

<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>C-436</b>
<b>Policy Owner:</b>	<b>Transportation Services</b>
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## Purpose

- 1 This policy defines the minimum requirements for the installation of utilities within the road right-of-way boundary of any public road under the direction, control, and management of Rocky View County (the County).



## Policy Statement

- 2 The County is committed to ensure all utilities installed within any of the County's road rights-of-way do not cause damage to any of the County's infrastructure nor impede the safe operation of the road right-of-way.
- 3 Council may exempt a road from this policy by a resolution of Council.



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- 4 Utilities must be installed within utility rights-of-way adjacent to municipal road allowances wherever possible. Utilities cannot be installed within the County's road rights-of-way.
- 5 Utilities that are proposed to be installed within or adjacent to municipal road allowances require the approval of the County prior to installation.
- 6 Where utility rights-of-way adjacent to a municipal road allowance is unattainable for utility lines of a length of 800 meters or less, the County may grant approval for the placement of such lines within the municipal road allowance, but outside the boundaries of a driving surface.

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- 7 The placement of utility lines of a length greater than 800 meters within municipal road allowances or within the boundaries of a driving surface shall require the prior approval of the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- 8 Before any utility is installed within a municipal road allowance, the utility owner must enter into an installation and indemnity agreement with the County.
- 9 The placement of a utility within a municipal road allowance must be in accordance with the County's *County Servicing Standards*, any applicable subdivision and development approval conditions, and is subject to the fee or cost structure set out in the *Master Rates Bylaw*.
- 10 Notwithstanding the above provisions, electrical and telecommunication transmission utility line owners may, with the County's approval, install their utility within a municipal road allowance without the requirement for an installation and indemnity agreement.
- 11 Utility owners must restore all ground disturbances or damage that occurs as the result of the installation and placement of the utility in municipal road allowances to pre-existing or better conditions to the satisfaction of the County.
- 12 The placement of any utility in municipal road allowances must not result in the disturbance of any driving surface or road infrastructure without the prior approval of the County.



## References

Legal Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, RSA 2000, c M-26</li> </ul>
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rocky View County <i>Master Rates Bylaw</i></li> <li>• Rocky View County <i>County Servicing Standards</i>, approved by Council resolution no. 188-13 on 2013 May 28</li> </ul>
Related Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>



## Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 November 26 – Council amended to align with current practices and new County policy standards</li> </ul>
Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 November 20 – Minor changes needed to reflect County processes and changes to County policies</li> </ul>



## Definitions

13 In this policy:

- (1) “Chief Administrative Officer” means the Chief Administrative Officer of Rocky View County as defined in the *Municipal Government Act* or their authorized delegate;
- (2) “Council” means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;
- (3) “County” means Rocky View County;
- (4) “County Serving Standards” means Rocky View County’s *County Servicing Standards*, approved by Council resolution no. 188-13, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (5) “Master Rates Bylaw” means the Rocky View County bylaw known as the *Master Rates Bylaw*, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (6) “Municipal Government Act” means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (7) “Rocky View County” means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires; and
- (8) “utility” means public or private infrastructure to provide transmission service for (but not limited to) telecommunications, power, gas, water, storm sewer or sanitary sewer.