

ROLL-OFF BOXES (Portable Dumpsters)

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

A valid encroachment permit is required prior to placing roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters in the County maintained public road right-of-way (ROW)/easement. Placement of roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters within the County road ROW/easement is considered an encroachment per County Ordinance No. 2041 even though it may be of a temporary nature. Any person performing any work, including placing the roll-off box or portable dumpsters in the County maintained public ROW, without the authority of an encroachment permit may be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

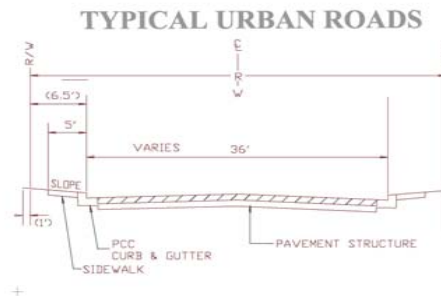
HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM GOING TO BE ENCROACHING IN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY?

The road ROW width typically includes the pavement, sidewalk, and shoulder/parkway and may range anywhere from 40 feet to 80 feet. Typically the ROW is located at your property line. The Assessor's parcel maps may give you an idea of where the publicly maintained ROW for any particular road is located. The parcel maps may be viewed at the surveyor's counter at the Public Works Agency office located at

800 S. Victoria Avenue, . You can also review the County Road Standards for residential streets, which can be found on the County web site at: http://www..org./vcpwa/eng_services/p_wastds.

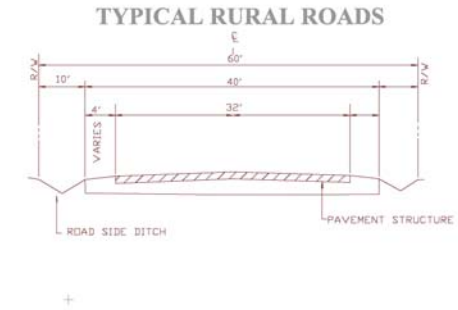
The most two common types of roadways are urban and rural roads. The major difference between these two types of roads is that urban roads have curb, gutter, and sidewalk facilities within road ROW, whereas rural roads only have shoulders. In some cases, there may be roadside ditches to provide drainage.

These entire roadway features are usually are within the publicly maintained road ROW as shown in drawings below. The first drawing represents an urban road with sidewalks located inside the publicly maintained road ROW. There is typically less than one foot between the outer edge of the sidewalk and the ROW limit line.



The second drawing shows a rural road with typical four-foot shoulders on both

sides of the travel way. In some cases there may be roadside ditches to provide drainage. There is typically ten feet of additional ROW between the outer edge of the shoulder and the



right-of-way limit line.

WHAT ITEMS WILL THE COUNTY REVIEW WHEN PROCESSING AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT?

The Transportation Department, Encroachment Section will review each encroachment permit and make a determination whether or not to approve it. Some of the items that will be reviewed or required are:

- Adequate sight distance/visibility for safe pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Distance of the box from the edge of travel way.
- Providing proper aids to visibility of the box which may include placing a type II barricade with flashing lights in front and rear on traffic side of box.

- Fees for the permit will be \$95.00 for permit issuance and \$150.00 permit fees, updated yearly for inflation.

Note: Permits will typically be issued only for temporary placement of roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters for not more than four to six months. A letter justifying the issuance of a permit longer than four months must accompany any permit application where a period of longer than four months is being requested.

WHAT ARE THE SIGHT DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A ROLL-OFF BOX OR PORTABLE DUMPSTER?

Roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters shall be located so that adequate sight distance is provided for drivers to see traffic before entering the roadway. The following table provides the approximate sight distance needed for passenger cars:

ROADWAY DESIGN SPEED	SIGHT DISTANCE
20 mph	200 feet
30 mph	300 feet
40 mph	400 feet
50 mph	500 feet
60 mph	600 feet

WHAT HAPPENS IF A ROLL-OFF BOX OR PORTABLE DUMPSTER IS PLACED ON A COUNTY ROAD WITHOUT A PERMIT?

If any roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters are placed on a County road prior to obtaining an encroachment permit, County Ordinance No. 2041 regulating encroachments allows the Transportation Department to double the permit issuance fees.

DO THESE PROCEDURES ALSO APPLY TO PORTABLE ON DEMAND STORAGE UNITS (PODS)?

County Ordinance No. 2041 regulating encroachments also applies to portable on demand storage units also know as PODs so long as they are placed in the County road ROW/easement.

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A PERMIT APPLICATION

Permit applications can be found on the County's web site at the following link: http://publicworks.countyof.org/transportation/encroach_permits.htm

REQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

If you have questions, requests, or suggestions, please call Department at: or through the "Contact Us" link at: Rev. 2/21/08

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