

# **Town of Nags Head Private Streets Questions and Answers**

## **What is a *private street* in the Town of Nags Head?**

A private street is a street that is not maintained by the Town. For example, the Town does not re-pave or fix potholes on private streets. In addition, no federal, state, or local monies are spent to maintain or fix private streets. Typically, private streets are denoted by brown street signs, while public streets have green street signs.

## **Why are these streets *private*?**

Private streets may not have been constructed to Town street standards. For example, they may not have the necessary width of right-of-way (r-o-w) required by the Town code, or they may not have the required turn-around (cul-de-sac) at the end if they are a dead end street.

## **Will the Town accept a *private street* into the Town's system upon request?**

The Town has considered accepting certain private streets into the system in the past. Adequate r-o-w must be deeded to the Town and it must be demonstrated that the street was constructed to Town standards and applicable dimensional requirements.

## **What services does the Town provide on *private streets*?**

The Town provides emergency services – police, fire, and, in conjunction with Dare County, emergency medical services, – on all streets that are accessible to emergency vehicles. In addition, the Town provides trash collection in a manner dictated by the trash truck's ability to safely navigate the private street. Some streets have individual trash carts because the truck can "drive through" and pickup without having to back up a long distance while other streets are served by dumpsters.

## **Does the Town maintain/repair *private streets*?**

No, the Town does not maintain or repair private streets. The property owners – either as a group or through a formal homeowners association – are responsible for maintaining/repairing their street.

## **Does the Town collect storm debris placed at the edge of the pavement on *private streets*?**

Yes, if the Town's, or contractor's, trucks can safely travel on a specific private street. Otherwise, this debris must be brought to the r-o-w edge of the nearest public street.

## **Can the Town place traffic control signs on a *private street*?**

No, the Town cannot place traffic control signs on a private street. The Town's

Police Department has limited enforcement powers on private streets. If you or your neighborhood desire parking controls on your private street, then it is your responsibility to install the signs and enforce them.

**Can the Town prevent beach visitors from using *private* streets to access the beach?**

While the Town wants to discourage the public from using private streets to access the beach, we cannot issue citations for the use of the private street.