



Land Use Permit Regulations Temporary Logging Entrances

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Land Use Permit Regulations

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Authority

The General Rules and Regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board stipulate that no work of any nature shall be performed on state maintained highway right-of-way until written permission has been obtained from VDOT.

Written permission is granted either by the issuance of a land use permit or a state-authorized contract let by VDOT.

General Permit Requirements for Logging Entrances

VDOT land use permits are required for the installation, maintenance and removal of temporary entrances and the installation of permanent entrances onto state highways for the purpose of harvesting timber.

The permit holder must maintain a copy of their land use permit at every job site and make available for inspection when requested by VDOT personnel.

The permit holder is responsible for restoring all disturbed areas within the highway right-of-way at the entrance to pre-activity conditions.

General Permit Requirements for Logging Entrances (continued)

The permit holder is responsible for keeping the highway free of excessive mud and debris that create hazardous conditions for vehicular traffic. Non-compliance may result in the issuance of a citation from the Virginia State Police or local law enforcement authority.

The staging or parking of vehicles, trailers or other related timber harvesting equipment on state maintained highway right-of-way is strictly prohibited.

Single-use Permits

Site specific single-use permits may be issued for the installation, maintenance and removal of temporary logging entrances.

Single-use permits are issued by the local VDOT permit office having jurisdiction in the requested locality.

A single-use permit is required when the following activities associated with timber harvesting activities are proposed:

- (1) Installation of a permanent entrance onto the highway.
- (2) Making permanent upgrades to an existing entrance.
- (3) Cutting highway pavement.
- (4) Land disturbance within the highway right-of-way beyond the immediate proximity of the temporary entrance.

Single-use Permit Fee & Surety Requirements

The processing fee for a VDOT single-use permit authorizing the installation, maintenance and removal of temporary logging entrances or the installation of a permanent logging entrance at a specific location is \$100 per site.

Permit applicants must provide a single performance surety in an amount to be determined by the local VDOT permit office having jurisdiction for the requested locality.

The single performance surety may be in the form of a check, cash, bank letter-of-credit or surety bond.

Single performance sureties will be refunded and/or returned upon satisfactory completion of the single-use permit that the surety is obligated to.

District-wide Permits

For the purpose of the issuance of district-wide permits a district may be all counties within the jurisdiction of a VDOT construction district or nine (9) contiguous counties that may cross multiple VDOT construction districts.

Permanent logging entrances cannot be installed under a district-wide permit.

District-wide permits are issued by the central office permit manager.

The central office permit manager may issue multi-jurisdictional district-wide permits.

District-wide Permit Terms & Conditions

The permit holder must contact the local VDOT district permit office prior to installing a temporary entrance or using an existing entrance for timber harvesting activities.

The permit holder must contact the local VDOT district permit office for final inspection upon completion of timber harvesting activities and removal of the temporary entrance.

District-wide Permit Fee & Surety Requirements

The 2-year fee for a VDOT district-wide permit for temporary logging entrances is \$750 per district.

Permit holders must maintain a continuous surety in the amount of \$10,000 per district covered by their permit.

The continuous surety may be in the form of a check, cash or surety bond.

Continuous sureties must remain in full force as long as the district-wide permit remains active.

Authorized Hours & Workdays

Normal hours for work under the authority of a VDOT land use permit are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for all highways classified as arterial or collector.

All highways classified as local roads will have un-restricted work hours and days.

The classifications for all state highways can be found at:
http://www.virginia.org/projects/fxn_class/maps.asp

Holiday Restrictions

Activities authorized under a VDOT land use permit will not be allowed on highways classified as arterial and collector from noon on the preceding weekday through the following state observed holidays:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

If the observed holiday falls on a Monday, the permit will not be valid from noon on the preceding Friday through noon on Tuesday.

Traffic Control & Safety

Care should be taken when establishing the location of temporary logging entrances to insure the maximum possible sight distance for approaching traffic.

All signage, flag persons and other devices necessary to provide for the protection of traffic and workers shall be in accordance with the Virginia Work Area Protection Manual.

All signs shall be in accordance with the current Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

VDOT certified flaggers must be provided in sufficient numbers and locations when circumstances require the disruption of traffic flow.

All flaggers must have their certification card in their possession when performing flagging operations on state highways.

Traffic Control & Safety (continued)

Information on VDOT's flagger certification training program can be found at:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/trafficeng-WZS.asp>

Advance warning signage must be utilized in accordance with Typical Traffic Control (TTC) layout TTC-63.0 of the Virginia Work Area Protection Manual.

Signs should be spaced 500 feet - 800 feet from the entrance where the posted speed limit is greater than 45 MPH and 350 feet - 500 feet from the entrance where the posted speed limit is 45 MPH or less.

Detailed information on the TTC-63.0 layout can be found at:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/trafficeng-WZS.asp>

District-wide Permit Revocation

A district-wide permit may be revoked for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days for violating the permit terms and conditions, and/or any other regulatory requirements.

The permit holder must obtain single-use permits from the local VDOT district permit office to continue performing timber harvesting activities during the revocation period.

The permit holder will be responsible for all expenses and/or damages incurred by VDOT as a result of violation of the permit terms and conditions, and/or any other regulatory requirements.

Repeated violations may result in a permanent denial of the right to install temporary entrances and/or use existing entrances on state highways for the purpose of harvesting timber.

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