

# Chapter 136-40 WAC

## STANDARDS OF GOOD PRACTICE—ACCOMMODATION OF UTILITIES ON COUNTY ROADS

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136-40-048	General considerations—Road purpose utilities. [Order 18, § 136-40-048, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-208	Construction permits and franchises—Permit requirements. [Order 18, § 136-40-208, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-050	Updates, amendments, and modifications. [Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-22-081 (Order 80), § 136-40-050, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.] Repealed by 96-17-013, filed 8/12/96, effective 9/12/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 36.79.060.	136-40-212	Construction permits and franchises—Environmental protection. [Order 18, § 136-40-212, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-052	General considerations—Accommodation where prior right. [Order 18, § 136-40-052, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-300	Pipelines—Location. [Order 18, § 136-40-300, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-060	Conflicts with state and federal requirements. [Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-22-081 (Order 80), § 136-40-060, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.] Repealed by 96-17-013, filed 8/12/96, effective 9/12/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 36.79.060.	136-40-304	Pipelines—Installation. [Order 18, § 136-40-304, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-100	Design of facilities—Responsibility. [Order 18, § 136-40-100, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-308	Pipelines—Cover. [Order 18, § 136-40-308, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-104	Design of facilities—Planning. [Order 18, § 136-40-104, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-312	Pipelines—Encasement. [Order 18, § 136-40-312, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-108	Design of facilities—Standards. [Order 18, § 136-40-108, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-316	Pipelines—Uncased carriers. [Order 18, § 136-40-316, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-112	Design of facilities—Appearance. [Order 18, § 136-40-112, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-320	Pipelines—Appurtenances. [Order 18, § 136-40-320, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-116	Design of facilities—Materials. [Order 18, § 136-40-116, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-324	Pipelines—Adjustment of existing facilities. [Order 18, § 136-40-324, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-120	Design of facilities—Power and communication codes. [Order 18, § 136-40-120, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-400	Overhead power and communication lines—Type of construction. [Order 18, § 136-40-400, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-124	Design of facilities—Water line codes. [Order 18, § 136-40-124, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-404	Overhead power and communication lines—Vertical clearance. [Order 18, § 136-40-404, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-128	Design of facilities—Pressure pipeline codes. [Order 18, § 136-40-128, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-408	Overhead power and communication lines—Horizontal clearance. [Order 18, § 136-40-408, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-132	Design of facilities—Sewer line codes. [Order 18, § 136-40-132, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-412	Overhead power and communication lines—Irregular right of way. [Order 18, § 136-40-412, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-136	Design of facilities—Drainage facility codes. [Order 18, § 136-40-136, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.	136-40-416	Overhead power and communication lines—Aesthetic considerations. [Order 18, § 136-40-416, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
		136-40-500	Underground power and communication lines—General. [Order 18, § 136-40-500, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.

136-40-504	Underground power and communication lines—Design. [Order 18, § 136-40-504, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-508	Underground power and communication lines—Manholes. [Order 18, § 136-40-508, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-512	Underground power and communication lines—Scenic areas. [Order 18, § 136-40-512, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-600	Installations on bridges—General. [Order 18, § 136-40-600, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-604	Installations on bridges—Location. [Order 18, § 136-40-604, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-608	Installations on bridges—Clearance. [Order 18, § 136-40-608, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-612	Installations on bridges—Mounting. [Order 18, § 136-40-612, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-616	Installations on bridges—Power and communication lines. [Order 18, § 136-40-616, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-620	Installations on bridges—Beyond abutments. [Order 18, § 136-40-620, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-624	Installations on bridges—Responsibility. [Order 18, § 136-40-624, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-700	All utilities—Drainage. [Order 18, § 136-40-700, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-704	All utilities—Restoration. [Order 18, § 136-40-704, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-708	All utilities—Vegetation. [Order 18, § 136-40-708, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-712	All utilities—Debris. [Order 18, § 136-40-712, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-800	Public safety—Traffic control. [Order 18, § 136-40-800, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-804	Public safety—Open excavation. [Order 18, § 136-40-804, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-808	Public safety—Maintenance. [Order 18, § 136-40-808, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.
136-40-812	Public safety—Emergencies. [Order 18, § 136-40-812, filed 7/22/71.] Repealed by 90-22-081 (Order 80), filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070.

**WAC 136-40-010 Purpose and authority.** RCW 36.78.070(1) authorizes the county road administration board to establish standards of good practice for the administration of county roads and the efficient movement of people and goods over county roads. The purpose of this standard of good practice is to set forth the requirement that each county provide for the accommodation of utilities within its right of way. In order to effectively administer its authority to:

(1) Grant utility franchises and permits on county roads as provided in chapter 36.55 RCW;

(2) Exercise overall responsibility for county roads and bridges as provided in chapter 36.75 RCW; and

(3) Exercise its police power; each county legislative authority shall adopt a generally applicable written policy ("utility policy") to provide administrative, procedural, and technical guidance for the installation, replacement, adjustment, relocation, and maintenance of all above and below ground utilities and other transmission or transport facilities located within all county road rights of way.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.79 RCW. 99-01-021, § 136-40-010, filed 12/7/98, effective 1/7/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-22-081 (Order 80), § 136-40-010, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90; Order 18, § 136-40-010, filed 7/22/71.]

**WAC 136-40-020 Contents.** Each utility policy shall, at a minimum:

(1) Address all public and private utilities and other transmission or transport facilities which are installed, replaced, adjusted, relocated and/or maintained within the county road right of way pursuant to franchises, permits, and/or exemptions from the permit process including but not limited to electric power, telephone, television, telegraph, communication, water, gas, all petroleum products, steam, chemicals, sewage, drainage, and irrigation;

(2) Include general standards and requirements for the location, design, and construction of each utility;

(3) Incorporate a written permit process for all utility work not exempted by the provisions of the utility policy, and specify exemptions from such permit process, if any;

(4) Include specific requirements for underground utilities which shall include location and alignment, depth of burial and cover, encasement, marking, appurtenances and related installation procedures;

(5) Include specific requirements for above ground utilities which shall include location and alignment and vertical clearances;

(6) Include specific requirements for all utilities which shall include aesthetic/scenic considerations, installations on roadway bridges and structures, site restoration and cleanup, traffic control and public safety, and both normal and emergency repairs.

The county road administration board shall, upon request, provide any county a copy of a model utility policy. The model utility policy will meet the minimum requirements of this chapter and may be amended as necessary to meet the specific needs of a county.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-22-081 (Order 80), § 136-40-020, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90; Order 18, § 136-40-020, filed 7/22/71.]

**WAC 136-40-030 Adoption and submittal.** Each county legislative authority shall formally adopt a utility policy regarding accommodation of utilities on county road rights of way that includes all the requirements enumerated in WAC 136-40-020. A copy of such utility policy, including all updates, amendments and modifications as they may from time to time become necessary, shall be forwarded to the county road administration board within thirty days of adoption.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 36.79.060. 96-17-013, § 136-40-030, filed 8/12/96, effective 9/12/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 91-21-137 (Order 84), § 136-40-030, filed 10/23/91, effective 11/23/91; 90-22-081 (Order 80), § 136-40-030, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90; Order 18, § 136-40-030, filed 7/22/71.]

**WAC 136-40-040 Conflicts with state and federal requirements.** Nothing in this section shall eliminate or modify any requirements, procedures, or authorities of the Washington state department of transportation, the Washington utilities and transportation commission, the Federal Highway Administration or any other state or federal agency.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 36.79.060. 96-17-013, § 136-40-040, filed 8/12/96, effective 9/12/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-22-081 (Order 80), § 136-40-040, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90; Order 18, § 136-40-040, filed 7/22/71.]