Clinton County
Permit No._____

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION WITHIN CLINTON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY

This is a Permit Application for telecommunications, electric, gas, water, drainage utilities and other miscellaneous work within county ROW. The applicant agrees to comply with the following permit requirements. Compliance shall be determined by the sole discretion of the County Engineer as deemed necessary to promote public health, safety and the general welfare. These requirements shall apply unless waived in writing by the County Engineer prior to installation.

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

1. Location Plan. An applicant shall file a completed location plan as an attachment to this Permit Application. The location plan shall set forth the location of the proposed utility and/or construction on the secondary road system and include a description of the proposed installation.

2. Written Notice. At least 10 working days prior to the proposed construction, an applicant shall file with the County Engineer a written notice stating the time, date, location and nature of the proposed construction.

3. Inspection. The County Engineer may provide a full-time inspector during the installation of utility lines and construction within ROW to insure compliance with this permit. The inspector may have the right, during reasonable hours and after showing proper identification, to enter any installation site in the discharge of the inspector's official duties, and to make any inspection or test that is reasonably necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

4. Inspection Fees. Upon approval of the application by the Board of Supervisors, the permit will be issued by the County Engineer upon payment of the required prepaid $100.00 permit fee made payable to the County Treasurer's office. Inspection fees may be required by the County Engineer and paid by the applicants. The applicant shall pay actual costs directly attributable to the installation inspection conducted by the County Engineer.

5. Requirements. The installation inspector shall assure that the following requirements have been met:

   A) Construction signing shall comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

   B) Depth - (Add additional depth if ditch has silted to the thickness of the deposited silt.) The minimum depth of cover shall be as follows:

Telecommunications.....	36"	Electric.....	48"
Gas.....	48"	Water.....	60"
Sewer.....	60"		

C) The applicant shall use reference markers in the right-of-way ("R.O.W.") boundary to locate line and changes in alignment as required by the County Engineer. A permanent warning tape shall be placed one (1) foot above all underground utility lines.

D) All tile line locations shall be marked with references located in the R.O.W. line.

E) No underground utility lines shall cross over a crossroad drainage structure without written approval.

F) Residents along the utility route shall have uninterrupted access to public roads. An all-weather access shall be maintained for residents adjacent to the project.

G) A joint assessment of the road surfacing shall be made by the applicant and the County Engineer both before and after construction. After construction, granular surfacing shall be added to the road by the applicant to restore the road to its original condition. After surfacing has been applied, the road surface shall be reviewed by the County Engineer once the road has been saturated, to determine if additional surfacing on the roadway by the applicant is necessary.

H) All damaged areas within the R.O.W. shall be repaired and restored to at least its former condition by the applicant or the cost of any repair work caused to be performed by the County will be assessed against the applicant.

I) Areas disturbed during construction which present an erosion problem shall be solved by the applicant in a manner approved by the County Engineer.

J) All trenches, excavations, and utilities that are knifed shall be properly tamped.

K) All utilities shall be located between the bottom of the backslope and the bottom of the foreslope, unless otherwise approved in writing by the County Engineer prior to installation.

L) Paved road crossings shall be bored. The depth below the road surface shall match the minimum depth of cover for the respective utility.

6. Non Conforming Work. The County Engineer may suspend the installation at any time if the applicant's work does not meet the requirements set forth in this Permit.

7. Emergency Work. In emergency situations, work may be initiated by an applicant without first obtaining a permit. However, a permit must be obtained within fourteen (14) days of initiation of the work. All emergency work shall be done in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance and shall be inspected for full compliance.

8. County Infraction. Violation of this permit is a county infraction under Iowa Code Section 331.307, punishable by a civil penalty of $100 for each violation. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist by the applicant constitutes a separate offense.

9. Hold Harmless. The utility company shall save the County harmless of any damages resulting from the applicant's operations. A copy of a certificate of insurance naming the County as an additional insured for the permit work shall be filed in the County Engineer's office prior to installation. The minimum limits of liability under the insurance policy shall be $1,000,000.

10. Permit Required. No applicant shall install any lines unless such applicant has obtained a permit from the County Engineer and has agreed in writing that said installation will comply with all ordinances and requirements of the County for such work. Applicants agree to hold the County free from liability for all damage to applicant's property which occurs proximately as a result of the applicant's failure to comply with said ordinances or requirements.

11. Relocation. The applicant shall, at any time subsequent to installation of utility lines, at the applicant's own expense, relocate or remove such lines as may become necessary to conform to new grades, bridge construction, alignment or widening of R.O.W. resulting from maintenance or construction operations for highway improvements.

DATE	NAME OF APPLICANT OR COMPANY
	BY

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

DATE	COUNTY ENGINEER

APPROVAL:

DATE	CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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