

## Requesting Driveway Tie-Ins on County Maintained Roadways:

An **Application for Encroachment Permit** should be completed and returned to the Pickens County Roads and Bridges Department for approval of intent to access the road shoulder **prior** to performing any groundwork adjacent to the roadway. There are no fees for the County's encroachment application.

This department requires that residents apply for approval of a **self-installed temporary** tie-in to be utilized during the construction of the home, waiting to apply for the County to install the **permanent** tie-in after construction is complete. This is recommended to avoid damage to the permanent tie-in that may be sustained from delivery of heavy loads of construction materials and construction vehicles/ trailers. As the construction of the home nears completion, the resident should contact the County to request installation of the **permanent** tie-in.

The SCDHEC permit must be filed and the 911 address obtained, prior to filing an encroachment application for the County to install a permanent tie-in. Pickens County will provide **one** tie-in per **residential** parcel, free of charge, on a County maintained roadway, as long as the **Line of Sight** requirement is met when entering the roadway from the driveway placement. There must be at least 110ft of clear line of sight (no curves, hills, nor other obstructions) per 10 mph of the posted speed limit on the road to achieve the line of sight distance. For example, if the speed limit is 35 mph, the Line of Sight distance requirement would be 385ft to the left **and** to the right when exiting the driveway. Residents are allowed more than one tie-in if desired. However, additional tie-ins would need to be self-installed, at the resident's expense, only after encroachment approval.

If the Line of Sight requirement is satisfied, the County will provide the materials, equipment and labor to install 24ft of concrete pipe (if needed), crusher run and 4 tons of asphalt, which usually extends 4-5ft back from the roadway on the driveway entrance. The resident is allowed to widen the driveway at their own expense, after installation of the County provided tie-in.

If the Line of Sight requirement is **not** attained, the County cannot install the tie-in due to risk of liability. The resident will still be allowed to position the driveway at this location, but the resident would be responsible for the driveway tie-in installation. Should the self-installed tie-in sustain damage, the resident is responsible for the repairs. The Permitting Manager will make notification of the required culvert size if one is needed in the situation of crossing a ditch line.

An Application for Encroachment Permit is required even in the case that the resident would like to install a concrete driveway all the way to the edge of the road. Pickens County Roads and Bridges requires notification of the intent to encroach on a roadway in **all** circumstances.