

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF UTILITY CONSTRUCTION
ON LOUISA COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY**

This is a Utility Permit for telecommunications, electric, gas, water, and sewer utilities. The applicant agrees to comply with the following permit requirements. Compliance shall be determined by the sole discretion of the County Engineer as deemed necessary to promote public health, safety, and general welfare. These requirements shall apply unless waived in writing by the County Engineer prior to installation.

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

1. LOCATION PLAN. An applicant shall file a completed location plan as an attachment to this Utility Permit Application. The location plan shall set forth the location of the proposed line on the secondary road system and include a description of the proposed installation.
2. WRITTEN NOTICE. At least 10 working days prior to the proposed installation, an applicant shall file with the County Engineer a written notice stating the time, date, location and nature of the proposed installation.
3. INSPECTION. The County Engineer may provide a full-time inspector during the installation of all lines to insure compliance with this Utility Permit. The inspector may have the right, during reasonable hours and after showing proper identification, to enter any installation site in the discharge of the inspector's official duties, and to make any inspection or test that is reasonably necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
4. *INSPECTION FEE. Upon approval of the application by the Board of Supervisors, the Utility Permit will be issued by the County Engineer upon payment of the required prepaid inspection fee made payable to the County Treasurer's Office. The fees shall be as follows:

Telecommunications	\$1,000.00	Electric	\$1,000.00
Gas	\$1,000.00	Water	\$1,000.00
Sewer	\$1,000.00		

***Inspection Fee may be waived by the County Engineer.**

5. REMITTANCE OF FEES. The applicant shall pay actual costs directly attributable to the installation inspection conducted by the County Engineer. Payment shall be made out of the prepaid inspection fee. Within thirty (30) days after completion of the installation, the County Engineer shall remit any unused portions of the prepaid inspection fee to the applicant, along with a statement for services rendered. Excess inspection fees above \$1,000.00 must be paid by the applicant.
6. REQUIREMENTS. The installation inspector shall assure that the following requirements have been met:
 - A. Construction signing shall comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
 - B. Depth: (Add additional depth if ditch has silted to the thickness of the deposited silt.) The minimum depth cover shall be as follows:

Telecommunications.....	36"	Electric.....	48"
Gas.....	48"	Water.....	60"
Sewer.....	60"		
 - C. The Applicant shall use reference markers in the right-of-way (R.O.W.) boundary to locate line and changes in alignment as required by the County Engineer. A permanent warning tape shall be placed one (1) foot above all underground utility lines.
 - D. All tile line locations shall be marked with references located in the R.O.W.
 - E. No Underground utility lines shall cross over a crossroad drainage structure.
 - F. Residents along the utility route shall have uninterrupted access to the public roads. An all-weather access shall be maintained for residents adjacent to the project.
 - G. A joint assessment of the road surfacing shall be made by the applicant and the County Engineer both before and after construction. After construction, granular surfacing shall be added to the road by the applicant to restore the road to its original condition. After surfacing has been applied, the road surface shall be reviewed by the County Engineer once the road has been saturated, to determine if additional surfacing on the roadway by the applicant is necessary.
 - H. All damaged areas within the R.O.W. shall be repaired and restored to at least its former condition by the applicant or the cost of any repair work caused to be performed by the County will be assessed against the applicant.

- I. Areas disturbed during construction that present an erosion problem shall be solved by the applicant in a manner approved by the County Engineer.
 - J. All trenches, excavations, and utilities that are knifed shall be properly tamped.
 - K. All utilities shall be located between the bottom of the backslope and the bottom of the foreslope, unless otherwise approved in writing by the County Engineer prior to installation.
 - L. Road Crossings shall be bored. The depth below the road surface shall match the minimum depth of cover for the respective utility.
7. **NON CONFORMING WORK.** The County Engineer may halt the installation at any time if the applicant's work does not meet the requirements set forth in this Utility Permit.
 8. **EMERGENCY WORK.** In emergency situations, work may be initiated by an applicant without first obtaining a Utility Permit. However, a Utility Permit must be obtained within fourteen (14) days of the initiation of the work. All emergency work shall be done in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance and shall be inspected for full compliance.
 9. **COUNTY INFRACTION.** Violation of this permit is a county infraction under Iowa Code section 331.307, punishable by a civil penalty of \$100 for each violation. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist by the applicant constitutes a separate offense.
 10. **HOLD HARMLESS.** The utility company shall save this County harmless of any damages resulting from the applicant's operations. A copy of a certificate of insurance naming this County as an additional insured for the permit work shall be filed in County Engineer's Office prior to installation. The minimum limits of liability under the insurance policy shall be \$1,000,000.
 11. **PERMIT REQUIRED.** No applicant shall install any lines unless such applicant has obtained a Utility Permit from the County Engineer and has agreed in writing that said installation will comply with all ordinances and requirements of the County for such work. Applicants agree to hold the County free from liability for all damage to applicant's property which occurs proximately as a result of the applicant's failure to comply with said ordinances or requirements.
 12. **RELOCATION.** The applicant shall, at any time subsequent to installation of utility lines, at the applicant's own expense, relocate or remove such lines as may become necessary to conform to new grades, alignment or widening of R.O.W. resulting from maintenance or construction operations for highway improvements.

DATE: _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

BY: _____

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

DATE: _____

 COUNTY ENGINEER

 CHAIRPERSON, LOUISA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION
ON LOUISA COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY**

APPLICANT: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTRACTOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

LOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION: _____

ANTICIPATED DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: _____

PURPOSE FOR CONSTRUCTION: _____
