

Alcona County Road Commission Right of way use and permit process

Other than for highway travel purposes, any activity within, or use of, the right of way along roads under the jurisdiction of the Alcona County Road Commission is subject to a review and permitting process.

This review and permit process has been established to help ensure safe travel on roads in Alcona County by discouraging those activities or objects that may create a hazard. The process also controls those activities that may interfere with road maintenance, snow removal, drainage, or future road improvement projects.

Permits will not usually be issued where a reasonable alternative exists outside of the right of way. The Road Commission reserves the right to remove, at the owner's expense, non-permitted items placed or constructed within the road right of way.

Permitted activities include, but are not limited to: New, or modifications to existing, driveways or roads to access the County road; utilities; tree/brush removal; seismicographic exploration; and oversize load transport.

Activities not permitted include, but are not limited to: The placement of signs, fences, retaining walls, sprinkler systems, landscaping rocks, berms, trees, shrubs, bushes, lighting, structures, septic tanks, drainfields, wells, or any other item the Road Commission considers hazardous.

Mailboxes are allowed within the right of way without a permit, but must be installed in a manner to minimize any traffic hazard. Property owners should consult their local post office for postal standards for installation regarding height and distance from the road. It is suggested, however, that the actual structure be a single mailbox installed on a single, "break away" post. To minimize the possibility of liability should an errant vehicle strike the structure, mailbox owners must resist the urge to reinforce or strengthen the post.

The road right of way is generally 66 feet (33 feet on each side of the "centerline" of the road), but could be wider in certain locations. Before proceeding with any activity along an Alcona County road, please contact the Alcona County Road Commission to verify the right of way and whether a permit is needed. Also to prevent serious injury or damage, before you dig, **contact MISS DIG at 800 482 7171** to locate and mark any buried facilities such as gas, electric, and communication lines that may be in the right of way.

Your cooperation will help keep our roadsides free of obstacles and hazards and ensure safer travel and more efficient maintenance on the roads in Alcona County. Please contact the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, by phone at 989-736-8168, or by e-mail at alcona00@chartermi.net

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