

AUDUBON COUNTY ENTRANCE POLICY

BACKGROUND:

It is intended by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors to provide adequate access off the Secondary Road System for all residents. For agricultural uses, one entrance may be allowed for each 40-acre parcel or more, unless divided by a non-crossable waterway. Quantity and location of residential and commercial access will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

POLICY:

Realizing the above conditions and circumstances, and wanting to be as efficient in the use of road funds as possible, the Board of Supervisors has adopted the following policy.

- 1) The County Engineer will require a "NO COST PERMIT" for each new or widened entrance to the Secondary Road System. Location of entrance will be per the owner's request if site distance and other related factors (drainage issues, slope, pipe cover, etc.) are approved by the Engineer.

Sight Distance Requirements:

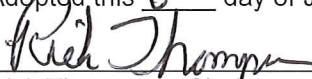
Rock or Dirt Roadways – 350 feet minimum sight distance
Paved or Seal Coat Roadways – 600 feet minimum sight distance

- 2) Slope from the edge of entrance top to the ditch flow line will be as follows:
Paved Road/Dry Fill = 8:1 Gravel Road/Dry Fill = 4:1
Paved Road/Culvert = 6:1 Gravel Road/Culvert = 4:1

The minimum width on private entrances is 20 ft. and maximum on a commercial entrance is 32 ft. Audubon County will designate the minimum length and diameter of pipe to achieve efficient drainage and width of entrance. No entrance pipe shall be less than 18 inches in diameter.

- 3) **The County will only be involved with entrance work during repair (not including extensions) or other activities adjacent to said entrance.** The owner shall have the entrance installed by private contractors or with his own equipment. All work by others will be subject to approval by the Audubon County Engineer or designated representative.
- 4) Costs of all new permitted installations or extensions will be borne by the owner. The County will maintain stockpiles of new pipe for purchase. Audubon County will assume maintenance of entrances after installation. Pipe purchases are solely for use within right-of-way.
- 5) All culverts placed in entrances shall be new materials, metal CMP's that meet IDOT specifications. HDPE, PVC, metal spiral pipes, and other materials are not allowed.
- 6) Extensions of existing entrances will only be allowed when the ends of the existing culvert are suitable to allow same. **If existing culvert is not suitable due to damage or deterioration the County will provide a replacement pipe of the same diameter and length.** The County will not do removal and reinstallation.
- 7) The owner who needs surfacing on said drive will do so at owner's cost as the County will only do so to residential drives when grading, paving, or repairing.
- 8) Approximately midway between the right of way line (fence line) and the edge of the road, the elevation of the entrance shall be at least six (6) inches lower than that of the edge of the road.
- 9) During construction and/or installation all necessary and proper barricades, signage, etc., as per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, current edition, shall be furnished by and maintained by the applicant. Maximum safety precautions shall be maintained at all times to protect workers, property owners and the traveling public from accidents due to the operations of the applicant.
- 10) Audubon County shall be indemnified and saved harmless of any damages resulting from the applicant's operations.
- 11) This policy voids and takes precedence over any previous policy on entrances in Audubon County.


Adopted this 6th day of July, 2021 by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors.



Rick Thompson, Chairperson



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ATTEST:



Lisa Frederiksen, Audubon County Auditor