ORDINANCE O-02-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING ROADS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ANY AND ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") desires to amend Chapter 26 – Roads & Rights-of-Way of the Code of Walker County to provide from additional guidelines concerning right of way encroachment of roads for County maintenance;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board that Chapter 26 – Roads & Rights-of-Way of the Code of Walker County, Georgia is amended to include the following:

1.

ARTICLE II. STREET SPECIFICATIONS; Sec. 26-33. - Cutting, excavating and trenching.

(l) The *Walker County Road Department Right-of-Way Encroachment Policy, Standards, and Guidelines* supplement is hereby adopted by reference as if set forth in its entirety. The following minimum standards include any attachments, future editions, indexes, supplements and amendments adopted by Walker County.

(m) The provisions thereof shall be controlling within the unincorporated limits of Walker County.

2.

This ordinance is effective immediately upon its adoption.

3.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

4.

If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

5.

In the event that a scrivener's error(s) shall be discovered in the amendment language after the adoption hereof, the Board hereby authorizes and directs that each scrivener's error shall be corrected without additional Board action.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

_____

Lisa Richardson, County Clerk

_____

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman

(SEAL)

The foregoing Ordinance received a motion for approval from Commissioner _____, second by Commissioner _____, and upon the question the vote is _____ ayes, _____ nays to adopt the Ordinance.

Right-of-Way Encroachment Policy, Standards, and Guidelines

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I. Title

This Document will be known as the Walker County Road Department Right-of-Way Encroachment Policy, Standards, and Guidelines. This policy implements and supplements Chapter 26 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia. It does not repeal, replace, or amend Chapter 26. If this Policy conflicts with Chapter 26, Chapter 26 controls.

II. Definitions

Active Project
A utility activity that has been permitted that is with the time period from the "Beginning of Work" until "Final Acceptance".

Applicant
The individual or the agency he/she represents, that has complied and signed the Application and Permit for Utility Facility Encroachment Form.

Application and Permit for Utility Facility Encroachment
A form provided by Walker County Road Department that is to be filled out by the "Applicant". Upon such time, when the County Designee signs the application, the application shall serve as the Permit.

As-Built Plans
Certified Record of Drawings by the Utility Owner/Operator which depicts the actual location of a utility facility after construction.

Beginning of Work
The initial activity as part of an approved permit, as determined by the County Designee.

County Designee
The County Road Superintendent, or an individual designated and authorized by Walker County to assist the County Road Superintendent in administering, interpreting, implementing, and enforcing this Right-of-Way Encroachment Policy, Standards, and Guidelines. The County Designee may be a County employee, consultant, engineer, or other individual authorized by Walker County to act on its behalf but may not exercise authority that Chapter 26 reserves to the County Road Superintendent or the Board of Commissioners.

Final Acceptance
The written acceptance by the County Designee of the completed permitted work and associated Right-of-Way restoration after all required inspections, documentation, corrective work, and closeout requirements have been completed.

G.A.B.
Graded Aggregate Base per Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specification Section 815.

Permit
The approved Right-of-Way Encroachment application form that is signed by the County Designee and issued as a permit under this Policy, subject to all additional authorizations and approvals required by Chapter 26 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia.

Right-of-Way (ROW)
The "right-of-way" means any real property, or interest therein, acquired, dedicated, or reserved for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a highway or a street.

Street or Highway
The street or highway has the same meaning as "Public Right-of-Way" as provided in O.C.G.A. § 36-76-2(12) at the time of adoption of the latest ROW encroachment guidelines, i.e., "the area in, on, along, over, or under the public roads that are part of the municipal or county road system or the state highway system."

Proof Roll
Subgrade compaction test that requires using a fully loaded tandem axle dump truck (or other

construction equipment approved by the County Designee to test subgrade) to ensure there is no pumping.

Substantial Completion
The stage of construction at which the permitted utility installation and associated Right-of-Way restoration are sufficiently complete for the intended use, with only minor corrective work or closeout items remaining as determined by the County Designee.

Utility Activity
Any activity conducted on a site that is in conjunction with an approved permit. This can include utility locating, utility and utility facility installation or maintenance, Small Cell and Small Cell Facility installation or maintenance, Cable System installation or maintenance, traffic control, erosion control, etc.

Utility Company
Any entity installing a utility facility. This shall include all subcontractors performing work for the Utility Company.

Utility Facility
Any privately, publicly, or cooperatively owned line, facility, or system for producing, transmitting, or distributing communications, power, electricity, light, heat, gas, oil, crude products, water, steam, underground or submerged conductor, pipe, or structure used or installed for use in providing electric or communications service or in carrying, providing, or gathering gas, oil or oil products, sewage, waste-water, storm drainage not connected with highway drainage, or water or other liquids or any other similar commodity, including any fire or police signal system or street lighting system, which directly or indirectly serves the public.

Warranty
The period of time from the acceptance of the completed permitted work to the life of utility facility.

Workday
This shall include any day, Monday through Friday, excluding Walker County Government holidays, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

III. Exceptions

This Policy shall apply to any encroachment within Walker County, Georgia Right-of-Way undertaken by any person subject to Chapter 26 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia. The exceptions listed below apply only to the additional administrative and technical requirements of this Policy and do not waive any permit, written authorization, or other approval required by Chapter 26:

A. Projects operating with an approved Site Plan, provided that site plan has also been reviewed and approved by the County Designee. This does not include projects operating with an approved Grading Permit.

B. Short Side taps within an approved Subdivision Development.

C. Individual residential taps that do not require crossing or encroaching the roadway. (Multiple residential taps on the same street will require a Permit.)

D. Individual aerial service taps.

IV. Requirements

To facilitate new installation or construction of fiber and/or conduit for future fiber use within Walker County public Right-of-Way that exceeds 5280 LF consult with the County Designee prior to application submittal.

No encroachment, or excavation, or utility installation or maintenance shall begin within any public

Right-of-Way (street, road, alley, lane, or other public thoroughfare) of Walker County, Georgia until all permits, written authorizations, and approvals required by Chapter 26 have been obtained and the following requirements have been met:

A. Financial Security Proof

The Applicant must provide proof of financial security for three thousand dollars ($3,000) for one (1) to three (3) active projects, five thousand dollars ($5,000) for four (4) to five (5) active projects, and ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for six (6) or more active projects as approved by the County Designee. An "Active Project" is defined as one that is within the time period from the beginning of work until the final acceptance by the Walker County Road Department. The "Beginning of Work" is defined as the initial activity on the site as approved by the County Designee. The warranty period begins after the final acceptance of the permitted work.
The following three forms of Financial Security are acceptable:

1. **Letter of Escrow**: A Letter of Escrow from a chartered state or national bank or savings and loan institution, which confirms an escrow deposit by the contractor or applicant designating the Walker County Road Department as the obligee.

2. **Letter of Credit**: A Letter of Credit from a chartered state or national bank or savings and loan institution, which designates the Walker County Road Department as the obligee.

3. **Permit Bond**: A Permit Bond from an authorized bonding agency, which designates the Walker County Road Department as the obligee. The bond shall have a continuous beginning date, and only the County Designee can release the bond.

B. Insurance and Indemnification

Prior to issuance of a permit, the Applicant shall maintain insurance coverage in amounts acceptable to Walker County and shall provide proof of such coverage upon request.

The Applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Walker County, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, or expenses arising out of or resulting from the permitted work.

C. Submittal Package Approval

1. Application and Permit for Utility Facility Encroachment

This form is provided by the Walker County Road Department. Contact Walker County Road Department to get the latest copy of the form or online form web locator. Walker County Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit shall be completed by the applicant in full including subcontractor information and all associated construction documents per Walker County ROW Encroachment guidelines. The form shall be returned to Walker County Road Department for review and approval. The application is not valid until signed by the County Designee, at which time the application form will serve as the permit. Approval remains subject to the authority and approval procedures in Chapter 26, including the County Road Superintendent's authority under Section 26-33 and, when applicable, specific written authorization from the Board of Commissioners under Section 26-4.

2. Plans

Two sets of plans shall be submitted to the Walker County Road Department providing the details regarding the proposed utility installation and/or repair. The plans shall be drawn to scale no greater than 1" = 100, in Georgia State Plane Coordinate System NAD 83 Eastern Coordinate System (Horizontal), NAVD 88 (Vertical) by a professional experienced in such plan preparation or under such professional supervision, or all plans shall be drawn to show centerline stations with reference tied to a field verifiable specific location. Centerline station number shall be relative to the centerline which will be linear only. Include the distance (in feet) and direction from the start of your proposal/project to the centerline of the nearest intersection.

The plans shall show the type, location, depth, length etc. of the proposed activities and the plans shall include an aerial view and side profile for the length of the project. The location of existing utilities, manhole covers, valve covers, references in relation to edges of pavement and/or back of curbs, dimensions, Right-of-Way, etc. shall be clearly

identified on the plans. The plans shall also include any proposed road jack or bore locations and details and any proposed traffic flow alterations such as lane closures or detours. For new poles, the plans should include the bury depth/foundation design and detailed prints (showing dimensions, weight and noting attachment method), and the pole shall aesthetically complement the surrounding land uses and surrounding environment. Approval of the application does not grant approval of the proposed traffic flow alteration. That approval process is discussed in "Section V - A. Request for Traffic Flow Alteration" of this document.

3. Verification of Financial Securities

Verification of financial security in an adequate amount based on the number of active projects per Section IV - A - "Financial Security Proof" shall be provided with each application. If this is an initial submission for an encroachment, the person signing the security and the Utility application shall be the same.

D. Permit Validation

1. Following submission of the Submittal Package as described herein, the County Road Superintendent acting directly or through a County Designee, shall, without unreasonable delay and with thirty (30) working days, approve with conditions, or disapprove the package. Upon disapproval, the applicant may present the matter to the Board of Commissioners as provided in Section 26-33(c).

2. The permit shall be on site at all times in a weather protected, legible state. Failure to produce the permit shall be cause for an immediate stop work order. All related special requirements as outlined on the back of the permit shall be followed at all times. All work must start and be completed as specified in the associated approved, issued permit.

3. Unless otherwise approved by the County Designee, a permit shall expire one hundred eighty (180) days after permit application for Design Build and thirty (30) days for Emergency Repair, Taps and Connections. Permits for active projects may be extended upon written request submitted prior to expiration. Approval of an extension shall be at the discretion of the County Designee.

4. Issuance of a permit under this Policy authorizes the Applicant to perform the approved work within the public Right-of-Way in accordance with the approved plans and permit conditions. Issuance of a permit does not grant or convey any property right, easement, ownership interest, or exclusive right to occupy the public Right-of-Way. Where Section 26-4 applies, issuance of a permit under this Policy does not constitute the specific written authorization of the Board of Commissioners required by that section. Nothing herein shall limit Walker County's authority to regulate the use of its public Right-of-Way in accordance with applicable law.

V. Notification

A. Request for Traffic Flow Alteration

1. Detours and Road Closures

A request for a detour shall be submitted, in writing, to the County Designee. Upon the determination by the Road Department that a detour is required and no viable alternative is available, the County Designee shall receive a detailed Traffic Control/Detour Plan two (2) weeks prior to the expected date the detour is to begin. Written approval by the Road Department will be required prior to implementing any detour. After approval, public notification, including the issuance of a press release, regarding the detour will be handled by Walker County Government.

2. Lane Closures

Approval for all lane closures shall be obtained from the County Designee. Lane closure requests shall be received by the County Designee a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours in

advance of the expected date and time of the lane closure. Any required public notification, including the issuance of a press releases, would be determined and handled by Walker County Government. In emergency or routine maintenance situations requiring short durations, as defined in the MUTCD, a notification will not be necessary. However, whenever practical, Walker County Road Department should be notified.

B. Work Commencement Notification

Prior to commencing field work, the permit shall be reviewed in the field. The Utility shall contact Walker County Road Department at least 24 hours before starting any work and schedule a field meeting. Such contact shall be made during the Workday. Please be advised scheduled appointments will be made according to the County Designee's schedule. The Road Department may waive this field visit requirement on case-by-case basis.

C. Work Inspection Notification

Walker County Road Department shall be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of any permitted activity. A minimum of one (1) hour advance notice during the Workday shall be given by the applicant prior to beginning any backfill operation or any concrete or asphalt placement in any County roadway or in conjunction with any activity that by improperly backfilling could cause a public safety hazard or create a maintenance problem. Any backfill accomplished without this minimum one (1) hour advance notice shall be removed in its entirety. The applicant must obtain permission from the County before placing concrete or asphalt. This notification process does not prohibit the applicant from backfilling or placing asphalt or concrete if the County has been properly notified and is not on site within one hour.

D. Intermittent Notification Requirement

Anytime that the permitted work is to be suspended for more than three (3) working days, the applicant shall contact Walker County Road Department a minimum of one (1) working day prior to the suspension. The applicant shall contact Walker County Road Department a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to beginning any roadway jack and/or bore activities. This includes excavating the jack or bore pit.

E. Completion of Work

The applicant shall notify the Walker County Road Department as soon as practical after completion of permitted work, which shall be no more than one (1) working day. Walker County Road Department shall have up to three (3) working days after notification of completion to inspect the completed work. Upon acceptance of impacted ROW restoration work, the warranty period will commence to ensure no defects arise over time at or around the restored ROW section.

F. Outside of Normal Workday Hours

The cost of inspection by the Walker County Road Department before or after Workday hours shall be paid for by the applicant requiring the inspection at a rate of 1-1/2 times the regular salary per hour of the County Designee plus 7.65% for the employer's FICA/Medicare match. Approval of the inspection outside of normal working hours shall be obtained from the County Designee forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Prior to the commencement of work requiring inspection outside of Workday hours, the applicant shall sign a form which is furnished by Walker County Road Department agreeing to pay the overtime. Walker County Road Department will bill the Contractor for payment.

G. Damage to Property of Others

Any damage to County Right-of-Way, existing utilities, existing storm drainage systems, private property, etc., which occur while working on an active project shall be reported to Walker County Road Department immediately. The applicant is responsible for the repair of any such damage.

H. Traffic Engineering Notification

The Applicant shall obtain a valid Georgia 811 locate request and contact the Walker County Road Department before beginning excavation.

I. Notification of Property Owners

Prior to commencement of construction activities or equipment mobilization, property owners or residents in vicinity of work zone, shall be notified of all work that is being done in the ROW by the

Utility Company. All property owners should be given the information of the Utility Company the work is being done for, the contact information for the Project Manager over the permitted work and expected timeframe for which the work should be completed.

J. Stop Work Authority

The County Designee may issue a Stop Work Order whenever work is being performed in violation of the permit, these standards, approved plans, or when conditions are determined to present a hazard to the traveling public, County infrastructure, adjacent property, or utility facilities. Work shall not resume until the deficiencies have been corrected and authorization has been provided by the County Designee.

VI. Construction

A. Traffic Control

When any provisions of this section of this article do not meet the minimum requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Current Edition, or the Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specifications and Supplemental Specifications "Section 150- Traffic Control", the MUTCD shall control.

All work within public Right-of-Way requires traffic control measures. Right-of-Way includes, but is not limited to, all streets, roads, alleys, lanes, other public thoroughfares, shoulders, easements, etc. No work shall begin within County Right-of-Way until the appropriate traffic control devices have been placed in accordance with the minimum requirements. Alterations to traffic flow shall not commence unless all notification requirements are met and all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to make the alterations are available on the site.

There shall be one designated Contractor's representative capable of, and charged with, the responsibility for traffic control on the site. This individual’s traffic control responsibilities shall have priority over all other assigned duties and responsibilities.

The applicant shall have a current edition copy of "Part VI. Temporary Traffic Control", of the MUTCD on the job site at all times.

When flaggers are required, the flaggers shall be state certified, and the flaggers must have the State Certification Card on site at all times. Failure to produce the State Certification Card will result in an immediate stop work order until a state certified flagger with an up-to-date State Certification Card can be designated to replace the uncertified flagger.

B. Verification of Field Conditions

1. It is the Utility Company's representative or the applicant’s responsibility for locating and maintaining any existing utilities, and any cost associated with the relocation of existing utilities shall be at the expense of the Utility Company and/or the applicant. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify the limits of Right-of-Way and location of existing utilities. Prior to commencing work, the Applicant shall document the existing condition of pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveways, drainage structures, and other improvements that may be affected by the permitted work. Such documentation may include photographs, video recordings, or other methods acceptable to the County Designee.

2. If existing utilities, structures, or field conditions are encountered that differ materially from the approved plans or interfere with the proposed installation, the Applicant shall immediately notify the Road Department. Work within the affected area shall not proceed until the conflict has been evaluated and an acceptable resolution has been approved by the County Designee.

C. Roadway Preservation

To preserve the service life of recently constructed or resurfaced roadways, pavement cuts within asphalt or concrete roadways that have been resurfaced, reconstructed, or newly constructed within the previous five (5) years shall be prohibited unless approved by the County Designee.

Exceptions may be granted for emergency utility repairs, public safety concerns, or when no practical alternative exists. The Road Department may require alternate installation methods or may

require additional restoration measures beyond the minimum requirements contained herein. Any required alternate installation methods or additional restoration measures shall be determined at the discretion of the County Designee.

D. Digital As-Built Record Drawings

Certified as-built record drawings are required by the County, and shall be submitted within two (2) weeks after substantial completion of the utility installation. Record drawings shall include, at a minimum, a PDF copy and a CAD drawing prepared in Georgia State Plane Coordinates (NAD83) with elevations referenced to Vertical Datum NAVD88 where applicable.

E. Road Cuts/Sidewalk Repairs

All road cut excavations shall conform to the Walker County Road Department Utility Road Cut Details, found in Appendix A. In addition, all County property distributed by permitted work shall be restored immediately upon completion to the same or as good a condition as existed before the work, as required by Section 26-33(b). This detail supersedes the Georgia Department of Transportation Standard 1401- "Pavement Patching Detail".

1. Backfill

All backfill shall be compacted in lifts no more than eight (8) inches, loose measure, and spread and compacted uniformly. Small mechanical compactors shall be used in areas such as along sides of pipes and around manholes. In all cases the backfill shall be compacted to 95% of the maximum laboratory dry density per modified proctor to within the top twelve (12) inches of the subgrade. The top twelve (12) inches of the backfill shall be compacted to at least 100% of the maximum laboratory dry density per modified proctor. Site specific condition may warrant alternate depth and compaction requirements. Large horizontal trench excavation greater than five (5) feet shall be submitted to proof rolling using a loaded tandem dump truck. The top of subgrade is that elevation located immediately beneath all base and paving materials. The maximum laboratory dry density shall be determined from the Modified Proctor Test. A mechanical compactor and qualified operator shall be on site prior to beginning any excavations. The mechanical compactor shall remain on site at all times during the backfilling operation. Backfilling with sand, using jetting and/or flooding to achieve compaction must be approved by the County Designee.

2. Inspection and Material Testing Documentation

The Applicant shall provide documentation supporting the quality of construction and materials used for roadway restoration when requested by the County Designee. Such documentation may include, but shall not be limited to, compaction test reports, proof-roll documentation, asphalt delivery tickets, concrete batch tickets, material certifications, and other quality control records applicable to the permitted work.

The County Designee may require such documentation at any time during construction or prior to final acceptance of the permitted work. Failure to provide requested documentation may result in suspension of work, rejection of the associated work, withholding of final acceptance, or other corrective actions deemed necessary by the County Designee.

3. Base Reconstruction

This includes the reconstruction of the utility trench to an elevation two (2) inches below the existing finish grade of the roadway. After the approved completion of base reconstruction, the asphalt patch shall be placed in accordance with Section VI. 3c below.

a. G.A.B. and Binder

This base reconstruction method may be allowed at the discretion of the County Designee, and it will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The minimum requirements shall be a roadway cut of at least six (6) feet in width and procedures available to utilize compaction equipment to adequately construct the subbase and base. The subbase material is to be prepared to an elevation of fourteen (14) inches below the existing finish grade of the roadway. Eight (8) inches of G.A.B. after compaction is to be placed to an elevation six (6) inches below the existing finish grade of the roadway. Four (4) inches of 25 mm or 19.5 mm Base/Binder after compaction is to be placed to an elevation two (2) inches below the existing finish grade of the roadway. Asphalt milling may be required as directed by the

County Designee.

b. Asphalt Patch

All edges of the existing asphalt shall be sawed vertically to provide a clean, neat surface. Prior to placing the asphalt patch, the edges of the existing asphalt shall be tacked in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, Current Edition, and “Section 413 - Bituminous Tack Coat". The minimum thickness of the 12.5mm or 9.5 mm asphalt shall be two (2) inches after compaction. Unless otherwise directed by the County Designee, a mechanical spreader shall be used to place the asphalt for a permanent patch. After placement of the asphalt and after proper rolling, the final grade of the asphalt patch shall match the existing grade of the surrounding pavement (Asphalt milling may be required). Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete is required for permanent patches per Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, Current Edition, and “Section 400-Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Construction.” Cold Mix Asphaltic Concrete will be allowed for temporary patches per Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, Current Edition, "Section 401 - Cold Mix for Patching" at the discretion of the County Designee.

c. Asphalt Overlay/Inlay

All utility road cuts require an asphalt overlay. The minimum width shall be one full lane width. The minimum length is fifty feet (20), which is a minimum twenty-five (10) feet on each side of the center of the utility cut. In certain unique circumstances the County Designee may decrease the minimum fifty (20) feet length. The minimum thickness of the 12.5mm or 9.5mm overlay shall be two (2) inches after compaction. Overlay for diagonal and longitudinal cuts shall begin and end a minimum of ten (10) feet beyond the cut extremities. Asphalt milling may be required to provide a smooth transition. Refer to the applicable "Asphalt Overlay Detail". All asphaltic concrete shall be in accordance with Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, Current Edition, and Section 400 - Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Construction.

d. Concrete Repairs

Concrete pavement, sidewalk, curb, gutter, or other concrete improvements damaged by the permitted work shall be removed and replaced from permanent joint to permanent joint. Partial replacement of an individual concrete panel shall not be permitted.

4. Pavement Marking Restoration

Any pavement markings disturbed, removed, damaged, or obscured by permitted work shall be restored by the Applicant to existing or current applicable MUTCD standards. Restoration shall include, but not be limited to, traffic stripes, stop bars, crosswalk markings, symbols, legends, raised pavement markers, thermoplastic markings, and other traffic control pavement markings.

All restoration shall be completed prior to final acceptance unless otherwise approved by the County Designee.

F. Abandoned Utility Facilities

Utility facilities abandoned within the public Right-of-Way shall be removed whenever practical as determined by the County Designee. When removal is not practical, the County Designee may require facilities to be capped, plugged, grouted, filled, or otherwise abandoned in place using methods approved by the County. The location of all abandoned facilities shall be accurately documented on the final record drawings.

G. Trenchless Construction / Directional Boring

No pavement will be cut for utility installation or repair unless authorized by the County Designee.

1. No jacks or bores are to be made in or near roadways using any type of directional boring equipment or methods unless the contractor and the method have been approved by the County Designee.

2. Jacks or bores under the roadways where the diameter of the bore is greater than two (2) inches

of the the utility being installed will require casings or conduits. The outside diameter of the casings or conduits shall be no more than two (2) inches smaller than the diameter of the borehole. Casing material requires the approval of the County Designee.

3. Any bore crossing sanitary sewer main or storm water utility shall be videoed before and after to ensure the utility was not damaged during construction.

4. Road jacks or bores shall have a minimum cover of forty-eight (48) inches. Road jack and/or bore details and locations shall be shown on the plans that are submitted with the permit request.

5. Jack or bore entrance and exit pits and setbacks are to be a minimum of three (3) feet from the edge of road or the back of curb. Distance will increase with depth.

6. All contaminated water shall be contained on site during construction and then removed from the site after the utility installation. Some type of vacuum system or other type of cleanup system is to be used when the directional bore method is utilized. There shall be no discharge of any contaminated water from the jack or bore operation into the municipal separate storm water system per Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control manual (Blue Book).

7. New utility facilities shall maintain adequate horizontal and vertical separation from existing utilities to provide safe operation, future maintenance, and protection of adjacent infrastructure. Where minimum separations cannot reasonably be achieved, the Applicant shall submit an alternate installation method for approval by the County Designee prior to construction. Approval of reduced separations shall not relieve the Applicant of responsibility for conflicts resulting from the installation.

8. The installation shall include a locatable conduit system, with identification markers on each public right-of-way line.

9. The Utility shall continuously monitor the location and alignment of the pilot drill progress to ensure compliance with proposed installation alignment and to verify depth of the bore. Monitoring shall be accomplished by computer generated bore logs, which map the bore path based on information provided by the locating tracking system. Readings or plots shall be obtained on every drill rod, and shall be provided to the County Designee on a daily basis.

H. Poles/Structures Protection

New pole installation shall include the proposed location and bury depth. Permit application for any installation which will involve construction activity within 10 feet of structures or walls shall be submitted to the Walker County Road Department for review and recommendation. If recommended, the permit must have the approval of the Road Department. After pole installation, the contractor shall field-verify and provide the Road Department the final GA Coordinates.

I. Blasting

Requests to use explosives within the Right-of-Way shall be submitted to the County Designee in writing. The County Designee may require Pre-Blast Surveys and Seismographic Monitoring. A blast plan per The Georgia Blasting Standards Act shall accompany the request. The approval to use explosives will be determined by the County Designee. However, approval to use explosives does not relieve the applicant from all liability associated with the use of explosives. The use of explosives shall comply with the "Georgia Blasting Standards Act" current edition and Georgia Department of Transportation Specification Section 107.12 Use of Explosives.

J. Stream Crossing

All utility installations requiring stream crossings shall be properly permitted by The Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Environmental Protection Division and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. All undisturbed buffer zones of State Waters and Wetland Encroachments shall be identified, and compliance shall be the responsibility of the applicant. All applications requesting a stream crossing shall be accompanied by a plan that identifies wetlands, the 100-year Flood Plain and the 25-foot Undisturbed Buffer Zone. Open cutting within streams will be assessed

on a case-by-case basis.

When the directional bore method is utilized, as a minimum the following shall apply:

1. All equipment, materials, etc. shall be located outside the limits of the 100-year Flood Plain at the conclusion of each working day.

2. The entrance and exit bore pits shall be located outside the 25-foot undisturbed buffer zone. This zone is defined in the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control manual (Blue Book).

3. The depth of the top of the utility shall be a minimum of five (5) feet below the streambed for the entire width of the channel. The stream bed can be determined by probing any deposited material until refusal with a hand probe.

K. Erosion and Sediment Control

The Applicant shall install, maintain, modify, and remove erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs) as necessary to prevent sediment from leaving the construction site.

All erosion and sediment control measures shall comply with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia (Blue Book), current edition. Roadways shall be maintained free of sediment and construction debris at all times. Disturbed areas shall be permanently stabilized immediately following completion of construction activities.

L. Utility Corridors

All utilities, including water and sewer, shall install their respective utility facility, not within the 5' easement outside of Right-of-Way reserved for the Walker County Road Department, and in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Whenever possible, water mains shall be installed on the North or East Side, and gas mains shall be installed on the opposite side from the water mains.

2. In subdivisions where a ditch section is utilized, a coordination meeting may be necessary to clarify the utility corridor.

3. A tolerance of six (6) inches horizontally from either side will be readily accepted. This tolerance will only apply to movement within the Walker County Right-of-Way. This tolerance will not be given if the 5' Utility Easement reserved of the Walker County Road Department is encroached upon. However, the vertical tolerance will only allow the utility to be installed deeper than the above-designated depth. The depth is measured to the top of the facility.

4. If a utility has to encroach on any other utility, a coordination meeting with the involved utility companies and the County Designee is required.

5. References can be made to the respective "Utility Corridor Detail".

6. 50 feet Utility Corridor: The width of the utility corridor is 9'-6" from the back of curb or the edge of pavement to the back of Right-of-Way.

   The following depths and distances from the back of curb or edge of pavement shall be adhered to:

Utility	Depth	Distance
CATV	1'-6"	2'-6"
GAS	3'-0"	4'-4" (Opposite side of Water)
PHONE	2'-0"	6'-2"
POWER	3'-0"	8'-0"
WATER	4'-0"	4'-4" (Opposite side of Gas)

7. 60 feet Utility Corridor: The width of the utility corridor is 14’-6" from the back of curb or the edge of pavement to the Right-of-Way.

   The following depths and distances from the back of curb or edge of pavement shall be adhered to:

Utility	Depth	Distance
SHOULDER	N/A	2’-0”
SIDEWALK (If required)	N/A	5’-0”
CATV	1’-6”	8’-0”
GAS	3’-0”	10’-0” (Opposite side of Water)
PHONE	2’-0”	12’-0”
POWER	3’-0”	13’-0”
WATER	4’-0”	4’-0” (Opposite side of Gas)

8. 80 feet Utility Corridor: The width of the utility corridor is 28’ from the back of curb or the edge of pavement to the back of the Right-of-Way.

   The following depths and distances from the back of curb or edge of pavement shall be adhered to:

Utility	Depth	Distance
SHOULDER	N/A	6’-0”
CATV	1’-6”	17’-6”
GAS	3’-0”	20’-6” (Opposite side of Water)
PHONE	2’-0”	23’-6”
POWER	3’-0”	26’-6”
WATER	4’-0”	17’-6” (Opposite side of Gas)

M. General Information

1. At no time shall material be placed in curb or gutter lines. Material may be placed on roadways only when an approved lane closure is in place, and the material shall be removed in its entirety at the end of the working day and prior to removing the lane closure. This includes, but is not limited to, excavated soil or construction materials.

2. Every effort to prevent damage to asphalt, concrete, or soil surfaces by equipment outriggers, buckets, tracks, tires, etc. and/or associated equipment fluids such as diesel fuel or hydraulic fluid shall be made at all times. The repair of this damage is the responsibility of the applicant.

3. The maximum length of an open trench is 150 linear feet unless approved by the County Designee. All pits, trenches, or cuts that when left un-backfilled create a safety hazard shall be backfilled daily. Temporary backfilling procedures for safety reasons will be considered at the discretion of the County Designee. Steel plating of roadway trenches will be considered at the discretion of the County Designee.

4. The Utility Protection Center (UPC) Georgia State Dig Law, commonly referred to as the "Georgia One Call System" shall be adhered to at all times.

5. Grassing, mulching and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) for the control of erosion and sediment shall be done in accordance with the "Manual for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control in Georgia", Current Edition.

6. Utility installation within longitudinal drainage ditch lines shall not be allowed unless approved by the County Designee. If approved, a minimum cover of forty-eight (48) inches below the lowest point of the drainage ditch line will be required. Sanitary sewer line depths will be dictated by design requirements.

7. In wet areas where excavations for utility installations are conducted, Type II Foundation Backfill Material (#57 Stone) will be required as directed by the County Designee.

8. All backfill in trench construction shall be compacted in lifts no more than eight (8) inches, loose measured, spread and compacted uniformly. The backfill shall be compacted to 95% of the Maximum Laboratory Dry Density of the existing soil. The Maximum Laboratory Dry Density shall be determined from the Modified Proctor Test. Compaction efforts shall be conducted by mechanical means. A mechanical compactor and qualified operator shall be on site prior to beginning any excavations. The mechanical compactor shall remain on site at all times during the backfilling operation.

9. All trenches and backfilled material shall be left in a condition such that surface runoff water will adequately drain and not collect.

10. Plowing to install utilities will be allowed but must be approved by the County Designee.

11. Whenever applicable and possible, joint trenches to install utilities are recommended.

12. A representative from any utility company within an approved subdivision shall be at the designated preconstruction conference.

VII. Warranty

The Utility Company and/or applicant shall agree to a warranty period, which commences at the acceptance of the permitted work. Warranty runs with life of the facility. During the warranty period the Utility Company and/or applicant is responsible for correcting any deficiencies, which are related to soil erosion control, backfill settlement, structure and mechanical failures, etc. Upon notification of a deficiency requiring correction, the Utility Company and/or applicant shall have thirty (30) calendar days to correct the deficiency unless approved by the County Designee. Any deficiency creating a public safety hazard shall be corrected immediately.

In the event that the Utility Company and/or applicant fails to repair the deficiency in the designated time frame, the Utility Company and/or applicant shall agree to be responsible to the Walker County Road Department for payment in full of the costs associated with repairing the deficiency, plus ten percent (10%) where provided by Section 26-33. Remedies may include, to the extent authorized by Chapter 26 and applicable law, the forfeiture of any previously approved financial securities and denial of permits.

VIII. Failure to Complete Work

In the event the Utility Company and/or applicant fails to complete the permitted work in a satisfactory manner, the Utility Company and/or applicant shall agree to be responsible to the Walker County Road Department for payment of the costs associated with completing or repairing the deficiency, plus ten percent (10%) where provided by Section 26-33. Remedies may include, to the extent authorized by Chapter 26 and applicable law, the forfeiture of any previously approved financial securities and denial of permits.

IX. Emergency Permits

Applications for emergency permits shall be submitted to the County in writing, including through the online application system, and a County permit shall be obtained before cutting, excavating, or trenching County property, as required by Section 26-33(a) and (c). The Utility Company and/or applicant may contact the County Designee by telephone to request expedited review. All requirements contained herein shall apply to emergency permits as deemed feasible by the County Road Superintendent or County Designee.

X. Article Update

These guidelines are to be reviewed internally on a yearly basis by the Walker County Road Department. Any proposed change shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for appropriate action, must remain consistent with Chapter 26, and shall not repeal, replace, or amend the Code.

XI. Appendix

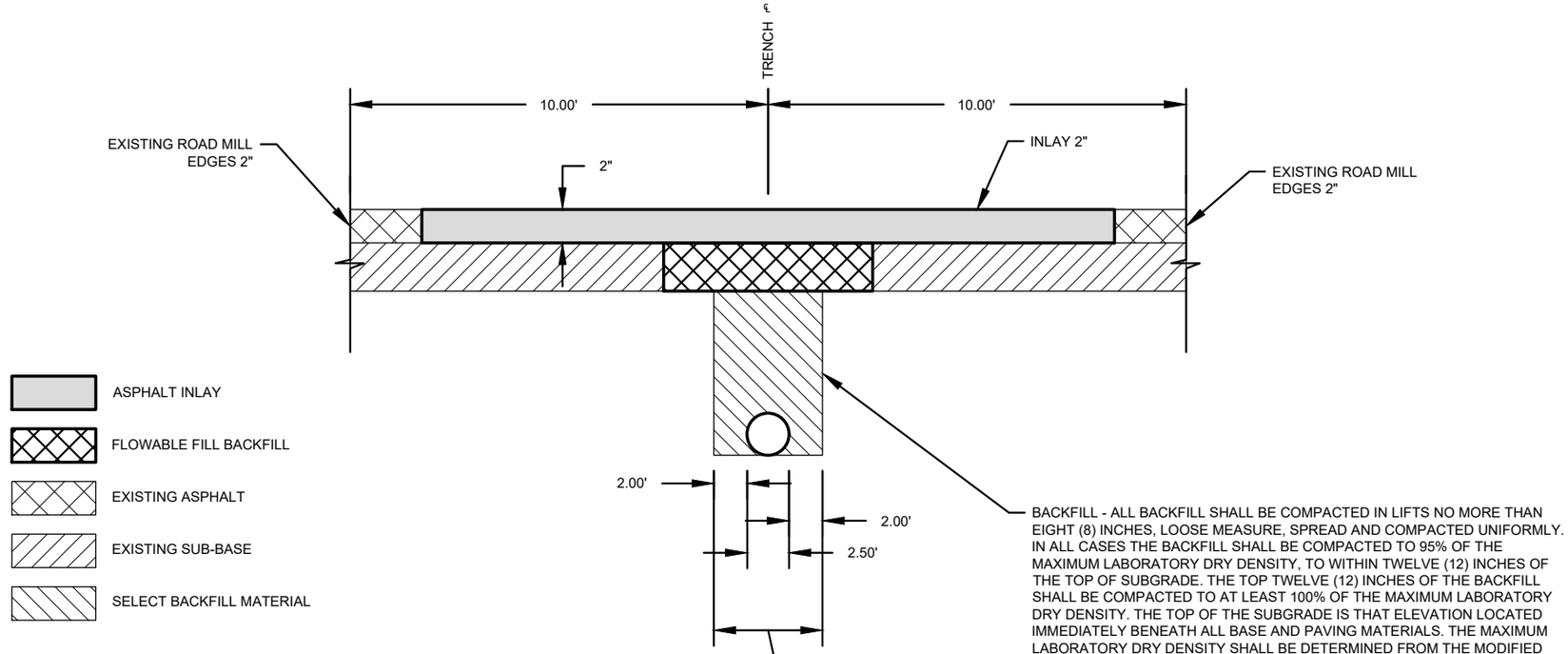
A. **Utility Road Cut Details**
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APPENDIX A

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

UTILITY ROAD CUT DETAILS

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NOTES:

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2. THE APPLICANT MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BEFORE PLACING CONCRETE OR ASPHALT.
3. THIS DETAIL SUPERCEDES THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD 1401 - "PAVEMENT PATCHING DETAIL".
4. IN WET AREAS, TYPE II FOUNDATION BACKFILL MATERIAL (#57 STONE) WILL BE REQUIRED AS DIRECTED BY THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.
5. ALL WORK SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "WALKER COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT FOR UTILITIES ORDINANCE".
6. WIDTH CAN BE INCREASED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY DESIGNEE.
7. FLOWABLE FILL IS OPTIONAL AND MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY DESIGNEE.

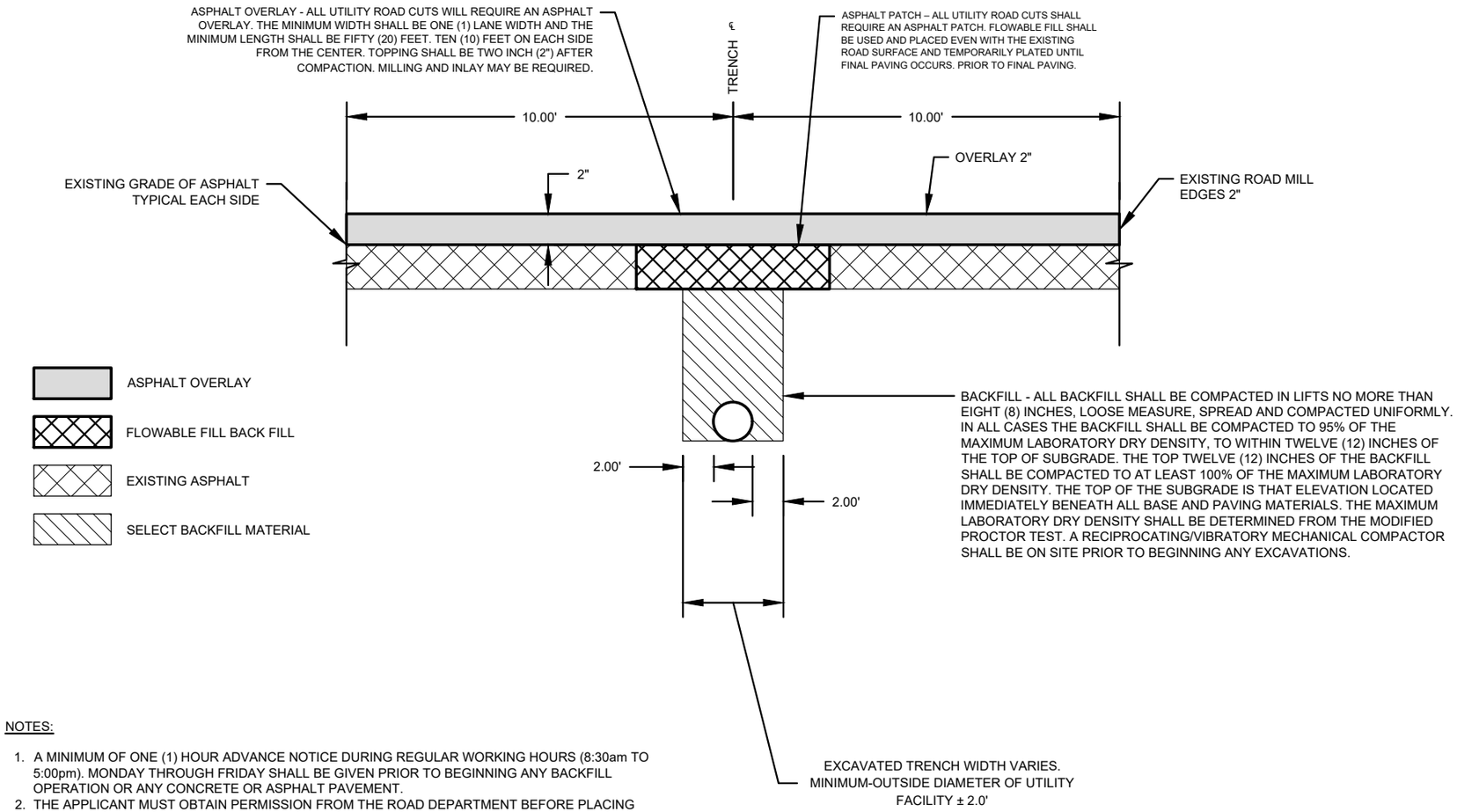
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UTILITY ROAD CUT DETAIL (INLAY)

(DESIGN BUILD 5 YEARS AND NEWER)

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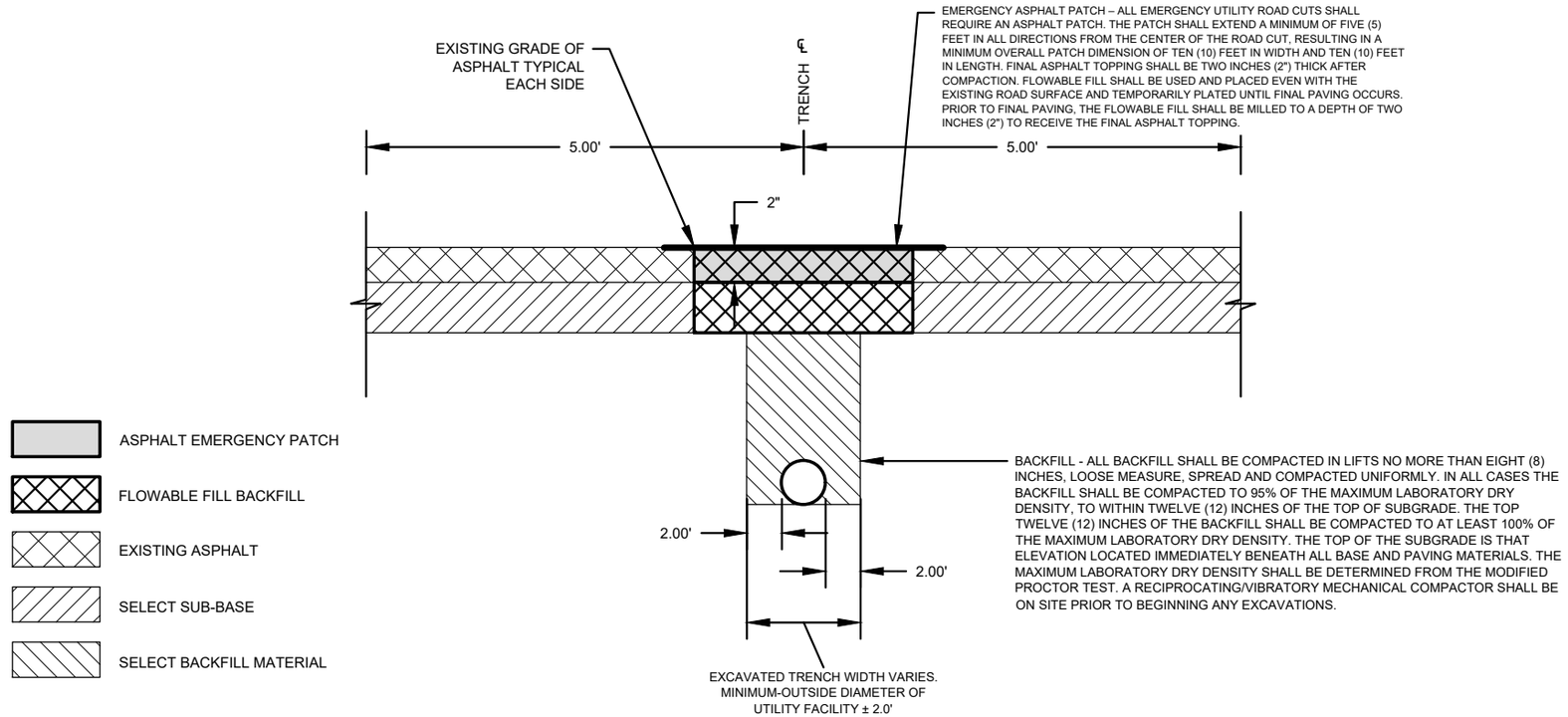
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UTILITY ROAD CUT DETAIL (OVERLAY)

(DESIGN BUILD 5 YEARS AND OLDER)

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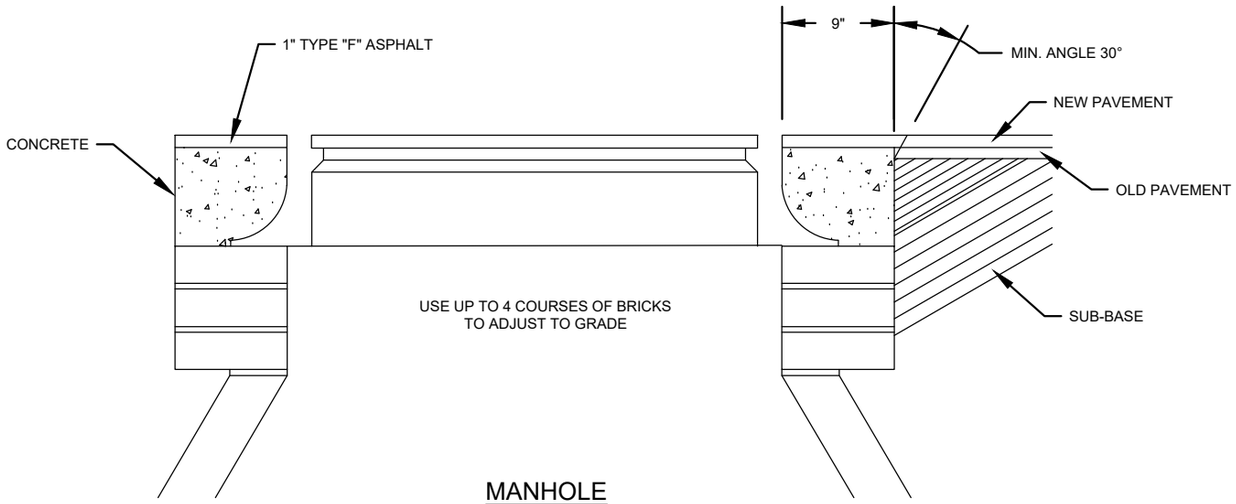
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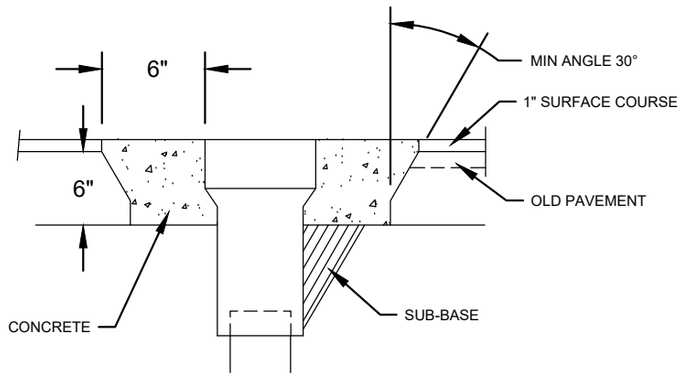
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MANHOLE



VALVE

NOTES:

1. STRUCTURES WILL NOT BE ADJUSTED FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 24 HOURS AFTER RESURFACING IN COMPLETED IN THAT AREA.
2. ASPHALT WILL BE CUT SO AS TO MAKE A SMOOTH, EVEN EDGE.
3. STRUCTURE COVER WILL BE ADJUSTED TO FIT FLUSH WITH STREET SURFACE.
4. ALL CONCRETE SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF 4000 PSI. UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
5. CONCRETE SHALL BE USED TO BACKFILL THE ENTIRE WORKING AREA.
6. FINISHING CONCRETE SHALL BE PERFORMED BY USE OF A TROWEL OR FLOAT.
7. SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES MUST BE VENTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING PAVED OVER, THEREFORE WHEN MORE THAN ONE LIFT OF ASPHALT IS TO BE PLACED, THE CONTRACTOR MAY ADJUST STRUCTURE PRIOR TO PAVING.

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VALVE AND MANHOLE DETAILS

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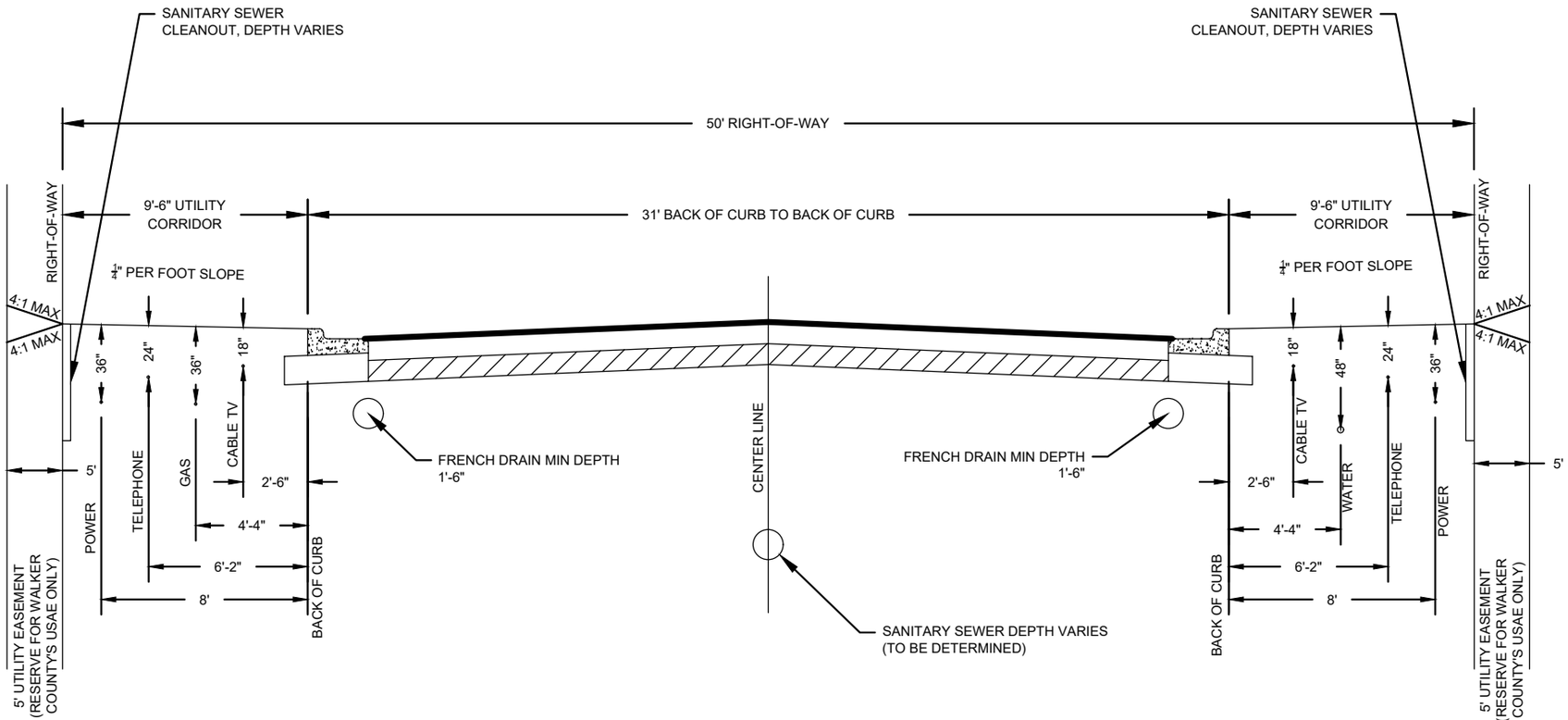
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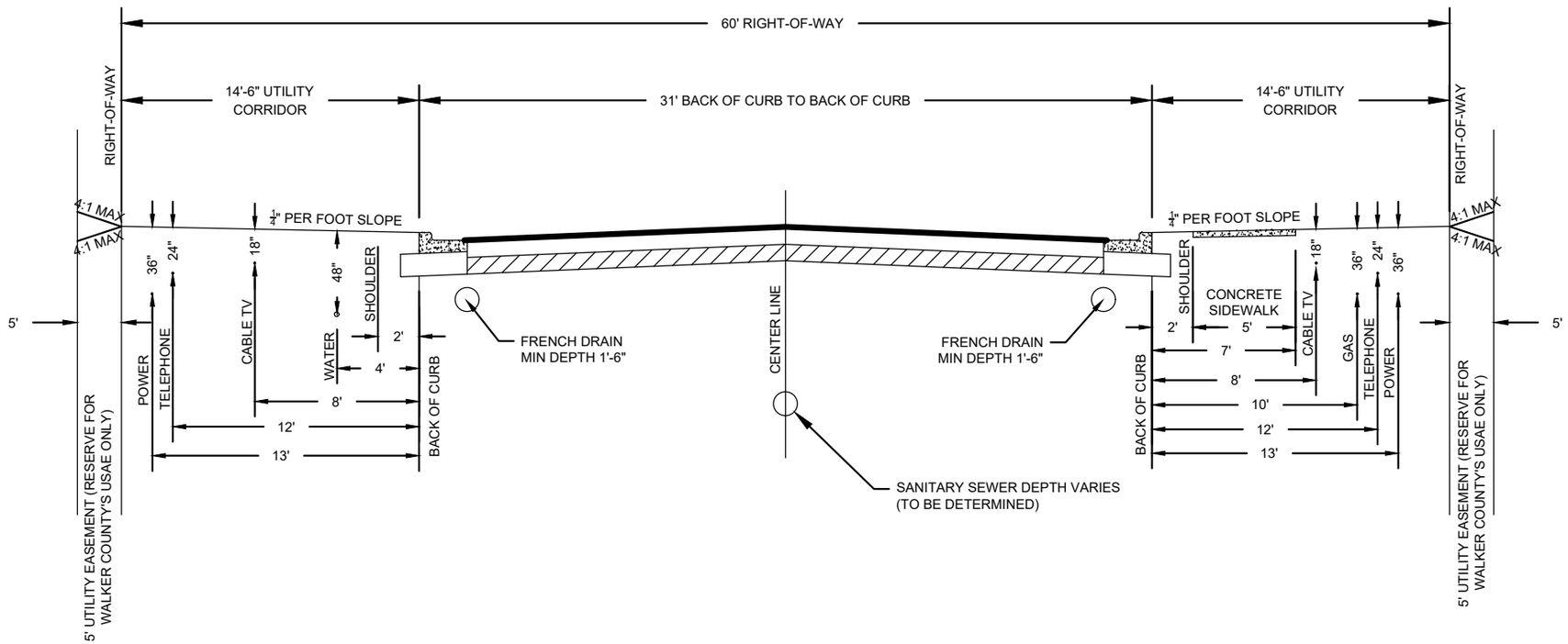
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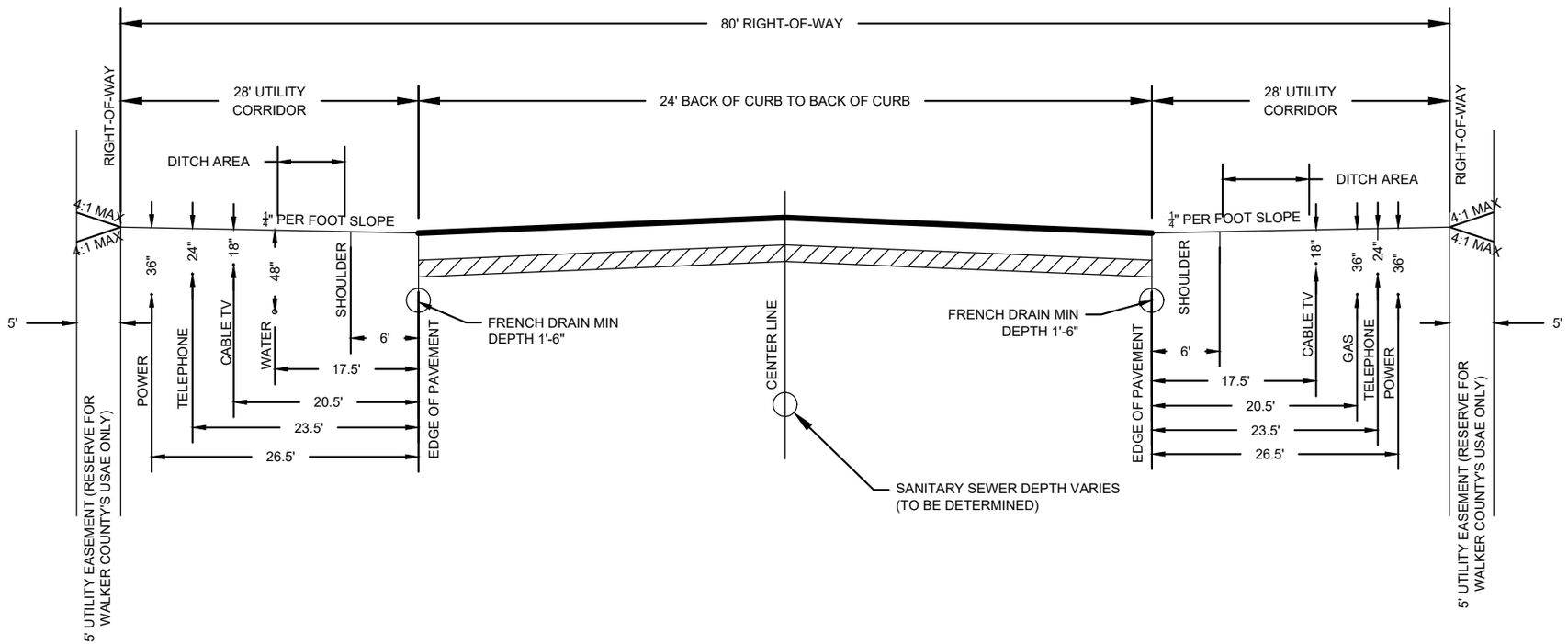
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80-FOOT UTILITY CORRIDOR DETAIL

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ASPHLAT OVERLAY DETAILS

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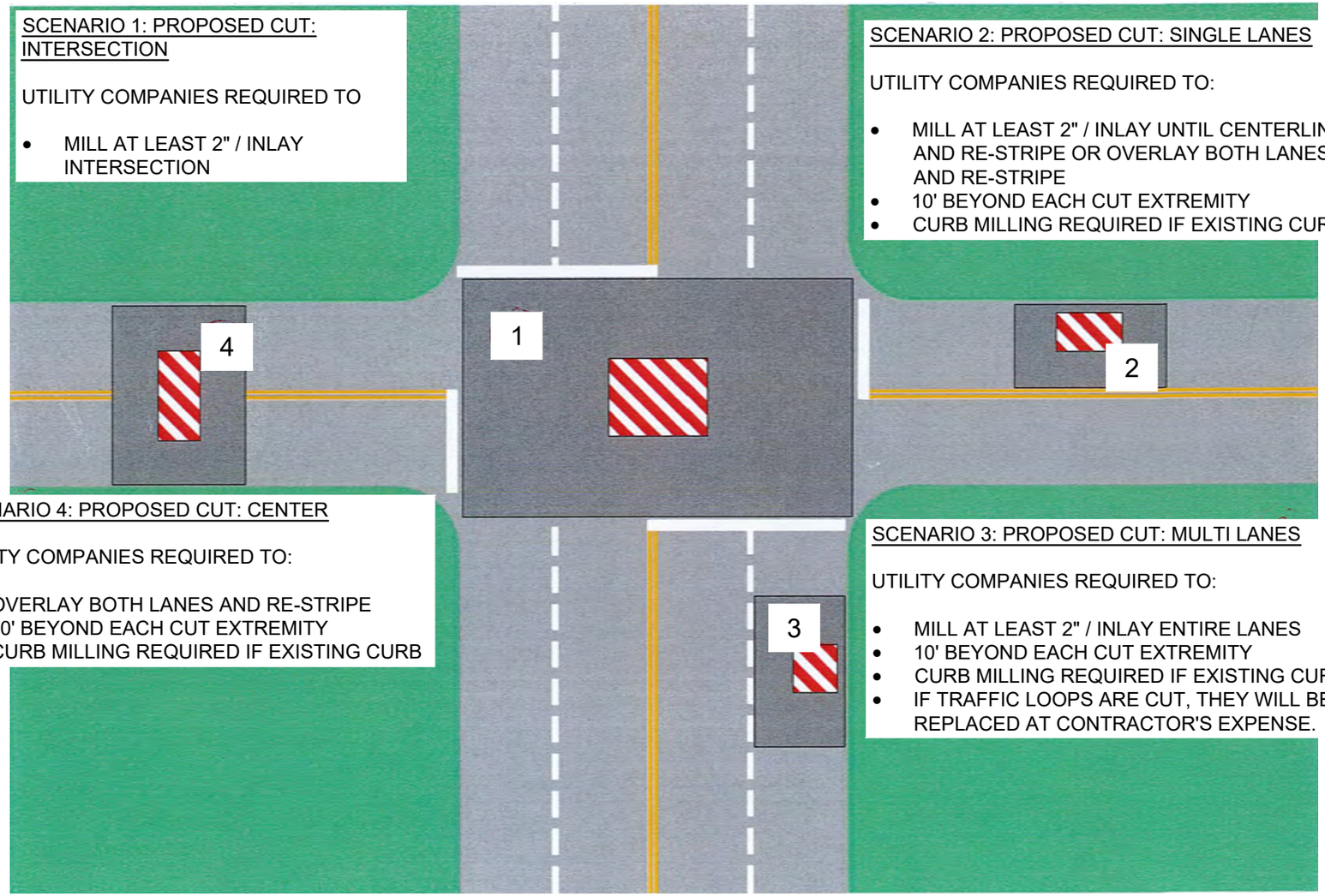
UTILITY COMPANIES REQUIRED TO

- MILL AT LEAST 2" / INLAY INTERSECTION

SCENARIO 2: PROPOSED CUT: SINGLE LANES

UTILITY COMPANIES REQUIRED TO:

- MILL AT LEAST 2" / INLAY UNTIL CENTERLINE AND RE-STRIPE OR OVERLAY BOTH LANES AND RE-STRIPE
- 10' BEYOND EACH CUT EXTREMITY
- CURB MILLING REQUIRED IF EXISTING CURB



SCENARIO 4: PROPOSED CUT: CENTER

UTILITY COMPANIES REQUIRED TO:

- OVERLAY BOTH LANES AND RE-STRIPE
- 10' BEYOND EACH CUT EXTREMITY
- CURB MILLING REQUIRED IF EXISTING CURB

SCENARIO 3: PROPOSED CUT: MULTI LANES

UTILITY COMPANIES REQUIRED TO:

- MILL AT LEAST 2" / INLAY ENTIRE LANES
- 10' BEYOND EACH CUT EXTREMITY
- CURB MILLING REQUIRED IF EXISTING CURB
- IF TRAFFIC LOOPS ARE CUT, THEY WILL BE REPLACED AT CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

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ASPHALT OVERLAY DETAIL

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AESTHETIC STANDARDS

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WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
AESTHETIC STANDARDS

Section 1.1 Authority and Scope

A. O.C.G.A. § 32-4-42(6) authorizes Walker County, Georgia to establish reasonable regulations for the installation, construction, maintenance, renewal, removal, and relocation of pipes, mains, conduits, cables, wires, poles, towers, traffic and other signals, and other equipment, facilities, or appliances in, on, along, over, or under the public roads of the County. Further, 47 U.S.C. § 253(c) provides that the County has authority to manage its public Rights-of-Way.

B. The County finds it is in the best interest of the County and its residents and businesses to establish aesthetic requirements and other specifications and reasonable conditions regarding placement of facilities in the public Rights-of-Way. These requirements, specifications and conditions are adopted in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and businesses of the County and to reasonably manage and protect the public Rights-of-Way and its uses in the County.

C. The objective of this Article is to ensure use of the public Rights-of-Way: (1) is consistent with the design, appearance and other features of nearby land uses; (2) protects the integrity of historic, cultural and scenic resources; and (3) does not harm residents' quality of life.

D. This Article applies to all requests to locate facilities in the public Rights-of-Way and ongoing use of the public Rights-of-Way for such facilities. This Article is established pursuant to County Charter and applicable law. This Article is administered by the Walker County Road Department.

E. Placement or modification of facilities in the public right of way shall comply with this Policy at the time the permit for installation or modification is approved and as amended from time to time. Permittees are required to comply with the Code of Walker County, Georgia, including Chapter 26, and applicable laws and regulations.

Section 1.2 Definitions
Unless otherwise defined in Section 1.3, terms used in this Article shall have the meanings given them in O.C.G.A. § 36-66C-2.

Section 1.3 Cross References
Definitions in this Article include references and citations to applicable federal and state laws. In the event that any referenced section is amended, the definition in the referenced section, as amended, shall control.

Section 1.4 Facilities Standards

A. Facilities must be compatible in size, mass, and color to similar facilities in the same zoning area, with a goal of minimizing the physical and visual impact on the area.

B. Facilities in the residential / historical / architecturally significant areas shall be visually and architecturally integrated with the residential / historical / architecturally significant areas and shall not interfere with prominent vistas or significant public view corridors.

C. Facilities must be located in alignment with existing trees and/or facilities.

D. Facilities must maintain the integrity and character of the neighborhoods and corridors in which the facilities are located.

Section 1.5 Camouflaging
Facilities must be designed using camouflaging techniques that make them as unobtrusive as possible if:

A. It is not possible or desirable to match the design and color of facilities with the similar facilities in the same zoning area.

B. Existing facilities in the area are out of character with a streetscape plan or other aesthetic plan

that has been adopted by the County.

Section 1.6 Concealment

Facilities shall incorporate specific concealment elements to minimize visual impacts.

Section 1.7 Preferred Locations.

A. Unless otherwise provided by applicable law, facilities shall, to the extent that is it reasonable, be placed in the following areas of the County: (1) Industrial; (2) Commercial; (3) Residential. These areas are identified in terms of priority, meaning Industrial is the preferred location, followed by Commercial, etc.

B. Facilities may be located outside are if: (1) facilities must be placed outside of the areas in order to maintain existing services, improve services, or new service can only be provided if facilities are placed in areas located outside the preferred area; or (2) the proposed facilities will meet all applicable requirements for the non-preferred location and will complement the character of the zoning area.

Section 1.8 Installation and Modification Standards

Installation of new facilities in, on, along, over, or under the public Rights-of-Way or modification of existing facilities in, on, along, over, or under the public Rights-of-Way shall:

A. Minimize risks to public safety;

B. Ensure that placement of facilities on existing structures is within the tolerance of those structures;

C. Ensure that installations and modifications are subject to periodic review to minimize the intrusion on the right of way;

D. Ensure that the County bears no risk or liability as a result of the installations or modifications.

E. Ensure that use of the public Rights-of-Way does not inconvenience the public, interfere with the primary uses of the public Rights-of-Way, or hinder the ability of the County or other government entities to improve, modify, relocate, abandon, or vacate the right of way or any portion thereof, or to cause the improvement, modification, relocation, vacation, or abandonment of facilities in the right of way.

Section 1.9 Plans for Use

No facilities shall be placed in, on, along, over, or under the public Rights-of-Way unless: (1) there are immediate plans to use the proposed facility; or (2) there is a contract with another party that has immediate plans to use the proposed facility.

Section 1.10 Contact Information

Every facility placed in the public Rights-of-Way shall at all times display signage that accurately identifies the facility owner and provides the facility owner's unique site number and also provides a local or toll-free telephone number to contact the facility owner's operations center.