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Many landowners question why and when they are required to obtain a Work Permit from the Rockland County Highway Department to do work on their property, even if they have previously obtained permission from their local municipality.

The Rules and Regulations of the Rockland County Highway Department for control of development of properties having frontage on, access to, or being otherwise directly related to any county road, have been developed under Section 136 (2) of Highway Law of the State of New York.

The Rockland County Highway Department Rules and Regulations General Condition # 1 states “no construction or development shall be undertaken on any property having frontage on, access to or being otherwise directly related to a County Road without first securing a permit from the County Superintendent of Highways”.

The County Highway Department defines “construction or development” as any work within 500 feet of the County Owned Right-of-Way that requires excavation, such as a foundation for a structure or in-ground pool, a wall or fence along the right-of-way, changing the contours of the property, such as filling or grading or to install new or alter existing means of access (including proposed subdivision streets and repair existing driveways).

The County Highway Department does not require a permit for patios and decks (unless a permanent foundation is required for its construction), above ground pools, landscape work that does not alter the existing contours or drainage of the property. A permit is not required to demolish damaged structures or for improvements or alterations that do not require a foundation.

Since it is impossible to foresee all possible combinations of circumstances, we have cited the above circumstances to provide a general outline of those projects that would require a County Highway Department Work Permit. Separate Rockland County Highway Department Road Opening Permits are required in conjunction to a Work Permit for any construction that requires disruption of the paved road surface within a County Road.

If there are any questions, we may be contacted at 845-638-5060 M-F from 8am. to 5pm.