



Louisa County Secondary Roads Department

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Application for Entrance Culvert or Fill

DATE: _____

APPLICANT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PERMIT TYPE: NEW _____ MOVED _____ EXTENDED _____ REPAIRED _____

LOCATED ON: _____ GRAVEL _____ PAVED _____ DIRT _____

PARCEL ID# _____ SEC/TWN/RANGE: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____

CONTRACTOR: _____

Purpose for construction of entrance: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS REGARDING DRIVEWAY PERMITS FOR LOUISA COUNTY

For Office Use Only:

TYPE OF ENTRANCE: _____ STANDARD _____ SPECIAL _____ EXISTING

PIPE REQUIRED: _____ DIAMETER _____ LENGTH _____ DRY FILL

NOTES: _____

Approved By: _____

Date

LOUISA COUNTY DRIVEWAY & ENTRANCE PERMIT POLICY

03/01/2024

1. Authority:
 - a. Section 319.14, Code of Iowa, requires that all work performed within the County Right of Way conform with standards established by Louisa County Secondary Roads Department
 - b. Section 318.4, Code of Iowa, requires the County to remove all known road obstructions
 - c. No driveway entrances shall be constructed, repaired or extended on a secondary road without a permit
 - d. Unauthorized or improper entrances shall be repaired or removed by the County at the landowner's expense.
2. Pipe standards:
 - a. Pipe size and length shall be determined by the County on a case-by-case basis
 - b. A standard driveway will have a minimum 18" diameter pipe with a maximum length of 40'
 - c. Pipe material shall be: 14-gauge corrugated metal, dual wall HDPE or tied concrete pipe
3. Surfacing standards:
 - a. Surfacing on gravel roads may be earth or gravel, other with special permit
 - b. Residential or farm accesses off paved roads shall be gravel or paved
 - c. Commercial accesses off paved roads shall have a minimum 8 feet of pavement parallel to the road
4. Grading standards:
 - a. Maximum approaching slope on gravel roads shall be no steeper than 3/1
 - b. Maximum approaching slope on paved roads shall be no steeper than 6/1
 - c. Drives shall not drain onto county road unless permission has been granted
5. Installation Expenses:
 - a. All costs associated with installation, relocation or extension of a driveway shall be provided by the landowner including earthwork, pipe, and surfacing
 - b. County does not sell pipe, rock or dirt
 - c. The may County may haul fill dirt or install pipe supplied by a landowner if schedule allows on a first come first serve basis
6. Maintenance:
 - a. As of March 1, 2024 Louisa County will no longer provide maintenance for private driveways including pipes or surfacing unless there is a written agreement in place.
 - b. Driveways along paved roads may receive rock to maintain a suitable driving shoulder.
 - c. County initiated construction projects shall replace existing standard driveways with similar pipe and surfacing materials at County expense
7. Special Permits
 - a. Permits that vary from the stated policy may be granted by the Engineer on a case by case basis
 - b. In general, special permits may be granted if they meet current engineering and safety standards
 - c. Special permitted driveways shall be maintained and replaced by the landowner including rock, surfacing and pipe
 - d. Failure to maintain may lead to removal or replacement by County forces at the landowner's expense
 - e. Any new entrances on dirt roads shall be considered special and subject to additional regulations