

Hocking Township
Fairfield County, Ohio
Right-Of-Way Policy
Resolution 01-18/04-09-01

Right-of-Way Permit

No work shall be done or objects (other than mailboxes) placed within the Right-of-Way of a Hocking Township Road without a Permit from the Hocking Township Zoning Inspector. 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. Filling of right-of-way ditches 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 16-gauge, galvanized corrugated metal or double walled plastic (if approved) pipe, a minimum of 12-inches in diameter and shall be a minimum of thirty 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 under laid 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 Right-of-Way 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.

Driveway Design

Driveways forcing vehicles to back out onto the public highway shall not be permitted. Concrete driveways must end a minimum of **6 feet** from the edge of the road pavement, and the driveway area in the Road Right-of-Way shall be either asphalt or gravel.

Planting

It is recommended that there be no planting other than grass from the centerline of the road back thirty **(30) feet**.

Rural Mailbox

Mailbox supports must be in accordance with the current ODOT Design Manual. Supports for rural mailboxes must be of the "breakaway" type. Standard supports are a 4"x4" square timber post, a 4 1/2" round timber post, or a maximum 2" I.D. metal post of standard wall thickness (2 3/8" O.D.). The front leading edge of the mailbox must be at least 2 1/2' from the traveled edge of pavement. At no time shall a mailbox support be encased in concrete. Boxes should be 39 to 42 inches from ground to the bottom of the box.

Parking

Generally, Hocking Township road right-of-way is not suited for permanent parking. Therefore, as a general rule, permanent parking will be prohibited within the road right-of-way. Parking resolutions addressing specific parking situations will be adopted by Trustees on a case-by-case basis.

Enforcement

Violation of this right-of-way policy and failure of the property owner to correct the violation may result in 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 right-of-way that interferes with the safe use of the highway may be trimmed or removed (**ORC 5543.14**).