



WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH

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Please read the following then print and sign the
“Washington County Right-Of-Way Signature Certification”.

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Dear Property Owner:

There are many subdivisions in the unincorporated area of Washington County. As these subdivisions have developed and homes have been built, a number of serious problems have come to light. Most of these problems are related to private construction taking place on the public right-of-way. Some of the problems include the following:

1. Filling in of “borrow” ditches alongside the traveled roadway.

In rural areas, the County has used borrow ditches to take care of drainage problems, as opposed to requiring curb and gutter to be installed. These ditches **MUST** be kept clear of any obstruction of any kind that might inhibit the flow of water during periods of storm runoff. Without these borrow ditches, major flooding often occurs somewhere in the subdivision.

The County requires a minimum of a fifteen (15) inch culvert to be installed for access to each lot.

For those borrow ditches that have been filled, it will be necessary for the County to re-grade and open the ditch again. Your cooperation in working with the road department to accomplish this is appreciated

2. Placing of “objects” in the County right-of-way.

We have a number of instances where the property owner has placed objects within the right-of-way. There are things such as large decorative rocks, retaining walls, paving that does not match the paved or graded roadway, etc.

Because of the potential liability to the property owner and to the County if an accident should take place, all such items that might be considered obstructions must be removed from the County right-of-way.

You should try to determine where your front lot lines are located. (In most cases they are marked by survey corners that were installed when the subdivision was recorded.) Most County right-of-way are fifty (50) feet in width with the twenty-eight (28) feet graveled surface within the right-of-way, or in the case of paved roads, a thirty-two (32) foot graded surface with twenty-eight (28) feet of asphalt width. This may assist you in determining where your property line is located.

Again, the County Road Department is required to remove any obstruction that exists in the County right-of-way that has not received a permit prior to construction. Your assistance and cooperation in complying with this request is also appreciated.

Any requests by property owners in subdivisions to do any construction within a County right-of-way, including paving, shall first be reviewed and approved by the County Public Works Department and receive an encroachment permit. Any variance to this requirement must be approved by the County Commission. With the continuing development taking place in the County, the above requirements must be met and complied with. If you find that you are not now in compliance, your cooperation in bringing the right-of-way in front of your property into compliance and in making Washington County a better and safer place to live.

WASHINGTON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY
SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have received a copy of a letter pertaining to private construction taking place on public right-of-way by filling in "borrow ditches" alongside the traveled roadway and placing "objects" in the County right-of-way. Furthermore, I understand that there is to be a fifteen (15) inch culvert install at property access before final certificate of occupancy is issued.

Signature _____

(Owner or Contractor)

Date _____