

RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT

PARISH OF CADDO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Installations within the highway right-of-way shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions contained in the following: ASHTO Guide for Accommodating Utilities within Highway Right of Way, code of Federal Regulations 23 (CFR 23), National Electrical Safety Code C2, and 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act. Those facilities not included in the above mentioned documents shall be in accordance with accepted practice. Where standards of the Department exceed those of the above cited codes, the standards of the Department shall apply. The Department reserves the right to modify its policies as may be required if conditions warrant.
2. The applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Department and its duly appointed agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses, including attorneys' fees sustained by reason of the exercise of this permit, whether or not the same may have been caused by the negligence of the Department, its agents or employees, provided, however, that the provisions of this last clause (whether or not the same may have been caused by the negligence of the Department, its agents or employees) shall not apply to any personal injury or property damage caused by the sole negligence of the Department, its agents or employees, unless sole negligence shall consist or shall have consisted entirely and only of negligence in the granting of a project permit or project permits.
3. Any permit granted by the Department is subject to revocation at any time.
4. All materials and workmanship shall conform to the requirements of the applicable industry code and to Department specifications.
5. All excavations within the limits of the right-of-way shall be backfilled and tamped in six inch layers to the density of the adjacent undisturbed soil. Where sod is removed or destroyed, it shall be replaced. Where it is necessary to make excavations in the shoulder, the top six inches of backfill shall be sand-clay gravel or equivalent. Where existing spoil material is, at the discretion of the Department, unsuitable for backfill, select material shall be furnished in lieu thereof and the existing material disposed of by approved methods.
6. Protruding valves and other above ground appurtenances shall not be installed at any point within the right of way of the highway except for vents, markers, etc., which may be installed at the right-of-way line, unless specifically approved herein.
7. All lines parallel to the roadway shall be located within the back slope of the road ditch and have a minimum depth of 36" below the bottom of the present ditch
 1. Pipelines paralleling the highway:
 - a. Shall occupy the last few feet of the right-of-way back of the ditch except where upon showing of actual necessity a permit is issued for another location;
 - b. Shall have a minimum earth cover of thirty-six (36) inches;
 - c. Shall have a minimum clearance of thirty-six (36) inches below existing or proposed drainage structures, where possible.

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8. It is understood and agreed that all lines crossing gravel or surfaced highways must be either bored or jacked under the highway and encased in a pipe of larger diameter extending from right of way line, and a minimum depth of 36" below the elevation of the bottom of the ditch.
 - a. Crossings shall be made at as nearly right angles to the highway as possible. No existing drainage structure under the highway may be used for this purpose.
 - (1) Construction methods used shall be in accordance with the following requirements:
 - Cutting the surface or tunneling under it is specifically prohibited.
 - Installation shall be made either by boring or jacking under and through the highway at least from ditch bottom to ditch bottom. In the absence of ditches, or along sections of highway with curb or gutter, boring or jacking shall extend beyond the outside edge of the traveled way to a point at least equal to three (3) times the vertical difference between the elevation of the roadway surfacing and the elevation of the top of the cable.

Where width of right-of-way is insufficient to enable compliance with this requirement or where it is necessary to make a connection to an existing parallel facility which precludes compliance, the distance shall be to the right of way line or the parallel facility. Any voids or over breaks resulting from this shall be backfilled with grout consisting of a cement mortar or a slurry of fine sand or clay, as conditions require. Excavating an open ditch to the edge of the pavement and boring and jacking the remainder of the distance is prohibited. Jacking and boring shall be done in accordance with Section 728 of the La. Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges, latest edition.

9. Traffic control methods and devices for utility construction, maintenance, relocation, or removal shall conform to the specifications and provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways. All construction and maintenance operations should be planned and conducted with full regard to safety and to keep interference to traffic to an absolute minimum. All safety precautions for the protection of the traveling public must be observed. Undue delay to traffic will not be tolerated. If pipe is stockpiled between the road ditch and the traveled surface, Type II barricades with flashers will be placed and maintained every 50 feet.
10. Care shall be taken in utility installation to avoid disturbing existing drainage facilities. Drainage in highway side and cross ditches must be maintained at all times. The entire highway right of way affected by work under a permit must be restored to as good a condition as existed prior to beginning work to the complete satisfaction of the Department of Public Works. In the event that there is a narrow right of way and it becomes necessary to install the utility in the ditch line or disturb the ditch in any way, the contractor shall establish drainage at the end of each day or work period.
11. It is a violation of La. R.S. 32:293, MOTOR VEHICLES-TRAFFIC REGULATIONS to leave dirt or mud on the roadway. The contractor shall clean up any mud or dirt left on roadway at the end of each day or work period.

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12. The contractor, his successors or assigns, shall not disturb more than 1000 feet of parish right of way at a time ahead of cleanup and final dress. There shall not be more than 1000 feet of stockpiled material on parish right of way ahead of the area disturbed.
13. Any above ground installation, such as manholes, shall be installed level or flush with ground and in such a manner as not to be a safety hazard.
14. During final cleanup, the contractor shall have re-established a good stand of grass in the area disturbed by his construction and repair any potholes or damage to the surface, shoulder, ditches, or back slope to the specifications and approval of the Caddo Parish Department of Public Works.
15. The applicant shall furnish a copy of this permit to the contractor or any subcontractors that are making this installation, and the contractor or subcontractors shall have a copy of this permit at the job site at all times.