



Introduction to Utility and Right-of-Way Permits

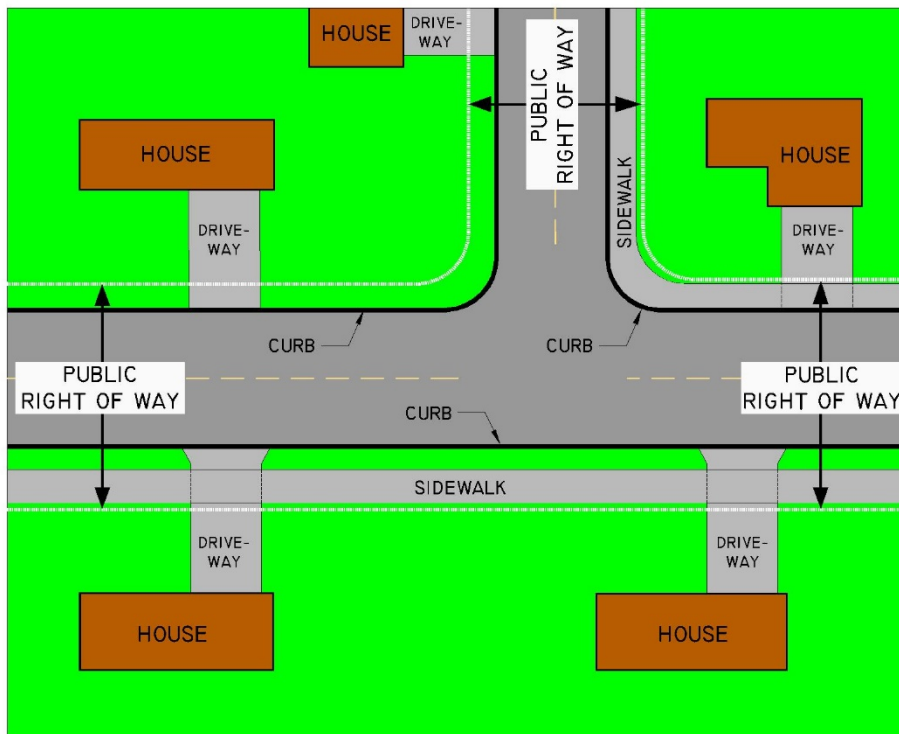
Utility and Right-Of-Way Permits are issued and inspected by the City of Urbana Engineering Division located in the Public Works Department at 706 South Glover Avenue in Urbana.

Any time an individual, contractor, or utility needs to perform work within the City owned right-of-way, whether in the road, along the sidewalk, on the shoulder or in the ditch, a Utility and Right-of-Way Permit is required. Any time an individual, contractor, or utility needs to perform work on a sanitary lateral regardless of location a Utility and Right-of-Way Permit is required.

The purpose of the permit is twofold: 1) to ensure that work conducted in the right-of-way does not constitute a danger to the traveling public or the individuals performing the work, 2) that the completed work does not degrade the right-of-way or City infrastructure thereby resulting in increased maintenance or replacement costs to the taxpayer.

What is Right-Of-Way?

The right-of-way is public property and includes any public thoroughfare such as a street, road or alley. It also usually includes the median, utility poles, sidewalks, and the area immediately adjacent to the street. A good rule of thumb is that the back of the sidewalk (side nearest to the residence) and the street is part of the right-of-way. Private property begins behind the right-of-way.



Utility and Right-Of-Way Standards Frequently Asked Questions

What Projects Require Utility and Right-Of-Way Permits?

Examples include:

- Sidewalk repairs
- Sewer or Storm line repairs and connections
- Driveway repairs or installations
- Culvert installations
- Storm drain installation
- Utility repair or installation
- Private water & sewer line repairs and connections
- Sidewalk construction where there is an existing curb

Landscaping work (i.e. gardening, planting) done in the City right-of-way requires a Landscape License **not** a Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit.

If you need assistance in determining if your project requires a Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit please contact the Engineering Division at (217) 384-2342.

Where do I get a copy of the Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit application?

Copies of the Utility and Right-Of-Way permit and standard details are available:

- On the Internet at:
http://urbanaininois.us/UROW_Permits
- At the Public Works Department front office.

What paperwork do I submit when applying for a Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit?

- Completed Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit application
- Traffic Control Plan (if applicable)
- Site Plan (clearly showing proposed work)
- Current Certificate of Liability Insurance with the City of Urbana listed as a Certificate Holder and endorsed as an Additional Insured. The following language should be used in the description section: **“The City of Urbana, its agents, and employees are listed as additional insured from [date to date].”** The certificate of Liability Insurance must be on file at the Public Works Department.

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- Current Surety Bond in the amount of \$10,000 must be on file at the Public Works Department. This is a separate bond from that required by the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District.

*If you are not sure if you have these items on file with us, please call and we can let you know. A Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit **will not** be processed without both the complete insurance statement and the bond in the correct amount.

- Permit Fee

How much does a Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit cost?

The fee for a Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit is \$80.00.

Where do I drop off my Permit application at?

The front desk at Public Works will accept and process Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit applications and fees from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

How long will it take to get a Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit?

Typically Utility and Right-Of-Way Permits are approved within 1 to 3 business days after they have been received. Please submit your completed application at least 24 hours prior to the commencing any activity in the right-of-way requiring a permit. A minimum of 24 hours' notice is required for inspections by Public Works personnel. That will provide the time necessary to verify accuracy of your paperwork and to schedule an inspection time. Keep in mind that road closures require a 72 hour advance warning.

How long is my Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit good for?

The Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit is good for the duration of the specific project location that the Permit was applied for. A Utility and Right-of-Way Permit cannot be used at multiple locations.

What happens if I do not get a Utility and Right-Of-Way Permit for my project?

Failure to obtain a permit for work being performed in the City right-of-way or on a sanitary lateral carries a **minimum** fine of \$160.

If concrete is to be poured as part of the project, applicant must contact the Engineering Division at (217) 384-2342 for an inspection prior to the placement of any concrete.