

761—115.7(306A,320) Utility permit.

115.7(1) *Applicant contact.* The permit request is to include contact information for the utility owner or utility owner's designated representative.

115.7(2) *Permit.*

a. At a minimum, a utility permit allows:

- (1) The applicant or the applicant's contractor to perform the work covered by the permit.
- (2) The utility facility described in the permit to occupy the primary road rights-of-way.
- (3) The utility facility to be operated and maintained.

b. A utility permit does not convey a permanent right of occupancy.

115.7(3) *Plan.* Each permit request is to be accompanied by a plan. The plan shall include all of the following that are applicable to the installation:

a. Location of the utility facility by route, county, section(s), township(s), range(s), reference post and primary road stationing, where these references exist.

b. Primary road centerline and rights-of-way limits.

c. Location of the utility facility by distance to the nearest foot at each point where the utility facility's location changes alignment, as measured from the:

- (1) Centerline of the primary road on nonfreeway installations.
- (2) Right-of-way fence on freeway installations.

d. Applicable construction details, including the:

- (1) Depth of burial.
- (2) Types of materials to be used in the installation.

(3) Type and size of the utility facility, including proposed operating pressures and voltages, number of cable pairs and fiber counts.

(4) Vertical and horizontal clearances.

(5) Traffic control plan prepared by a person knowledgeable in work zone traffic control or a reference to a standard traffic control plan of the department.

115.7(4) *Discharging into waterways.*

a. A permit request for the placement of a utility facility that will discharge materials into the nation's waters is to be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of compliance with all applicable federal, state and local environmental statutes, ordinances and regulatory standards.

b. The utility owner is responsible for obtaining these approvals. The department may withhold a permit until these approvals are obtained.

115.7(5) *Department action on permit request.*

a. The department will act on the permit request within 30 days after the filing of the permit request with all necessary and accurate information. If an emergency should exist, the department will act on the request as expeditiously as practical.

b. Failure on the part of the utility owner to provide complete information may result in a delay in the department taking final action on the request.

115.7(6) *Changes to work.* Changes in the work as described in the original permit require the prior approval of the department and shall be documented in a revised permit and utility as-built plan pursuant to subrule 115.7(8).

115.7(7) *Department-issued permit.* The utility owner or the utility owner's designated representative is to have a complete copy of the department-issued permit in paper or electronic form, including attachments, at the construction site at all times for examination by the department. Failure to have the approved permit and attachments on site shall result in the department halting work until the issued permit is produced.

115.7(8) *As-built plan.*

a. Within 90 days after completion of construction, the utility owner is to submit to the department an as-built plan in an electronic format in accordance with department specifications.

b. If the utility owner fails to submit the as-built plan within the time required, the department may hire an independent contractor to locate the utility facility and prepare an as-built plan. All costs associated with this activity are the responsibility of the utility owner.

c. Any costs incurred by the department or its contractors due to incorrect as-built information supplied by the utility owner or deviations in actual placement from that described in the original permit are the responsibility of the utility owner.

115.7(9) *Transfer of permit.* A new utility permit is not needed when a utility facility is transferred or leased in its entirety. The requirements of the permit and this chapter remain in force for as long as the utility facility continues to occupy the primary road rights-of-way and serve the intended purpose. The transferee or lessee is to submit the following information to the appropriate district representative:

- a. The name, mailing and email address and telephone number of the transferee or lessee.
- b. Geographical area involved in the transaction.
- c. Permit numbers or issued permit documents for utility facilities within the geographical area.

115.7(10) *Term of permit.* Except for permits for longitudinal occupancy of freeways as outlined in subrule 115.15(11), an issued permit will continue in perpetuity or until future maintenance or construction of the primary road requires an adjustment of the utility facility (more information contained in paragraph 115.3(2)“b”).

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