



Saluda County Pipe Policy

It is the policy of the Saluda County Council that all residents of Saluda County should have access to their property if that property borders a county-owned and maintained road. To ensure proper maintenance, all driveways must be approved by Saluda County (a separate permit for each driveway must be approved by the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department). **Any and all driveways will be installed at the property owner's expense.** All driveways installed by the County shall be installed within the County right-of-way.

Saluda County DOES NOT construct or provide temporary driveways or commercial driveways. Permits for such driveways must be obtained from the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department. Saluda County has the right to revoke the permit and remove the driveways located on the Saluda County right-of-way if the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department determines such relocation or removal is in the best interest of public safety and welfare. The applicant shall have no claim for damages against Saluda County for the revocation of the permit or removal of the driveway.

Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department or a reputable, licensed contractor chosen by the property owner shall construct that portion of a driveway within the right-of-way of entrances and aprons to County roads. The driveway must be located at a point necessary to render adequate ingress and egress to the abutting property. The driveway must also be located so that it not constitute a hazardous condition. The driveways must be for access to existing developed property or property that is being developed for the use of a prospective owner. A standard entrance shall be 24 feet in length. If pipe culvert is necessary for drainage the Superintendent of the Roads and Bridges Department shall determine the size of pipe necessary to accomplish proper drainage. Driveway requiring drainage structures other than pipe (catch basins, etc.) must be brought to the attention of the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department. If wider entrances are asked for they must be approved by the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department.

The following guidelines are in place to help accomplish acceptable driveway installation.

1. The property owner must request a driveway by filling out an application which contains all information confirming ownership and intent to use driveway for residential or agricultural use. Any request for additional pipe or an additional driveway must be made

with the initial request for a driveway. This completed application must be submitted to the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department.

2. The property owner must provide a copy of the plat establishing them as the owner of the property.
3. The property owner must provide one of the following documents to support their request:
 - a. A copy of their building permit.
 - b. A copy of their perk test/septic tank permit or water tap receipt.
 - c. A statement that the property will be used for agricultural purposes only.
4. The request must be signed and dated by both the property owner, or designee, and a representative from the Roads and Bridges Department.
5. Tape will be provided by the County so that the proposed location of the driveway can be marked.

Upon receipt of the request for a driveway, the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department will verify that the information is complete. Verification will then be made that the property is in fact located on a Saluda County owned and maintained road. If it is not a Saluda County road, the property owner will be notified in writing by the Superintendent. If the property is in fact located on a Saluda County owned and maintained road, the driveway may be installed.

DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE APPLICATION and INSPECTION FEE

A fee will be charged for processing the application and inspection of all driveways. The fee for this service will be adjusted on an as needed basis to reflect costs involved. Failure to notify the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Superintendent of the intent to privately install a driveway and failure to furnish the necessary fees shall result in removal of said driveway.

SELLING PIPE

As a convenience to Saluda County residents, the Roads and Bridges Department will sell to private property owners' drainage pipe which is on hand at the department. No special orders or deliveries will be considered or made. The cost of the pipe will be set by the Superintendent of the Saluda County Roads and Bridges Department based on the cost of the pipe and a fee for loading the pipe on the purchaser's vehicle. The price for providing this service will be adjusted on an as needed basis to reflect the actual costs involved.

APPLICATION AND INSPECTION FEE

A fee of \$50.00 must accompany an application for each new driveway entrance. This fee, if paid by check or money order, should be made out to the Saluda County Treasurer. The purpose of this fee is for processing the application and the pre-inspection and post-inspection of said driveway entrances.

INSTALLATION FEE

There is a flat fee for the installation of a 24' x 12' x 15" driveway entrance. That fee is \$575.00 and covers the cost of materials used in the installation of a driveway entrance. If additional pipe is requested on the original application and approved by the Superintendent, Roads & Bridges Department, it will be installed at an additional cost of \$22.00 per foot. These figures are subject to change when materials cost change.

Changes in pipe size or elimination of the need for pipe will alter the cost of the materials and therefore change the installation fee.

The amended pipe policy was adopted by the Saluda County Council on March 9th, 2020