



ATHENS COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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ATHENS COUNTY UTILITY APPLICATION / PERMIT

Permit fee: **\$50.00**

Permit No. _____

Date _____

Submittal Procedure: All utility permits will be submitted to the Athens County Engineer's Office. Make check payable to the Athens County Engineer. The Engineer will process and distribute the permit to the Township Trustees (if applicable) then to the County Commissioners.

Subject to all of the terms, conditions and restrictions printed or written below, permission is granted to:

Owner/Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Mobile: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Location of work to be performed within the right-of-way (Location Map to be Included):

County Road Number: _____ County Road Name: _____

Beginning & Ending Points: _____

Township Road Number: _____ Township Road Name: _____

Beginning & Ending Points: _____

Description of work to be performed within the right-of-way: Gas Electric Phone Cable Water Sewer
 Other (please describe): _____

Type of Installation (Check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Line Parallel to Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Pole Installation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Line Crossing Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber Optic Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underground (buried) Line Parallel to Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Underground (buried) Line Crossing Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe): _____ | |

Estimated Project Schedule

Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____

Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____

General Description of Work: _____

General Construction Requirements

1. Each permit application must be accompanied contain a location map, plan & profile sheets, and a typical section sheet. All permit locations shall be marked in the field with flags, marking paint or wooden stakes prior to ACEO inspection.
2. Depths of all buried telecommunication lines shall be a minimum of 4' except that line shall be installed 3' below ditch grade. Lines shall be marked with permanent markers at least 6 feet tall with reflective material and the casing shall extend through the ditch areas. All other pedestals or junction boxes located in the right-of-way will be required to have permanent maker at least 6 feet in height with reflective material. Any hand hole or pull box being installed within ACEO ROW shall be installed to grade or below surface. All buried service lines will be limited to 100' paralleling county roads by a minimum of 36" depth. Any service lines exceeding the 100' limit will need to be directionally bored at a minimum of 4' depth. All buried utilities crossing an open watercourse shall be buried a minimum 6 feet deep under the watercourse
3. All utilities shall be installed within 4 feet of the outer right-of-way limits unless approved in writing by the ACEO. Any utility installations that are not at the required horizontal location and / or required depth do not have a valid permit to be in the public right-of-way, and therefore have no claim for reimbursement if their utility is damaged by any government or private entity.
4. **All fiber optic lines** shall be installed by Directional Drilling methods in a casing at a minimum depth of 6 feet, with 8 feet the preferred depth. If the Athens County Engineer's Office (ACEO), or any Township government, needs the fiber optic conduit and fiber wire located in the future; the telecommunication company will accurately locate by excavating and uncovering the fiber optic line (ie, commonly called "Pot Hole" method).
5. All underground utility permits are required to show the horizontal location and vertical depth of existing culverts; bridges; and other underground utilities. If any culverts are damaged during construction of the utility, then the utility company is required to replace the damaged culvert.
6. Anything considered a road hazard, in accordance with the ACEO Road Hazard Policy, is not permitted within the preferred clear zones established by this policy. Preferred clear zone minimum of 6' from edge of pavement, depending on the County Road Classification. Any road hazard, including poles, lines, vent pipes, etc., installed within the right-of-way must be delineated on a set of plans accompanying the permit application, with the offset from centerline to each object clearly marked.
7. The option to directional bore without casing may be granted provided the utility is designed in accordance with the ODOT Utilities Manual and the following:
 - Depth to be 6 feet or greater below ditch lines and drainage structures. All drainage structures (Culverts, Box Culverts, Bridges) to be shown on construction drawings.
 - Owner to submit calculations verifying that pipe internal pressure does not exceed 30% of SMYS (Specified Minimum Yield Strength) for the internal operating pressure.
 - Lines larger than 16" are to be designed in accordance with 49 CFR 192, 193, or 195 as applicable.
8. Utilities crossing the roadway and installed under the roadway surface shall be installed in casing. Bore pits shall be at least 3 feet from the outside of the ditch, and casing shall extend continuously under ditches and roadway surface.
9. Any trenches within 4 feet of the edge of the pavement shall be thoroughly compacted with granular backfill or controlled density fill (cement) as specified by the Athens County Engineer. The berms shall be restored to as good a condition as before construction.
10. If the road surface is damaged, it shall be restored to as good or better condition than before the line was laid. The County Engineer reserves the right to have County crews repair any damage at the utility company's expense. Unless notified by the County Engineer, however, the utility company is responsible for repairing the road damage at their expense.

11. **Overhead utilities** shall maintain a minimum clearance of **16.5 feet**. Overhead electric lines shall maintain the National Electrical Safety Code clearance.
12. All traffic control work shall conform to the current edition of the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD) as published by ODOT.
13. Bridge Load limits will be strictly adhered to as posted.
14. Any disturbed areas shall be restored to an equal or better condition.
15. Utility installed at any other location that is different than stated on permit will void the permit

General Provisions of the Permit

1. All the work contemplated under the Permit shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Athens County Engineer, and the entire expense thereof shall be borne by the party or parties to whom this permit is issued. **Written and verbal notification shall be given to the County Engineer at least 48 hours prior to commencing work via phone at (740) 593-5514 and email at engineer@athensoh.org.**
2. This permit gives the applicant the right to construct their utility lines within the public right-of-way, but does not confer easement rights. If, in the process of any future work, it becomes necessary, in the opinion of the County Engineer, to order the removal, reconstruction, relocation or repair of any of the fixtures or work performed under this permit, said removal, reconstruction, relocation or repair shall be wholly at the expense of the owners thereof and be made as directed by the County Engineer. If, in the future, the County initiates construction and/or utility work in the area of this permit, the permit holder shall be responsible for any required hand-excavating and exposing of the utility line covered by this permit. The County and its agents will exercise due caution in its work, but the owner of the utility will be responsible for repairs due to inadvertent damage to the utility line by the County or its agents.
3. At all times during the progress of the work, adequate protection and passage shall be provided by the permit holder for the traveling public. Not more than one-half of the traveled roadway shall be closed at one time; such barriers shall be erected and maintained as may be necessary for the protection of the traveling public; the same shall be properly lighted at night; and the party or parties to whom this permit is issued shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property due to or resulting from any work done under this permit.
4. Any expense of the County which may occur as a result of this project, including necessary inspection, shall be billed to and paid by the applicant and holder of this permit.
5. This permit gives only the rights that are under the control of the County and is not a guarantee that any other permits, right of ways, or easements are not required.
6. All work is to be done in accordance with applicable laws, including notification of appropriate underground utilities protection services.
7. Applicant agrees to hold harmless the County of Athens and the Athens County Engineer from and against any liability or damage to persons or property occurring as a result of the applicant's construction or operation of its installation within the public right of way.
8. Any special conditions shall be attached hereto as an Addendum No. _____, dated _____.

In connection with the application for the above Permit, the applicant agrees to comply with all the conditions, restrictions and regulations as described above.

Agreed to by: _____

Date _____

Applicant Signature

Applicant Printed Name / Title

Company Name

Athens County Commissioners: _____

Township Trustees: _____

Athens County Engineer: _____

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