## Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Omission of Areas for Smoothness Consideration Construction Control Directive No. **19980501** 

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Scope:

To provide guidance in identifying those areas which may be exempt from profilograph/profilometer testing.

Some projects include a smoothness specification and also include physical features which tend to counter the possibility of attaining a reasonably smooth finished surface. Examples of such features are: where the surfacing is depressed to meet the aprons of curb inlets, street intersections where the profile is warped to provide drainage across the roadway, railroad crossings, and areas where one edge of the surfacing is controlled by an existing curb or where it meets another surface placed by others.

You may omit areas, such as referenced above, from incentive or disincentive consideration when it is evident that the lack of smoothness is due to conditions beyond the contractor's realm of control.

Measurement of smoothness should be resumed at a point where the measurements are no longer influenced by other controlling features.

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