

# Utility Permit

Utility Permit for Telecommunications, Electric, Gas, Water and Sewer Utilities

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State & ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant agrees to the following permit requirements.

1. The applicant will file a Location Plan setting out the location of the proposed line on the Secondary Road System. This Location Plan will include the description of the proposed installation.
2. Benton County will name a consulting firm to inspect the construction operation of the utility company. The utility company agrees to pay the cost of the inspection services.
3. The consulting firm will inspect for the following:
  - A. Signing – Generally acceptable standards – IDOT.
  - B. Depth – (add additional depth if ditch has silted to the thickness of the silt.)

## **Minimum Depth of Cover**

Telecommunications 36" Electric 48" Gas 48" Water 60" Sewer 60"

- C. Reference markers in the R.O.W. boundary to locate line and changes in alignment. (At least every 1,000 feet)
- D. All tile line locations will be marked with references located in R.O.W. line.
- E. No utility lines will cross over a crossroad drainage structure.
- F. Residents along the utility route will not be without access to the public roads. An all-weather access will be maintained for residents adjacent to the project.
- G. An assessment of the road surfacing will be made both before and after construction. Granular surfacing will be added to the road to restore the road to its original condition. After surfacing has been applied, the road surface will be reviewed after the road has been saturated, to determine if additional surfacing on the roadway is necessary.
- H. All damaged areas within the R.O.W. will be repaired and restored to at least its former condition.
- I. Areas disturbed during construction which present an erosion problem shall be solved by the utility company or the contractor in a manner approved by the Engineer.

- J. All trenches, excavations, and utilities that are knifed will be properly tamped.
  - K. The vertical clearance of overhead wires shall comply with the applicable National Safety Code.
  - L. All utilities shall be located between the bottom of the backslope and the bottom of the foreslope.
  - M. The consulting firm may opt to shut the contractor down if the contractors work does not meet Benton County's Ordinance.
  - N. Road crossings will be bored. The depth below the road surface will match the minimum depth of cover for the respective utility. Exceptions will be a condition of the permit.
- 4. The utility company shall save Benton County harmless of any damages resulting from the applicants operations. Certificate of Insurance required naming Benton County as an Additional Insured for the permit work. (Limits of Liability \$1,000,000.)
  - 5. The applicant will, at any time subsequent to installation of utility lines, at his own expense, relocate or remove his 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. Maintenance problems shall not be governed by the time constraints of the One Call System.
  - 6. Water lines and sewer lines shall be accompanied by a copy of an easement. Highway easements do not cover water and sewer lines. Each effected property owner must sign an easement as part of the utility permit.
  - 7. Exceptions to the required inspection by the consulting firm may only be granted by the Benton County Board of Supervisors.
  - 8. The cost of locating a utility (horizontally and vertically) located on the Benton County Secondary Road System will be borne by the person, persons, company, corporation or governmental entity owning the utility.

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Inspection:	Required	Not Required	Name of Consulting Firm _____
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Date: _____	Name of Utility: _____	Signed By: _____
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Recommended for Approval	Date: _____	Benton County Engineer: _____
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Approval Date: _____	Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Benton County, IA: _____
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**Send Permits To:**

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