

CHAPTER 37

UTILITY LINE INSTALLATIONS

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37.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to adopt provisions for the inspection and regulation of utility line installation, including the issuance of permits and the collection of inspection fees and to provide penalties for the violation of this chapter in order to protect public safety, health and welfare.

37.02 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. “Applicant” includes a person, company, corporation or government entity desirous of placing a utility line on or under the County’s secondary road system.
2. “Utility line” refers to a telecommunications, electric, gas, water or sewer line.

37.03 POWERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. An applicant shall not place a utility line on or under the secondary road system without a utility permit issued by the Board of Supervisors. An applicant shall not place a utility line on or under the secondary road system which violates a utility permit issued by the Board of Supervisors. All jurisdiction and control over the issuance of a utility permit shall rest with the Board of Supervisors.

37.04 COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADMINISTER. The County Engineer may make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this chapter, as are necessary to carry out the administration of this chapter. The utility permit form, fees and all amendments thereto, shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors by resolution.

37.05 AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH. The Board of Supervisors is empowered to establish and require a utility permit under the authority of State Code Chapters 306, 319, 320, 331, 477, 478, 479, 479A and 480.

37.06 COUNTY INFRACTION. Violation of this chapter is a County infraction under Section 331.307 of the Code of Iowa, punishable by a civil penalty. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist by the applicant constitutes a separate offense.