

ORDINANCE NO. 396 (Revised)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAUDE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR OWNERS, BUILDERS, AND DEVELOPERS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION, DRIVEWAYS, CULVERTS, AND WATER AND SEWER LINES.

WHEREAS, the City Council has the desire to ensure existing structure/lot improvements, new construction, or subdivision development within the City Limits of Claude, Texas are done according to the desires of the city council of Claude, Texas and follow current construction standards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAUDE, TEXAS:

Section 1. Streets, driveways, or walkways, whether with culverts or other materials, must be approved by the City of Claude, Texas. The owner, builder, or developer will be responsible for all expenses of correcting any obstructions to drainage, or of City of Claude, Texas right of ways. Permits are required to be obtained prior to the beginning of any construction of a street, driveway, or walkway that ties into any city street or alleyway. Plans must be submitted and approved by the City of Claude, Texas and/or their engineer to ensure adequate drainage.

Section 2. A culvert of at least 12" will be required in any driveway or walkway where a culvert is desired or necessary. Any culvert of less dimension must be approved by the city council. If a dipped driveway is warranted, it must follow the natural contour of the open ditch and meet the street edge after the City Superintendent has formed such open ditch if necessary. A culvert of greater than 30' in length must be engineered and approved by the City and/or their Engineer to gain the proper length to dimension ratio. Culvert material must be new and be either in the form of steel, corrugated steel, or schedule 40 PVC or heavier. Installation and materials are the responsibility of the owner, builder, or developer.

Section 3. Construction of new streets by an owner or developer must be a minimum of quality of, or better than, a 6" caliche base with Hot Mix at a 2" thickness, or an 8" caliche base with Chip Seal (exhibit A) that will support the weight of maintenance vehicles, garbage trucks, and normal traffic. Owners and developers are responsible for the cost of new streets and the City of Claude will be responsible for the maintenance of streets once in place and developed. All planned new streets must have plans submitted to the city council of Claude, Texas and must be approved by the City of Claude, Texas and/or their Engineer prior to any construction.

Section 4. It is the responsibility of the owner, builder, or developer to check the availability of water and sewer service on the proposed building site.

Section 5. Separate ditches are required for water, sewer, and gas lines and they must be 3 feet apart.

Section 6. Water lines and Taps.

- a. For existing water lines. Water lines must be laid to the property line before the City of Claude will make the tap. The owner/builder is responsible for the installation and cost of the water line to the property line, the city will install service from the property line to the tap. Water lines

in which have been abandoned or out of daily use for ten (10) years or more, may require a new tap and water lines. The water or public works supervisor will inspect the lines prior to any water being connected.

- b. For infrastructure where water does not currently exists. The cost of pipe, installation of water and sewer lines, tap fees, and water tap materials shall be at the expense of the property owner, builder, or developer. The owner, builder, or developer is responsible for installation of the water lines from the land to the current city water main. The city will build and install the taps upon completion of the water lines.

Section 7. Sewer taps must be made by the property owner, contractor or developer. Sewer taps must be inspected and approved by the city before the line is covered. Sewer taps must be Four (4) inch schedule 40 or heavier PVC pipe. When a sewer lift pump is used, a manhole will be required. The owner, contractor, or developer is responsible for all cost related to the sewer lift pump and manhole.

Section 8. Building setback lines are the line within a property defining the minimum horizontal distance between a buildings eves and the adjacent property line.

- a. The front setback must be twenty (20) feet
- b. The side setback must be ten (10) feet
- c. The alley setback must be five (5) feet

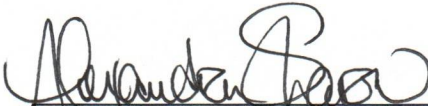
Section 9. Regulations for homes

- a. Homes are defined as a home on a permanent foundation (not on wheels) that is 401 square feet or larger. All home site and plans must be approved through the City Council.
- b. Each home must have there own 911 address and be permanently connected to water and sewer with their own tap. One home is permitted per lot of land.

Section 11. It is declared to be the intent of the city council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgement or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the city council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

PASSED and APPROVED on the 10th day of August, 2026 at a regular meeting of the City Council of Claude, Texas, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov't Code, 551.001, et Seq. at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:


City Secretary Alexandra Sharon


Mayor Twila Baldwin



Exhibit A

Chip Seal Process

Chip seal is applied by spraying a thin layer of liquid asphalt onto a prepared road surface, immediately followed by spreading a layer of small aggregate "chips" (crushed stone) over the top. These chips are then pressed into the asphalt using heavy rubber tired rollers to ensure they stick firmly.

1. **Preparation.** the existing pavement is cleaned of debris and dust using power brooms or sweepers. Any significant potholes are patched, and large cracks are sealed beforehand.
2. **Asphalt Application.** A distributor truck sprays a uniform layer of heated liquid asphalt emulsion (typically between 140* and 180* F) across the road.
3. **Aggregate Spreading.** A specialized chip spreader follows immediately behind the distributor – often within a minute – to drop a consistent layer of crushed stone into the wet asphalt.
4. **Rolling.** Pneumatic (rubber tired) rollers drive the new surface to push the flat sides of the rocks into the binder, which creates a tighter, more durable seal.
5. **Curing and Sweeping.** After the surface cures (anywhere from a few hours to two days) power sweepers remove any loose, unattached chips to prevent them from being kicked up by vehicles.
6. **Optional Fog Seal.** Sometimes a final "fog coat" of thin oil is applied over the chips to help lock them in place and give the road a dark finish look.