



Town of Oriental Resolution 2026-11 Hodges Street Flood Closure Policy

1. Purpose and Scope

Flooding on Hodges Street presents a recurring safety hazard during heavy rain, storm surge, and coastal flooding events. This policy defines flood levels requiring closure, roles and responsibilities, signage standards, and closure/reopening procedures.

2. Flood Closure Trigger Levels

Hodges Street shall be closed when water depth reaches the curb on either side of the roadway. Closure may also occur as a precaution based on NCDOT Flood Warning System alerts and on-site inspection.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Public Works conducts on-site inspections, deploys barricades, and manages closures. Police provide traffic control and assist in safety assessments.

4. Required Signage and Barricades

Flood closure signage must comply with MUTCD standards. Barricades will contain signage stating "Road Closed".

5. Closure Procedures

Public Works and/or the Police Department will inspect and close Hodges Street when thresholds are met, place advance warning signs, deploy barricades, notify relevant departments, and monitor water levels throughout the event.

6. Re-Opening Procedures

Hodges Street may be reopened only once water recedes completely and the road surface is confirmed safe. Public Works and/or the Police Department must approve reopening.

7. Review and Updating of Policy

This policy shall be reviewed annually ahead of hurricane season and updated to reflect any changes in NCDOT monitoring systems or recommendations from hazard mitigation planning.

8. Adoption

This policy becomes effective immediately upon approval by the Town Board of Commissioners, Town of Oriental, NC.

Factory Street Flood Closure Policy

2. Flood Closure Trigger Levels

Factory Street shall be closed when any portion of the roadway becomes submerged. Closure may also be initiated based on NCDOT Flood Warning System alerts, Public Works and/or the Police Department inspection.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Public Works and/or the Police Department conducts inspections, deploys barricades, and manages closures. Police Department provides traffic control, as needed.

4. Required Signage and Barricades

Flood closure signage must comply with MUTCD standards. Barricades will contain signage stating "Road Closed".

5. Closure Procedures

Public Works and/or the Police Department will inspect and close the street when thresholds are met, deploy barricades, notify departments, and monitor water levels.

6. Re-Opening Procedures

The street may reopen only after water fully recedes and the roadway is confirmed safe. Public Works and/or the Police Department must approve reopening.

South Water Street Flood Closure Policy

2. Flood Closure Trigger Levels

South Street shall be closed when any part of the roadway becomes fully submerged. Precautionary closure may also occur based on flood monitoring systems or on-site inspection findings.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Public Works and/or the Police Department conduct inspections, deploys barricades, and manages closures. The Police Department provides traffic control, as needed.

4. Required Signage and Barricades

Flood closure signage must comply with MUTCD standards, including W14-3 "Flood," W20-5P "When Flooded," R11-2 "Road Closed," and appropriate Type I/II barricades.

5. Closure Procedures

Public Works and/or the Police Department will inspect and close the street when thresholds are met, deploy barricades, notify departments, and monitor water levels.

6. Re-Opening Procedures

The street may reopen only after water fully recedes and the roadway is confirmed safe. Public Works and/or the Police Department must approve reopening.

Approved 10/13/26

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