Boulder County

Access Permit Requirements

Adopted by Boulder County Board of Commissioners
Resolution 82-32 on June 3, 1982
CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE BOULDER COUNTY UTILITY INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE ACCESS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that any construction work or location and installation of any utility, or the location and installation of access to a County road easement, right-of-way, or encroachment in the floodplain must be performed in accordance with uniform standards, specifications and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the failure of such construction work or utility location and installation or access location and installation or encroachment in floodplains to conform to uniform standards, specifications and procedures may be detrimental to and may endanger the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the conformance to the standards, specifications and procedures is essential to protect the public investment in the County road system and all public ways and to properly administer the floodplain in Boulder County; and

WHEREAS, the Boulder County Encroachment Permit Requirements, adopted June 28, 1973, provided standards, specifications, procedures, permits and fees; and

WHEREAS, the Boulder County Public Works Department has revised the Encroachment Permit requirements adopted in June 28, 1973 as attached Exhibit "A" Utility Installation Requirements and Exhibit "B" Access Permit Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Boulder County Public Works Department has referred the proposed changes to all interested parties and has asked for comment on the proposed changes and revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) provides for the regulation of any work within County road right-of-way and the collection of fees to inspect work within the right-of-way and to administer encroachments within floodplains.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Encroachment Permit Requirements be revised and hereby adopted as the Utility Installation Requirements (Exhibit "A") and Access Permit Requirements (Exhibit "B") and the fee schedules be revised as contained therein.

ADOPTED this 30th day of June, 1982.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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I. General Requirements

I.1. Authority

Authority for the administration and enforcement of the Utility Construction Permits and Access Permits is derived from the 1973 Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), Sections: 37-84-103; 38-5-101; 42-4-101; through 42-4-513; 42-4-1207; 43-2-111; 43-2-147; 43-5-301; 43-5-307 and 32-1-1006.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth herein may be considered a misdemeanor offense as provided for within the statutes.

I.2. Permit Application Procedure

Any person, business, or agency including contractors, developers, owners, governmental agencies, etc. who proposes to install a driveway, entrance, road, street or any type of access onto County road rights-of-way or within a major floodway, and hereinafter shall be referred to as the applicant, must obtain an Access Permit from the Boulder County Public Works Department in accordance with these requirements. $50.00 application and inspection fee will be charged to the applicant for any access proposed within County road rights-of-way or major floodways.

I.3. General Policies

Any access installed within County road rights-of-way must conform to Article IV of the Boulder County Road Standards and Specifications and the State of Colorado Access Control Code. In general one access is permitted for each legally established parcel or original parcel of land. Additional access may be permitted where required for improved traffic handling and public safety.

I.4. Schedule of Installation

The access permit must be obtained at least five days prior to planned commencement of the construction. The applicant shall submit an adequate sketch plan and location to determine the point of access. The applicant shall also submit a construction schedule. The schedule and planned access shall not be changed after the permit approved without written consent of the County. Permits must be available at the work site on demand to County personnel at all times.

Access must be installed prior to construction activity on the lot or parcel where needed to avoid damage to the roadside.
I.5. Safety and Public Convenience

The applicant shall at all times conduct work within County right-of-way so as to avoid obstruction and hazard to the traveling public.

I.6. Maintenance and Repair Responsibility

After completion of authorized work, and in the event of roadway damage caused by the access installation, maintenance and repair shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

I.7. Road Changes

In the event any changes are made in a County road that would necessitate the removal or relocation of an installation made by the applicant, the relocation or removal may be at the applicant’s expense upon written notification by the County. The relocation or removal shall be completed within 60 days after notification.

I.8. Inspections

Adequate inspections ensure compliance to County requirements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the Construction Inspector one day in advance of required inspections. Any work or material which does not conform to the Boulder County Road Standards and Specifications will be brought to the attention of the applicant, and if immediate corrections are not made, construction will be stopped. Failure by the County to notify the applicant of non-compliance with requirements shall not relieve the applicant of their responsibility to construct the installation to County standards.

II. Specifications

II.1. Boulder County Standards and Specifications

All work shall conform to the Boulder County Road Standards and Specifications. Any work in which untested and unaccepted materials are used without written approval by the Construction Inspector shall be ordered removed and replaced at the applicant’s expense. The applicant shall be fully responsible for the maintenance and correction of any faulty construction, including unsuitable road cuts and chuckholes developed during the construction period. The roadway and roadside areas wherein access work has been performed shall be thoroughly cleared of all debris and extraneous material and shall be restored to a condition at least as good as the original condition. Items checked include: clean-up of pavement and all roadway appurtenances, pavement failures, broken concrete, damaged signs and fencing, debris on adjacent private property, etc. All deficiencies shall be resolved to the satisfaction of the Construction Inspector.

II.2. Standard Drawings

Standard Drawings 11 through 14 of the Boulder County Road Standards and Specifications shall be used for construction of Urban and Rural driveways.