Chapter 54 - ROADS AND BRIDGES

Sec. 54-A  BONDS

Sec. 54-A-1  Excavation or Construction

It shall be unlawful for any person to make any excavation in, or do any construction on or over, any street or highway which is under the jurisdiction of the County Board without filing a performance bond conditioned on the restoration or repair of such street or highway to its original condition with the County Engineer. Such bond shall be in such amount as is estimated by the County Engineer to be reasonably necessary to pay for the restoration or repair of such street or highway.

(Code 1979, § 18-2)

Sec. 54-B  CULVERTS

Sec. 54-B-1  Installation Expense

All culverts or crossings along an existing County highway or street where there is a ditch and related appurtenance shall be installed at the expense of the applicant for the permit required in this article.

(Code 1979, § 18-16)

Sec. 54-B-2  Maintenance

The County will maintain and replace when necessary all culverts or crossings along County highways or streets where there is a ditch that were installed before April 20, 1977, and all such culverts or crossings that are approved by the County pursuant to this article.

(Code 1979, § 18-17)

Sec. 54-B-3  Interpretation; Scope

This article shall not restrict any municipality or the County in any alteration, extension or installation that is beneficial to the general public, nor does this article govern the installation of entrances in connection with the construction or reconstruction of a section of a County highway.

(Code 1979, § 18-18)

Sec. 54-C  PERMIT

Sec. 54-C-1  Required

No person shall construct, build, establish or maintain culverts or crossings along an existing County highway or street where there is a ditch without first having obtained a written permit to do so from the County Highway Department.

(Code 1979, § 18-26)
Sec. 54-C-2  Application
Applications for the permit required in this division shall be made in writing upon forms furnished by the County highway department. The application shall contain the location, type of entrance, a sketch description showing length, size and elevation in relation to the edge of the highway and other information as required in the form.

(Code 1979, § 18-27)

Sec. 54-C-3  Fee
An application for the permit required in this division shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of $5.00.

(Code 1979, § 18-28)

Sec. 54-C-4  Approval Procedure
A. An application will be approved and the required permit issued or rejected by the County Engineer within five days after application is made under this division.

B. Application shall be approved and permits issued where the following requirements are met:
   1. The application is properly filled out.
   2. The application is not in conflict with Chapter 58 of this Code.
   3. The application meets the requirements of the state department of transportation's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
   4. The application meets the specifications set out in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
   5. The entrance culvert referred to in the application will not cause any unsafe condition with regard to the traffic flow.

(Code 1979, § 18-29)

Sec. 54-C-5  Appeals
An appeal to the County Board's Highway Committee may be made by any person aggrieved by a decision of the County Engineer under this division in accordance with state statutes and the following:

1. An application for an appeal shall be filed with the County Clerk within 20 days of the date of the action from which the appeal is being filed; thereafter the County Clerk shall forward such application to the Committee for processing. The County Clerk shall forward to the County Engineer a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof, and he shall forthwith transmit to the Committee all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

2. The Committee shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of the appeal and give due notice thereof to the parties and decide the same within a reasonable time. Upon the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or attorney. The Committee, by a majority vote of those present, may affirm or may reverse wholly or partly, or may modify the decision, and to that end shall have all the powers of the office from whom the appeal was taken.

(Code 1979, § 18-30)