

CEDAR COUNTY

UTILITY PERMIT APPLICATION

This is a Utility Permit Application 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 the general welfare. These requirements shall apply unless waived in writing by the County Engineer prior to installation.

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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.

Project Location: Township(s) _____
Range(s) _____
Section(s) _____

2. Written Notice. At least 30 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 shall provide a part-time inspector during the installation of all lines to insure compliance with this Utility Permit. The inspector shall 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. The county reserves the right to require a full-time inspector on the project if the utility uses a third party contractor or has a history of noncompliance. The cost of inspection will be paid by the contractor. In signing this permit,

the contractor agrees to pay the reasonable costs of said inspection. The county will require a full time inspector on all gas pipeline work as required under chapter 479 and 479A of the Code of Iowa.

4. Permit Fee. Upon approval of the application by the Board of Supervisors, the Utility Permit will be issued by the County Engineer. The fees shall be as follows:

Telecommunications.....	\$100.00	Electric.....	\$100.00
Gas.....	\$100.00	Water.....	\$100.00
Sewer.....	\$100.00		

The permit fee will cover inspection by a part-time county inspector. Full-time inspection, if required, will be billed at the completion of the work.

5. Remittance of Fees. The applicant shall pay actual costs directly attributable to the installation inspection conducted by the County Engineer. Within thirty (30) days after completion of the installation, the County Engineer shall bill the applicant with a statement for services rendered.

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 of cover shall be as follows:

Telecommunications.....	36"	Electric.....	48"
Gas.....	48"	Water.....	60"
Sewer.....	60"	Fiber Optic Cable....	42"

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. line. Any tile lines damaged in the course of utility installation shall be repaired at the utility owner's expense.

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 or his designated representative, 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 which 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 within the first 3 feet of the shoulder break on the road shoulder on the gravel and dirt road systems. Utilities shall be placed between the bottom of the foreslope and the bottom of the backslope on the paved road system. These locations will govern unless otherwise approved in writing by the County Engineer.

L) Road crossings shall be bored. The depth below the road surface shall match the minimum grade for the line approaching the roadway.

M) Minimum vertical overhead clearance requirements:

1. 20' above road for service connections.
2. 22' above road for other overhead utility facilities.

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 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 \$100.00 for each violation. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist by the applicant constitutes a separate offense.

10. Hold Harmless. PROPERTY OWNER, ORGANIZATION OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD CEDAR COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, ITS EMPLOYEES, AND ITS AGENTS, FREE AND HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ALL LOSS, LIABILITY, EXPENSE, CLAIMS, COSTS, SUITS AND DAMAGES INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, ARISING

OUT OF WORK PERFORMED OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, ORGANIZATION OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES PURSUANT TO THIS PERMIT.

11. Insurance Request. The applicant/utility company shall provide Cedar County within 30 days prior to commencing work, a certificate of insurance showing the following coverages:

General Liability Insurance - with a minimum of \$3,000,000 per occurrence.

Automobile Liability Insurance - with a minimum limit of \$3,000,000 per occurrence.

Workers' Compensation - Statutory

Employer's Liability - with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000

Cedar County shall be named as an additional insured to the General Liability coverage.

12. 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.

13. 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 _____
CEDAR COUNTY ENGINEER _____

APPROVAL:

DATE _____
CHAIRPERSON, CEDAR COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS _____

Application Fee Due \$ _____

Fee Waived _____