

**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF
SOMERSET COUNTY**

**DEPARTMENT
OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

**APPLICATION AND FEE SCHEDULE
FOR
ROAD OPENINGS**

DATE: JANUARY 2009

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
SOMERSET COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 3000, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876
APPLICATION FOR ROAD OPENING PERMIT
WORK MAY NOT COMMENCE UNTIL PERMIT IS ISSUED

Date _____

Applicant: _____
Name Address

Phone Numbers: _____
Applicant Owner 24 Hour Emergency

Supervisor in Charge: _____ On-Site Phone/Cell Number: _____

UTILITY/DRIVEWAY/OTHER: (Note: Separate Permit Required for Each Opening)

Purpose of Opening: _____

Requirements:

- Application Fee \$200.00 for first 50 Linear Feet + \$0.75 per Linear Foot thereafter.
- Refundable Deposit/Bond: \$1,200 for the first 30 sq. yds. plus \$30 for each additional sq. yd.
- Insurance Certificate prepared in accordance "Somerset County Road Opening Specification Booklet"
- Plan/Sketch of work to be done including nearest cross Road
- Sanitary Sewer Openings must include approval letter from the local municipality

IMPROVEMENTS BONDED THROUGH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Somerset County Planning Board File Number _____

Requirements:

- Approval letter from the Somerset County Planning Board dated within 2 years of the date of this application
- One copy of the construction plan showing proposed improvements. The plan must be stamped "Accepted as Submitted" by the County Engineer's Office with the stamped date within 2 years of the date of this application
- Insurance Certificate prepared in accordance with "Somerset County Road Opening Specification Booklet"
- \$200.00 Application Fee

All checks/money orders made payable to "Somerset County Treasurer"
All of the Above Requirements must be submitted at time of Application

OPENING LOCATION:

Street Name & House Number: _____ County Route Number: _____ Municipality: _____

At a point _____ N/S/E/W of _____
Distance "feet" Nearest Intersecting Roadway

Size of opening _____ Location: Roadway/Shoulder/R.O.W. Proposed Start Date for opening _____
Length/Width/Depth (Circle One or More)

Temporary repair to be completed the same day of opening. Steel plates or other methods of maintaining a road opening overnight shall NOT be permitted unless previously authorized by the Director of Public Works or his duly authorized representative.

Approximate date of applying final patch will be six months after applying temporary repair.

The undersigned agree to conform with all the requirements of the specifications and fee schedule adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Somerset County, the text of which has been read by the applicant.

Signature of Applicant

Approved: _____
Director of Public Works or Authorized Representative

Signature of Owner

Somerset County Permit No. _____

The owner agrees as a condition of the issuance of a permit that any facilities, pipes, poles etc. to be installed within the County right-of-way pursuant to the permit shall be promptly relocated at the owner's expense as required by the Somerset County Engineering Department to accommodate the installation of County facilities.

PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE ONE YEAR AFTER ISSUANCE.

FEE SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FEE (non-refundable)

ROAD OPENING (Any and All Work Within Right of Way)

- 1. Minimum Fee up to 50 Lineal Feet.....\$200.00

- 2. Each Additional Lineal Foot of Opening work within right of way in excess of first 50 Lineal Feet, including tunneling, cleaning, and lining.....\$0.75

REFUNDABLE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

ALL ROAD OPENINGS

- 1. Fee for first 30 square yards opened or any part thereof including shoulders, lawn, or parking areas.....\$1,200.00

- 2. Fee for each additional square yard opened.....\$30.00

- 3. Fee for disturbance of County facilities other than those mentioned above, as determined by the County Director of Public Works.

Note: No performance guarantee required for residential driveway overlay.

MINIMUM CHARGE
Repairs by County of Somerset

Minimum Charge.....\$2,500.00

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless the County, its officers and employees, from all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought because of any injuries or damage received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of or in consequence of any neglect in safeguarding the work; or through use of unacceptable materials in constructing the work; or because of any act or omission, neglect, or misconduct of said Applicant; or because of any claims or amounts arising or recovered under the Workmen's Compensation Act, or any other law, ordinance, order, or decree; and so much of the money due the said applicant under and by virtue of his work under this permit as may be considered necessary by the County for such purpose may be retained for the use of the County; or in case no money is due, his Surety may be held until such suit or suits, action or actions, claim or claims for injuries or damages as aforesaid shall have been settled and suitable evidence to that effect furnished to the County; except that money due to the applicant will not be withheld when the applicant produces satisfactory evidence that he is adequately protected by Public Liability and Property Damage insurance.

The applicant shall also notify its insurance company that it has entered into an indemnification agreement with the County and that the terms of the indemnification should be covered by the applicant's insurance.

Workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance shall be maintained in force during the life of the work under the permit by the applicant covering all employees engaged in performance of the work under this permit in accordance with applicable statute.

As a minimum, the applicant shall carry the following kinds and amounts of insurance in addition to any other forms of insurance or bonds required under the terms of these Specifications. When applying for a permit, the applicant shall file with the Director of Public Works a certificate from his insurers, showing the amounts of insurance carried and the risks covered thereby, or a copy of the required insurance policies. All insurance policies described herein shall contain a provision that the same shall remain in full force and effect for a period not to exceed two (2) years after the last work under the permit has been completed and accepted by the County and shall name the County of Somerset, its Officers and employees as additional insureds.

- a. Public Liability Insurance of not less than \$500,000.00 for all damages arising out of bodily injury or death of one person, and subject to that limit for each person, a total limit of \$1,000,000.00, arising out of bodily injury or death of two or more persons in any one accident or occurrence.

Property Damage Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$500,000.00 for all damages arising out of injury or destruction of property in any one accident or occurrence and subject to that limit per accident, a total or aggregate limit of \$1,000,000.00 for all damages arising out of injury to or destruction of property during the policy period.

Automobile Liability Insurance covering the applicant for claims arising from owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 one person and \$3,000,000.00 any one accident for bodily injury and \$1,000,000.00 each accident for property damage shall be maintained in force during the life of the work under this permit.

In addition, with respect to the operation the Applicants subcontractors perform, the applicant shall carry for them and in the name of the County, regular protective liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000.00/\$1,000,000.00, and regular protective property damage liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000.00/\$1,000,000.00.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG FOR UTILITY LOCATIONS: 1-800-272-1000.