



## Traffic Control in Utility Company Work Zones

Due to the problems the Road Commission has had with non-compliance with Section 7 of our working in the right-of-way permits that states;

- “ 7. Permits may be revoked when the utility or **contractor does not display proper traffic control devices and/or flag persons when necessary and as determined by the Road Commission’s Inspector.**”

And with section 9 of Stipulations Pertaining To Permits, this section states;

- “ 9. Safety. Permit Holder agrees to work under this permit in a safe manner and to keep the area affected by this permit in a safe condition until the work is completed. **All work site conditions shall comply with Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.**”

For this reason the Road Commission will now require the submittal of a traffic control plan as part of Section 9 of the Policy For Working Within The Right-Of-Way which states;

- “ 9. Construction drawings/prints must accompany the permit application. As a minimum, prints will show location of all permanent structures (poles, cables gas lines, stations, valves, etc) in relation to centerline, edge of metal, or section line. **Other data or dimensions as may be required by the Road Commission’s Engineer will be submitted by the applicant.**”

This plan will conform to Part 6 of the 2005 Edition of the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (2003 Federal Edition). It will show the number and locations of all signs, it will also reference number and placement of all traffic regulators.

Failure to comply with this provision will constitute a permit violation and subject the company to sanctions described in Section 13 of Stipulations Pertaining To Permits. This section states;

- “13. Violation of Permit. This permit shall become immediately null and void if Permit Holder violates the terms of this permit and the Commission may require immediate removal of Permit Holder’s Facilities, or the Commission may remove them without notice at Permit Holder’s expense.”

The Van Buren County Road Commission deems it necessary to require these additional documents in order to maintain the safety of the motoring public.

Your attention to this matter is not only appreciated but required.

Sincerely,  
VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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