

CHAPTER 10 - ACCESS REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA

10.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this section is to set forth the procedures necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, to maintain smooth traffic flow, to maintain highway right-of-way drainage and to protect the functional level of the public highways while meeting state, regional, local and private transportation needs and interests.

10.2 INTRODUCTION

Larimer County has adopted an access policy which fully describes the procedures involved in regulating vehicular access to and from any County maintained highway or street. This policy has been established pursuant to Section 43-2-147(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. This access policy shall be referred to within these road standards as the "Larimer County Access Policy".

10.3 IMPLEMENTATION

An Access Permit, which governs new access points from private property to County roads and streets, shall be required for any access construction onto the County maintained highway system, including County maintained subdivision streets, or for any substantial modification of an existing access.

Application for such permits shall be made at the office of the Larimer County Engineering Department, 218 West Mountain Avenue, P.O. Box 1190, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522. Telephone: (970) 498-5700. Application for permits will be accepted during normal County working hours at the Larimer County Engineering Department.

If an access is required as a part of the building permit process, the Access Permit is initialized at the Larimer County Planning Department and forwarded to the Larimer County Engineering Department for processing.

10.4 FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure of the applicant to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Access Permit shall be sufficient cause for cancellation of the permit and may result in removal of the access and its appurtenances by the County at the applicant's expense.

10.5 DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

Specific information such as how to obtain an access permit, access spacing requirements, design standards and specifications, construction details, permit fees , etc. can be found in the latest revision of the Larimer County Access Policy.

In addition to all the above requirements, the applicant, or his or her contractor, must meet the insurance requirements established by the Larimer County Risk Department for working within the County road right-of-way prior to the issuance of an Access Permit.

10.6 ADMINISTRATIVE

Fees have been established by the Board of County Commissioners for administering the access permit program. This fee is collected at the time of permit application.