

**RESOLUTION ON ACCESS TO COUNTY ROADS
RESOLUTION 11 - 2015**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Minnesota, find that the County of Lincoln is in need of a policy regarding the issuance of permits by the Lincoln County Engineer to the owners of land in need of permits pursuant to MSA 160.18 for the purpose of acquiring access to County Roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the policy of Lincoln County is as follows:

1. Before constructing any approach to a County Aid Road or County State Aid Highway the owner of said lands shall obtain a permit from the Lincoln County Engineer.
2. On existing County or State Aid Highways, a parcel of land, which has no present access to a public road, shall be allowed an approach. The transporting of the fill material from its source to the site shall be the responsibility of the landowner. Design requirements shall be a minimum 20 foot wide top, a maximum 35 foot top (60 foot for shared driveways) and 1:6 side slopes.
3. On existing County or State Aid Highways when additional approaches, or widening existing approaches, are deemed necessary by the abutting landowner all cost shall be borne by said landowner except as modified below:
 - a) The County reserves the right to restrict approach location in the best interest of the County and the safety of the traveling public.
 - b) The County shall reserve the right to specify the size and type of culvert to be installed.
 - c) Aprons may be specified as a condition of the permit.
 - d) Approaches are to be constructed of clean fill material, free of large rocks, timber and other debris.
4. When reconstructing existing highways the County shall construct suitable approaches, as to provide abutting owners reasonably necessary and practical access.
 - a) Necessary and practical shall be construed to mean a maximum of one farm entrance and one field entrance (or two field entrances) per half mile of roadway each side of center line where a single property ownership is involved, or a maximum of one entrance per individual smaller property. Consideration will be given toward allowing two entrances per quarter mile if ownership is separate and if there is a farmstead or building site involved on the segment.
 - b) Physical barriers such as creeks, rivers, waterways, railroads, etc. may warrant additional approaches.
 - c) Normally all existing approaches will be replaced during reconstruction; unless the location is hazardous or unusable due to revisions in the grade line.
5. In the event of land subdivision, resulting in additional approach requirements, article (1) (2) and (3) shall apply.
6. This policy shall become effective immediately and shall supercede all existing policies, written or implied, particularly the most recent date October 4, 2004.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote this 20th day of January, 2015

Don Evers
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Deb Vierhuf
County Auditor

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