

RIGHT OF WAY/SIDEWALK PERMITS REQUIREMENTS

Right of Way Permits

The City Engineering Division regulates work performed in conjunction with permits that require work in the street, providing driveway curb cuts and disturbing of public walks.

All contractors must be bonded with a \$2,500 Surety Bond with the City of Detroit. This bond must be completed before any work is done in the right of way.

The bond documents may be obtained at:

- City Engineering Division CED Permit Office
Cadillac Towers, 65 Cadillac Square - Suite 701
- Buildings & Safety Engineering Department Zoning Counter
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Room 402
- Business License Center
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Room 105

The State of Michigan or the County of Wayne may require a permit. Clerks at the permit counter at City Engineering will inform contractors of which permit is required.

Contractors may obtain a permit application at City Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works, 65 Cadillac Square - Suite 701. The permit application shall include locations and dimensions of the proposed openings. It shall identify the proposed structures to be placed therein. The application shall state the purpose of the proposed open cut or other excavations to be made; the type of pavement or surface to be disturbed; and a close estimate of the start and finish dates of the work.

Approval of other departments may be required. The applicant must obtain stamped approval from those departments on the drawings. Drawings may be carried by hand, mailed, or faxed to BSED. For information regarding faxing, call City Engineering at 313-224-3935. Permit fees are due upon receipt of permit.

Applicants must contact the Inspection Bureau before starting any project work in the right of way.

Sidewalk Permits

Homeowners must bring drawings of the sidewalk and/or driveway approach, with dimensions (length x width) of area to be replaced, to the permit counter at City Engineering. The drawings will be reviewed by the clerk to determine square footage. The cost of the permit is 50 cents per square foot. A minimum amount of \$50 is charged for permits if the area is between 73-100 square feet. If the area to be replaced is less than 72 square feet, no permit is required. Homeowners are issued permits from May 1 through November 1. Homeowners may be referred to the Zoning Division of Building and Safety Engineering Department for a waiver before a permit is issued.

Specifications

City Engineering Division publishes a Standard Specifications for Paving and Related Construction manual. Construction work must comply with specifications in this manual. The publication is available at City Engineering Division, 65 Cadillac Square - Suite 701, for \$25. Call the City Engineering Division at (313) 224-3935.

Encroachments

The placement of obstruction by the owner of private property on, above or below public rights of way (including public alleys) may require the resolution/approval of City Council and separate encroachment permits. Questions regarding encroachments should be directed to the City Engineering Division-DPW, Survey Bureau, at (313) 224-3970.

Central Business District

All contractors working in the Central Business District -- the area bounded by the Detroit River (S), Lodge Freeway (W), Fisher Freeway I-75 (N), and Chrysler Freeway I-375 (E) -- must first submit a set of plans to Traffic Engineering, 2633 Michigan Avenue. The plans are then reviewed by the Project Management Team (PMT) and Technical Review Committee (TRC) for right-of-way requests, traffic congestion, emergency vehicle access, downtown events, parking, etc. prior to granting the permit.

People Mover

All contractors working within 50 feet of the Detroit People Mover must obtain a permit/sign-off from the Detroit People Mover, 1250 Park Place, Detroit, MI, 48226. The telephone number is (313) 963-0171.