



Pend Oreille County Requirements to Perform Utilities Work

1. Applicants that are seeking to occupy county property with utilities, work upon, along, over, under, or across any county road, bridge, wharf, trestle, public place, street, avenue, or alley within Pend Oreille County shall file their application with the County Engineer to obtain permission. Such applications shall be accompanied by a plan sheet 24" by 36" and may be reduced by 50% to 11" by 17". Graphics, text and all features shall be legible on the half-size prints. They shall show the position and location of work, names of roads, widths of roads, streets, etc. showing their locations in plats or subdivisions, position of new work in relation to existing utilities installed (if applicable) or in relation to the roads, streets, or public places. For more information regarding plans, please see Resolution 2007-41, 4.020 Plan Elements.
2. Drawings shall include a vicinity map showing general location in the county, a cross sectional view of the roadway prism showing new cable location, existing cable, pedestals, water lines, sewer lines, push pipe, conduit, etc. A physical address location of the area being worked on must be on the drawings, that is, miles and or feet from a county road intersection, State Highway, feet from a pedestal, with pedestal number, or something that can be located in the field that will locate the work area.
3. No excavation shall be made, or obstacles placed, within eight (8) feet of the edge of the existing pavement or traveled roadway. Exceptions must be approved by the County Engineer. If the work done under this permit interferes with the drainage of the county road, the applicant shall bear the cost of all drainage repairs, meeting the current standards and/or to the satisfaction of the County Engineer.
4. Pend Oreille County makes no warranty, expressed or implied, concerning road location. Applicant is wholly responsible for establishing the right-of-way, and any cost associated with the establishment. For questions concerning the width of right-of-way, please contact the County Engineer.
5. All underground and overhead installation shall conform to WAC 468-34, unless otherwise specified by the County Engineer.
6. Traffic control, signs, and lights shall be the responsibility of the applicant and shall be maintained in good working order at all times. All traffic control, signs, and lights must conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). A traffic control plan may be required and must be approved by the County Engineer.
7. If the county deems it advisable to widen, grade, pave, alter, or repair any road, street, public place or structure, the grantee, upon written notice by the County Engineer, shall be responsible at his or her own cost and expense to raise, lower, change, move, or reconstruct such installations to conform with the plans ordered by the county.

8. Reconstruction and relocation of the buried utility by the applicant shall be done in such a manner to cause the least interference with any of the county's work. The county shall not be held liable for any damage to the applicant by reason of work being done within the roadway prism, street, or public place in question.
9. The applicant shall be responsible for notifying the Public Works Department, Fire Departments, Schools, US Post Office, and all adjacent land owners and/or any other department or person affected by the closing or partial closing of the roadway during the construction period.
10. Roadway crossing of paved roads shall require push pipes. Graveled roads shall require 4" of crushed surfacing placed at the top of the trench cut across the roadway. Roads that have used a trench cut across the road way, the applicant shall be responsible for settlement and repairs for a 2-year period after approval of the permit.
11. At the completion of all work done under this permit, the roadway and roadside shall be free of all rubbish and debris from the installation of cable, etc. and shall be left in a neat and presentable way to the satisfaction of the County Engineer. If clean-up or repair is deemed necessary by county forces, or their representatives or agents, the applicant shall be charged for all cost incurred by Pend Oreille County for labor, material, equipment rental, and inspection time.
12. The applicant, by accepting this permit, shall notify and check with all utilities regarding their installations before commencing work, together with private property owners when such property is liable to injury or damage through the performance of their work.
13. This permit shall not be deemed, or held, to be an exclusive franchise, nor shall it prohibit the county from granting other permits, or franchise rights, of any nature to other public or private utilities, nor shall it prevent the County from using any of its roads, streets, public places for any and all public use, or affect its jurisdiction over all or any part of them.
14. Applicant shall submit a complete set of 'as-built' plans to the Pend Oreille County Engineering Department for final inspection and review no later than ten business days after completion.

In accepting this permit the applicant, his/her successors and assigns agrees to protect and save harmless Pend Oreille County from all claims, actions or damages of every kind and description which may accrue to or be suffered by any person or persons, corporation or property by reason of the performance of any such work; character of materials used or manner of installation, maintenance and operation; or by the improper occupancy of rights-of-way, public place, or public structure; and in case any suit or action is brought against Pend Oreille County for damages arising out of or by reason of any of the above causes, the applicant, his/her successors or assigns will upon notice to him/her or them of commencement of such action, defend such action at his/her or their sole cost and expense, and will fully satisfy any judgment after the said suit or action shall have finally been determined, if adverse to Pend Oreille County.

Failure to comply with any of the above Permit Requirements shall be cause for revocation of this permit and any thereafter.

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