

ROLL-OFF BOXES (Portable Dumpsters)

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

A valid encroachment permit is required to temporarily place roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters in the County-maintained public road right-of-way (ROW). Placement of roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters within the County ROW is considered an encroachment per County Ordinance No. 2041, even though it may be of a temporary nature. Any person performing any work, including placing the roll-off box or portable dumpster in the County-maintained public ROW, without the authority of an encroachment permit may be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

HOW LONG CAN I KEEP THE ROLL-OFF BOX/PORTABLE DUMPSTER?

Permits for temporary placement of roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters are typically issued for not more than one month. Permit extensions for an additional month may be considered when justified.

WHAT ITEMS WILL THE COUNTY REVIEW WHEN PROCESSING AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT?

The Transportation Department, Encroachment Section, will review each

encroachment permit application and make a determination whether or not to approve it. Some of the items that will be reviewed or required are:

- Adequate sight distance/visibility for safe pedestrian or vehicular traffic
- Distance of the box from the edge of travel way
- Providing proper aids to visibility of the box, which may include placing a type-II barricade with flashing lights to the front and rear on the traffic side of the box
- Size of the box and pavement width to maintain two 12-foot-wide travel lanes
- Traffic volume on the roadway

Fees for the miscellaneous use of right-of-way permit are listed on the County website at: <http://pwa.ventura.org>

WHAT ARE THE SIGHT-DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A ROLL-OFF BOX OR PORTABLE DUMPSTER?

Roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters shall be located so that adequate sight distance is provided for drivers to see traffic before entering the roadway from an intersecting street or driveway. The following table provides the approximate sight distance needed for passenger cars:

ROADWAY DESIGN SPEED	SIGHT DISTANCE
20 mph	200 feet
30 mph	300 feet
40 mph	400 feet
50 mph	500 feet
60 mph	600 feet

WHAT HAPPENS IF A ROLL-OFF BOX OR PORTABLE DUMPSTER IS PLACED ON A COUNTY ROAD WITHOUT A PERMIT?

If any roll-off boxes or portable dumpsters are placed on a County road prior to obtaining an encroachment permit, County Ordinance No. 2041 regulating encroachments allows the Transportation Department to double the permit fees and/or remove it and bill the owner for costs incurred in removal; other penalties may also apply.

DO THESE PROCEDURES ALSO APPLY TO PORTABLE ON-DEMAND STORAGE UNITS (PODS)?

County Ordinance No. 2041 regulating encroachments also applies to portable on-demand storage units, also known as PODs, so long as they are placed in the County road ROW.

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A PERMIT APPLICATION?

Permit applications can be found on the County's web site at:

http://pwaportal.ventura.org/TD/Residents/Streets_and_Transportation/Apply_for_a_Permit/EP_EncroachmentAppForm.pdf

REQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

If you have questions, requests or suggestions, please contact the permit desk at **(805) 654-2055** or through the "Contact Us" link at:

<http://pwa.ventura.org>

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