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4.1401 Purpose and Policy

The purpose of this chapter is to encourage the development of broadband access in the County of rock by reducing administrative obstacles to broadband service providers and coordinating the review of applications to ensure such applications are timely processed. This chapter shall at all times be construed consistent with the aforestated purpose.

4.1402 Definitions

Applicant – means a person applying for a permit for a broadband network project.

Broadband Network Project – means the construction or deployment of wireline or wireless communications facilities to provide broadband communications services in Rock County.

Permit – means any local permit, license, certificate, approval, registration, or similar form of approval required by policy, administrative rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution with respect to a broadband network project.

Written or In Writing – means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other intangible medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

4.1403 Point of Contact

The public Works Department shall be designated as the single point of contact for all matters related to a broadband network project. The Public Works Department shall provide on its public website the contact information, including the e-mail address, for the point of contact authorized to receive a broadband network project application.

4.1404 Electronic Submission of Applications

An applicant may sign and file all forms, applications and documentation related to a broadband network project electronically.

4.1405 Review of Applications

Notwithstanding any other provision in the County of Rock’s ordinances, resolutions, regulations, policies, or practices to the contrary, the following process shall apply exclusively upon receiving a broadband network project application:

- (1) Completeness review. Upon receiving a broadband network project application, the Public Works Department shall:
 - (A) Determine whether an application is complete and notify the applicant of the determination by the Public Works Department in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving an application. If the Public Works Department does not notify the applicant in writing of its completeness determination within 10 calendar days of receiving the application, the application shall be considered complete.
 - (B) If the Public Works Department determines that an application is not complete, the written notification to the applicant shall specify in detail the required information that is not complete. The applicant may resubmit an application as often as necessary until the application is complete.
- (2) Approval or denial of complete applications.
 - (A) Within 60 calendar days of receiving an application that is complete or considered complete under sub. (1), the Public Works Department shall approve or deny the application and provide the applicant written notification of the approval or denial. If the Public Works Department does not notify the applicant of its approval or denial within 60 calendar days of receiving a complete application, the application shall be considered approved and any required permit shall be considered issued.
 - (B) If the Public Works Department denies an application, the written notification of the denial under sub. (1) shall include evidence that the denial is not arbitrary and capricious.

4.1406 Fees

Any fee imposed by the Public Works Department to review an application, issue or permit or perform any other activity related to a broadband network project shall be reasonable. Fees shall be consistent with the fee schedule provided by the Rock County Utility Accommodation Policy.

4.1407 Initial Applicability

The treatment of this ordinance applies to applications received by the Public Works Department on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

Chapter 4:

Repealed and Recreated 1/10/13, Res. No. 12-12A-190

Chapter 4, Part 2 Repealed and Recreated and Repeal, Recreate and Renumber Sec. 4.225(3) as Sec. 4.217, 05/23/13, Res. No. 13-5A-321

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Chapter 4, Part 8 amended 04/24/14, Res. No. 14-4A-566

Revisor's changes to section references in 4.316 and 4.356

Chapter 4, Part 9 amended 06/26/14, Res. No. 14-6A-042 and Revisor's changes to 4.9 to promote uniformity throughout code

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Part 4 (4.4) Repealed and Recreated 02/23/17, Res. No. 17-2A-210

Part 6 (4.6) Repealed and Recreated 08/10/17, Res. No. 17-7A-310

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