traffic controls thru medians and at driveways on the streets of Lee County. The processes to handle external requests for such modifications are described in

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paragraphs 6.0 and 7.0.

- H. Adopting, modifying, and rescinding traffic regulation orders.

4.0 The Chief Traffic Engineer will determine the location and maintenance of official traffic control devices in conformance with the Florida Uniform Control Law, Florida Statutes, Chapter 316, and applicable Lee County codes and regulations. The Chief Engineer has the authority to remove or place and maintain additional official traffic control devices deemed necessary to comply with the applicable provisions, or to regulate, warn or guide traffic.

5.0 Traffic regulation orders are required to implement the following traffic control devices, or measures:

- A. Speed Limits
- B. Turn Restrictions
- C. Parking Restrictions
- D. Weight Limit Restrictions
- E. Intersection Controls
  - (1) Stop Control
  - (2) Multi-way Stop Control
  - (3) Traffic Signal
  - (4) Yield Control
- F. Vehicle Prohibitions or Exclusions
- G. Designation of One-Way Streets

6.0 Process to revise or modify median traffic controls on roadways of Lee County:

- A. *Process.* Requests to establish a new turning movement thru medians or create or modify median openings on County roadways, must comply with the following process and criteria.
  - (1) All requests must be made in writing and directed to the Chief Traffic Engineer for review.
  - (2) The requests must include a site plan clearly depicting the request, and a traffic engineering study assessing the traffic conditions in and around the location of the proposed median opening or new turning movement. The study and site plan must be prepared, signed and sealed by Florida registered professional engineer.
  - (3) Prior to undertaking the traffic engineering study, the applicant will meet with Lee DOT staff to discuss and agree upon the methodology to be used in the study. The engineering study will determine future project related and background traffic flow for the following time horizons:

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- a. At time of Build-out for the project
- b. 10 years into the future from the current year
- c. 20 years into the future from the current year

B. *Evaluation Criteria.* The following criteria will be used as a guide in evaluating the application.

- (1) Whether the proposed location meets or exceeds all minimum intersection separation standards set forth in the Lee County Land Development Code (LDC).
- (2) Whether the proposed median opening or turning movement presents a significant threat to public health safety and welfare.
- (3) Whether the proposed median opening or turning movement will significantly degrade the capacity of the major roadway to an unacceptable level or create undesirable traffic operational issues.

C. The County retains the right and authority to modify or restrict turning movements, median openings and use of traffic control devices on or affecting County rights-of-way as it deems necessary to address operational and safety issues. This provision is applicable to existing, as well as, future developments in Lee County.

7.0 *Process to create or modify access to County rights-of-way.* Requests to create or modify access to County rights-of-way must comply with all applicable LDC provisions. These requests will be considered as a part of the local development order or Right-of-Way Permit process, as applicable.

8.0 The Chief Traffic Engineer may make recommendations to the Director of DOT on traffic issues requiring traffic regulation orders and revisions or modifications to median and existing median openings. These decisions and recommendations may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration. These recommendations will be made on the basis of acceptable engineering practices using good engineering judgment, and encompassed in an approved engineering and traffic investigation. These investigations will take into consideration all previous similar investigations, applicable State and County regulations, codes, ordinances and policies, as well as other additional considerations deemed appropriate.

9.0 The Director of DOT has the authority to approve or disapprove of the recommendations of the Chief Traffic Engineer. [No other individual or agency, with the exception of the Board of County Commissioners, may adopt, modify or rescind any traffic regulation order approved by the Chief Traffic Engineer concerning any right-of-way under Lee County's jurisdiction].

10.0 Public notice of all actions requiring traffic regulation orders will be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least two weeks prior to implementation of a new or revised traffic regulation order.

11.0 All traffic regulation orders will be maintained on file by the Department of Transportation.