

Driveway Turnout Policy

Pike County

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 09, 2024

ALLOWABLE PIPES: Only aluminized corrugated metal, reinforced concrete or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe (double wall, Type S) shall be used. All corrugated metal and HDPE pipes must be new. Used reinforced concrete pipes may be used subject to the County Engineer's approval. Any pipe joints shall be wrapped with filter blanket. **Driveway pipe ends shall be sloped or built with an end treatment so that the driveway sides are no steeper than 2.5:1 slope.**

PROCEDURES: The citizen requesting a driveway pipe must contact the County Engineer's office at (334)566-4508. Someone from the Engineer's Office will then go out and size the pipe and inspect the requested location for suitability. Once a suitable location is approved, the citizen will be contacted as to what size pipe he or she needs. The county will then issue a right-of-way permit to the citizen (or his contractor) for installation. If the citizen wishes to hire a contractor for installation, a suggested list of local contractors can be provided upon request. ***A right-of-way permit must be approved before pipe can be installed on county right-of-way. Unpermitted driveways may be removed at county's discretion if they cause roadway/drainage issues.***

PIPE SIZE: The pipes shall be a minimum of 30 feet and a maximum of 100 feet in length, with a minimum of 15-inch diameter. ***Just because a 15" x 30' is the smallest allowed on County ROW, does not mean that this is approved for every work site. The exact size needed will be determined on an individual basis by County personnel. Pipes greater than 100 feet in length must be approved by the Engineer's Office to ensure that proper roadway drainage is provided.***

In cases where pipes are installed on the right-of-way for esthetics or beautification purposes beyond what is necessary for a driveway access. Only the portion utilized for the purpose of the actual driveway shall be repaired or maintained by the county. County shall not perform maintenance for the purposes of esthetics or beautification of private property.

MAINTENANCE: Pike County will not install/replace driveway pipes or construct driveway turnouts. However, Pike County will perform ***reasonable, routine*** maintenance activities on the County right-of-way for properly permitted and constructed driveway turnouts.

TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY TURNOUTS: A permit shall still be required for temporary driveway accesses for construction, logging, or any other such purposes. At the discretion of the engineer special exemption may be allowed to specific pipes sizing and materials requirements on a temporary basis. Temporary pipes shall be no smaller than 10" in diameter or 6" less than the minimum size as determined by the county inspection for permanent installation, whichever is larger, and only for a maximum duration of 60 days. Dry ramps may be allowed on a case-by-case basis at the engineer's discretion for a maximum duration of 14 days. Contractor or property owner shall remove the access/entrance upon completion of proposed activity or at the expiration of the temporary permit. At any time if the temporary entrance is determined to have the potential to endanger the road, traveling public, or adjacent property for any reason including the potential for ponding from stormwater runoff, the turnout shall be removed and ditch opened back up as necessary to remedy the safety issue.