Davis County Access Control Policy

Whereas Davis County has the responsibility to the traveling public to allow safe access to the roadways under County jurisdiction, the County enacts the following Access Control Policy.

The intent of this policy is to provide the business and residents of Davis County with the first entrance to a property at minimal costs to the Landowner. The construction of additional entrances is to be the responsibility of the Landowner as defined herein.

“Property” is defined as:

A new residence, business, or acreage without current access.

An undivided 40 acre parcel (or larger, contiguous to a single owner).

Each fractional portion of a 40 acre parcel under separate ownership.

Initial Point of Access to Property:

The Landowner will pay for any drainage structures in advance. Payment will be at the current price paid by the County for materials stockpiled in the County yard. There will be no charge for entrances where a drainage structure is not required. The County will then install the entrance at the agreed location. The County will furnish equipment, materials (as paid for by the Landowner) and fill material for the entrance. Work shall be done within the County’s normal work schedule.

Additional Points of Access and Changes to Existing Entrances:

The Landowner will be responsible for any additional points of access to a property already served by an entrance. The Landowner is responsible for obtaining a permit (at no fee) from the Davis County Engineer’s office. The permit will list the location of approved drives, any required drainage structures, driveway specifications and requirements of construction. The Landowner is responsible for all costs associated with this type of entrance. Materials for drainage structures are available from the County inventory at current cost +25% handling and restocking fee. After payment is made, materials must be picked up at the County yard. The County will assist in loading at no cost, but will not be responsible for the delivery of any materials.

General Requirements:

The County is responsible for the maintenance of drainage through the structure. If the structure becomes unusable due to deterioration and normal use, the County will replace the structure at no expense to the Landowner. If the structure becomes unusable due to the neglect of the Landowner, the Landowner will be responsible for material costs of all required repairs, (Including, but not limited to crushed pipes and burnt structures). If the Landowner refuses to
make payments for necessary repairs, the entrance may be temporarily removed to maintain proper roadway drainage, until such time payment is received.

The drive must leave the roadway level for a distance of 20’, or at a slope away from the roadway. No drives will be allowed that drain water onto the roadway.

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The County will determine the size and length of all drainage structure required to properly control the runoff at the site. The Davis County Engineer or his representative will access the drainage, sight distance and location of all drives. The County will determine the size of drainage structure, if needed. All drainage structures installed must be new and approved materials. Minimum culvert size will be 15” in diameter. Minimum length will be that needed to provide a 20’ top width and 3:1 side slopes on each side of the drive, unless flatter slopes are required by traffic count and road type.

The County will place entrances at locations that allow proper visibility and stopping sight distances. If sight distances cannot be met, it shall be the Landowners responsibility to secure private easements to allow proper access. The County reserves the right to deny entrance locations on the basis of sight distance requirements. The County is not required to approve entrances with poor or unsafe sight distances.

The County will not surface any new entrances. Surfacing on repaired entrances will be the same as the surfacing disturbed during repairs.

The County will reserve the right to remove any entrance not constructed in accordance with this policy.

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