



Edinburg Residency Land Use

Clarke, Frederick, Shenandoah, & Warren Counties

Frequently Asked Questions

When do I need to contact VDOT? Any land development activity utilizing an existing or new entrance onto a VDOT roadway requires VDOT involvement. This includes all new construction as well as changes in use of existing facilities and/or subdivision of land. Additionally, anyone who plans to work or perform an activity within VDOT right-of-way must first obtain a VDOT Land Use Permit.

What is a VDOT Land Use Permit? A Land Use Permit sets forth rules individuals, localities, and other entities must follow to conduct activities other than travel on the Commonwealth's highway systems that are under VDOT jurisdiction. These include activities such as installation of utilities, construction of private and commercial entrances, landscaping, the temporary use of the right-of-way, as well as numerous other types of activities. A Land Use Permit is also required when modifications are planned for an existing entrance due to change in land use, traffic volume, or type of traffic.

Why is a VDOT Land Use Permit required? A Land Use Permit is a requirement of the General Rules & Regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (24 VAC 30-20). It ensures that all work performed in the right-of-way of any highway in the State Highway System meets VDOT standards and policies, complies with highway laws and regulations, preserves the integrity and functionality of the highway, and provides for the safety of the traveling public.

What happens if I do not obtain a VDOT Land Use Permit? If you do not obtain a Land Use Permit prior to working or performing an activity in the right-of-way, an agent of VDOT will suspend work within the right-of-way, and you will be expected to take the necessary remedial measures to comply with the General Rules & Regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (24 VAC 30-20). Violation of these rules and regulations is a misdemeanor, and if convicted, shall result in punishment as provided in section 33.1-19 in the Code of Virginia. Violators are also civilly liable to the Commonwealth of Virginia for expenses and damages incurred by VDOT.

Who can be issued a VDOT Land Use Permit? Land Use Permits may be issued to the following applicants:

- a) The owner of a facility within the highway right-of-way.
- b) The property owner for entrance permits and road frontage improvements.
- c) A person, organization, or government, authorized to assume the responsibility and liability for an approved activity within the highway right-of-way.
- d) Land Use Permits may be issued jointly to the owner of a facility, or adjacent property owner, and his contractor as agent.

Where do I apply for a VDOT Land Use Permit? Applications for a Land Use Permit may be submitted through the local VDOT office or on-line at: <http://www.virginiaidot.org/business/bu-landUsePermits.asp>

Where is my local VDOT Office?

VDOT Edinburg Residency Office
14031 Old Valley Pike
Edinburg, VA 22824

Land Use Phone #540.534.3207

Land Use Email: EdinburgLandUse@vdot.virginia.gov