

Hocking Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, Right of Way Policy

Right of Way Permit – No work shall be done or objects (other than mailboxes) will be placed within ROW of a Hocking Township Road without a Permit from the Hocking Township Board of Trustees. Large rocks, personalized mailboxes and other such obstacles become liabilities in accidents resulting in injury or death. Permits are issued upon request at no cost. No Filling of right of way ditches that interferes with proper drainage of water away from the road pavement. Requests for permission shall be submitted in writing and include sketches and dimensions sufficient to define the proposed work.

Culvert Driveway Pipe – The culvert pipe shall be a minimum of Double walled smooth on the inside corrugated plastic pipe, minimum of 12 inches in diameter or whatever size is determined after a study with Soil and Water conservation or as determined by the Hocking Township Board of Trustees. Minimum of 30 feet in length. Appropriate bands shall be used to join the necessary sections of pipe to prevent displacement. After the existing vegetation is removed from the road side ditch, the culvert shall be underlaid with two inches of gravel and covered with sufficient gravel so that the completed installation will provide for drainage of water away from the existing Township Road Pavement.

Drainage – Drainage into the ROW ditch shall be by permit only. Drainage of treated effluent shall be as a last resort only and a permit application must be accompanied by a letter from the Fairfield County Health Department, stating that no other reasonable option is available and they approve it.

Driveway Design – Driveways forcing vehicles to back out onto the public highway shall not be permitted. **Concrete, gravel or paved driveways must be ½” lower than the edge of road pavement and sloped so that water does not drain onto the roadway, runoff water must be directed to the road ditches. This is to ensure that no water from the drive is forced onto the road.**

Planting – There shall be no planting other than grass from 30’ from center of the road ROW

Rural Mailboxes - Supports for rural mailboxes must be of the breakaway type. Standard supports are a 4”x4” square timber post. The front edge of the mailbox must be at least 2 ½’ from the traveled edge of pavement. At no time should a mailbox support be encased in concrete. Boxes should be 39 to 42 inches from the ground to the bottom of the box.

Parking – Generally, Hocking Township ROW is not suited for permanent parking. Therefore, permanent parking will be prohibited within the road ROW. Parking resolutions addressing specific parking situations will be adopted by Trustees on a case by case basis.

Violation of this ROW policy and failure of the property owner to correct the violation can result in the use of Hocking Township Employees and equipment to correct the violation, with the cost assessed against the property owner as a tax lien (ORC 5547.03). Any and all trees, shrubs and other vegetation growing in the ROW that interferes with the safe use of the highway may be trimmed or removed. (ORC 5545.14

Work must be completed within 6 months of issue date of ROW Permit

**My signature below indicates that I have read the Hocking Township ROW Policy and agree to follow the guidelines.**

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