

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACHES TO COUNTY ROADS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington, that the following rules and regulations for the location and construction of approaches to County roads in Mason County are hereby adopted on December 24, 1973. The amended regulations shall supersede all prior regulations and practices in Mason County and shall govern all approaches, including but not necessarily limited to driveways and private access roads, not approved by the Board prior to the date here.

The construction of all approaches to County roads in Mason County, Washington, shall comply with these regulations and with Chapter 4, Laws of 1963, articles 36.75.130, 36.75.140 and 36.75.150.

The County may limit the number, width, location and configuration of driveway(s) to provide access to any property, as may be necessary in the public interest for reasons of safety.

1. PERMIT REQUIRED - BOND

No new approach to any County road shall be constructed and no alteration shall be effected on any existing approach to a County road unless and until the person benefited by or desiring such approach shall have been issued a PERMIT by the Mason County Engineer on form which will be provided; EXCEPT that the County may alter or improve any existing approach to a County road when such alteration or improvement is necessary to the proper maintenance of the County road.

A bond (or cash deposit) may be required in an amount to be determined by the Engineer. Such bond (or cash deposit) shall accompany each application, whether the work is to be done by the applicant or by the County (see Section 5 herein), and will be retained until the work is approved by the Engineer.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COST

All costs of construction of approaches to any County road shall be at the expense of the person benefited by or desiring such approach and all work shall be done in accordance with specific requirements stipulated by the Board and issued by the Mason County Road Department.

3. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

General features of construction shall be as follows:

- a. The approach shall cause no interruption of or interference with roadway drainage. Culverts where required shall be 12" in diameter or larger as may be required for passage of normal storm drainage. Culvert pipe shall be laid true to line and grade and minimum cover shall be 6". Size, location, distance from shoulder of roadway and elevation of culvert pipe shall be as determined by the County Engineer.
- b. No approach shall be less than 15 feet in width out to a point 5 feet from the shoulder of the County road, and no approach culvert shall be less than 20 feet in length.

- c. The grade of the approach shall slope down from the shoulder of the road at a rate not less than 3/8" per foot and not more than 1" per foot for a distance of 5 feet from the roadway shoulder. The approach shall be so constructed that no water from the approach will drain onto the roadway.
- d. The general grade of the approach shall be the most favorable to permit safe ingress and egress to and from the roadway consistent with local conditions of grade and terrain.
- e. Approaches shall be surfaced with a material which will not spill, wash, track or otherwise come onto the roadway to an extent which will interfere with normal traffic thereon. (Suitable gravel surfacing is acceptable.)

4. IMPROPER CONSTRUCTION

Approaches improperly constructed shall be corrected at the expense of the person benefited by or desiring the approach.

5. OPTION - CONSTRUCTION BY COUNTY

At the option of the applicant for an approach to a County road, the Mason County Road Department will, at the expense of the applicant, construct approaches out to the limit of the County right-of-way. At the time of application for PERMIT, the applicant shall deposit with the Mason County Road Department a sum to be determined by the County Engineer. Costs will be charged as follows:

12" diameter culvert and fill across normal roadway ditch only - ~~\$5.50~~ ^{7.50}
per linear foot of pipe; special surfacing NOT included.

Larger pipe, special appurtenances and significant excavation or embankment beyond normal roadway ditch -- actual payroll, equipment, and material costs plus normal fringe benefits, handling charges, and overhead.

Construction by the County will be at the convenience of the County, with due consideration for urgency of the applicant's need.

When mutually agreeable, between the owner and the County, a paved valley may be constructed in lieu of the culverts as required herein.

6. MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of approaches outside the roadway limits of the County road is the responsibility of the person whose property is served by the approach.

Clearing of snow from approaches is the responsibility of the property owner.

7. EXCEPTIONS

Where the Board finds that extraordinary hardship will result from strict compliance with all details of construction enumerated herein, it may permit deviations therefrom in a manner not to the detriment of the County road and traffic thereon.

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prohibit the County from building approaches to replace existing approaches during reconstruction or major maintenance of any County road, or providing necessary access to property adjacent to roads constructed on new alignment. The construction of approaches on new construction shall be as agreed by the County and the property owner at the time right-of-way is secured for the improvement.

DONE this 26th day of December, 1973.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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