

SECTION 27. ESSENTIAL SERVICES

SUBDIVISION 1. GENERAL

- A. Essential and transmission services as defined by this Ordinance may have an effect upon urbanizing areas of the county, county land uses, highway location, park and recreation areas, preservation of natural environmental areas, lakes, streams, and rivers. The proposed location of all such essential and transmission services in any land use district shall be filed with the County prior to commencement of any condemnation action or construction.
- B. All essential services including large facilities and those for local distribution, or other similar facilities as determined by the County Engineer, shall be located entirely within a public road right-of-way, or shall meet setbacks as required for principal structures in all districts.

SUBDIVISION 2. PROCEDURES FOR LARGE FACILITIES

- A. Transmission services, to include but not limited to, utility service such as high voltage (35kVA, Kilo Voltage Amps or greater), electrical power or bulk gas or fuel being transferred from station to station and not intended for enroute consumption shall follow the following procedure:
 - 1. The owner shall file with the County Engineer and the Department such maps indicating the location, alignment, and type of service proposed as well as an Environmental Impact Statement indicating areas of conflict and solutions to such environmental conflicts as shall be required.
 - 2. All maps and accompanying data submitted to the Department shall be forwarded to the Planning Commission along with the Engineer's report for review and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.
 - 3. Upon receipt of the report of the Planning Commission of the planned essential transmission services, the Board of County Commissioners shall consider the maps and accompanying data and shall indicate to the owner its approval, denial, or modifications considered desirable under this Ordinance.
- B. Recognizing a need for timely and adequate service by owners of essential services, the County shall act upon all information filing within sixty (60) days of receipt by the Department and County Engineer. In the process or deliberation, the County can call upon such sources of information, public or private, as they deem necessary to clarify problems and otherwise provide information necessary to their decision.

SUBDIVISION 3. PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

- A. Applications for a permit for essential services, to include but not limited to, services such as power, gas, fuel, or lines for data transmission, for immediate local distribution to the public, shall follow the following procedure:
1. The applicant shall file an application with the County Engineer, on forms supplied by the County, with maps showing the location, alignment, and type of service proposed.
 2. The application and accompanying data shall be reviewed by the County Engineer, who may issue the permit after determining that the application is acceptable.
 3. The County Engineer may require, in conjunction with the issuance of each permit:
 - a. The applicant submits as-built drawings of the essential services after construction.
 - b. The applicants construct the essential services to take into consideration contemplated widening, regrading, or relocation of a county highway or county state aid highway.
 4. Recognizing the need for adequate and timely services by owners of essential services, the County Engineer shall act upon all information filings or permit applications at the earliest opportunity.