

**479.24 Eminent domain.**

1. A pipeline company granted a pipeline permit under [this chapter](#) shall be vested with the right of eminent domain\* to the extent necessary and as prescribed and approved by the commission, not exceeding seventy-five feet in width for right-of-way and not exceeding one acre in any one location in addition to right-of-way for the location of pumps, pressure apparatus, or other stations or equipment necessary to the proper operation of its pipeline. The commission may grant additional eminent domain rights where the pipeline company has presented sufficient evidence to adequately demonstrate that a greater area is required for the proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the pipeline or for the location of pumps, pressure apparatus, or other stations or equipment necessary to the proper operation of its pipeline.

2. A pipeline company having secured a permit for underground storage of gas shall be vested with the right of eminent domain to the extent necessary and as prescribed and approved by the commission in order to appropriate for its use for the underground storage of gas any subsurface stratum or formation in any land which the commission shall have found to be suitable and in the public interest for the underground storage of gas, and may appropriate other interests in property, as may be required to adequately examine, prepare, maintain, and operate the underground gas storage facilities. [This chapter](#) does not authorize the construction of a pipeline longitudinally on, over, or under any railroad right-of-way or public highway, or at other than an approximate right angle to a railroad track or public highway without the consent of the railroad company, the state department of transportation, or the county board of supervisors, and [this chapter](#) does not authorize or give the right of condemnation or eminent domain for such purposes.

[C31, §8338-d23; C35, §8338-f38; C39, §**8338.46**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §490.25; C77, 79, 81, §479.24]

[95 Acts, ch 192, §9](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1041, §127](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)

\*See *Mid-America Pipeline Company v. Iowa State Commerce Commission*, 253 Iowa 1143 (1962)

Eminent domain, [chapters 6A](#) and [6B](#)