



## **Infrastructure Asset Capitalization and Inventory Control Policy**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure adequate control and appropriate use of City Infrastructure assets and to establish guidelines for budgeting, purchasing, using, financial reporting, logging, inventorying, depreciating, and disposing of infrastructure. This policy does not apply to fixed assets.

### **Policy**

It is the policy of the City of Winters that infrastructure assets be used for appropriate City purposes and be properly accounted for and secured. It is the responsibility of the Public Works Department to ensure infrastructure assets are identified and inventoried on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the Finance Department to assure that infrastructure assets are accounted for by fund and asset category. It is the responsibility of all Department Heads to ensure that proper budgeting and purchasing guidelines are followed, that infrastructure assets are adequately controlled and used for appropriate City purposes, and to secure such infrastructure assets.

### **Scope**

All City Departments are subject to the provisions of this policy.

## **Objectives**

The City of Winters infrastructure asset policy has 2 objectives:

1. **Accounting and Reporting.** To accurately account for and report infrastructure assets in financial reports to the City Council, external-reporting agencies, granting agencies and the public.
2. **Safeguarding.** To maintain its infrastructure assets for the use and enjoyment of its citizens.

In meeting the two objectives, the City has established a Capitalization Policy and an Inventory Control Policy, providing specific guidance to determine which infrastructure assets are subject to capitalization and safeguarding.

The Finance Department is responsible for, and will establish systems and procedures through which both objectives are met. These systems are used to identify, process, control, track and report City infrastructure.

## **Capitalization Policy**

In general, all infrastructure assets, including streets, roads, sewer lines, water lines, sidewalks, traffic signals, with an original cost of \$200,000 or more will be subject to capitalization. All costs associated with the purchase or construction should be considered, including ancillary costs such as design engineering, construction management, inspection, permits, insurance, freight and transportation charges, site preparation expenditures, installation charges, professional fees, and legal costs directly attributable to asset acquisition. Specific capitalization requirements are described below.

1. The capitalization threshold is applied to major general infrastructure assets.
2. The capitalization threshold will generally not be applied to components of infrastructure assets. For example, a manhole which is a component of a sewer system will not be evaluated individually against the capitalization threshold. The sewer system will be treated as a single infrastructure asset.
3. Repairs to infrastructure assets will generally not be subject to capitalization unless the repair extends the useful life of the asset. In this case, it represents an improvement and is subject to the capitalization policy and should be evaluated separately.

4. Capital projects will be capitalized as "construction in process" until completed. Costs to be capitalized include direct costs, such as labor, materials, and transportation, indirect costs such as engineering and construction management, and ancillary costs such as construction period interest.

### ***Inventory Control***

The Public Works Department is responsible for safeguarding infrastructure assets. However, the Finance Department is responsible for establishing and maintaining systems and procedures that enable the Public Works Department to properly safeguard assets.

### ***Purchasing Infrastructure Assets***

The construction or acquisition of infrastructure assets are approved by the City Council.

### **How to Retire/Dispose of an Infrastructure Asset**

An infrastructure asset is usually only disposed of in connection with its replacement or reconstruction. The Public Works Department and the Finance Department must coordinate the identification of the new and old assets so the proper financial reporting may be accomplished.

### **Depreciation**

Infrastructure assets will be depreciated using the following guidelines:

<b>Category Description</b>	<b>Depreciable Life</b>
Streets, including grading, base, paving and striping	50
Sidewalks, curb, and gutter	50
Street trees	50
Traffic Signals	30
Landscaped Medians	50
Signs, street name, directional, caution, stop etc	30
Sewer laterals and mains	50
Water lines	50
Storm Drains	50

**Depreciation convention.**

Depreciation is computed using the half-month convention. Depreciation is computed from the beginning of the month it is placed in service if it was acquired by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, if not it is depreciated from the beginning of the next month. Similarly, depreciation for the month of disposition is computed for that month if it is disposed of after the 15<sup>th</sup>.