

DOT E GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT

July 21, 2026

1. All projects that include work in the public right of way require a DOT E Permit. DOT E permits are required in addition to any Buildings & Inspections permits issued for work on private property. Permit fees are determined based on extent of work.
2. DOT E requires restoration of public facilities to meet our requirements of the Right of Way Permit & Street Restoration Manual, Standard Drawings, ODOT Construction and Specifications (CMS) and the City Supplement to the ODOT CMS.
3. For Street Restoration, these are general assumptions for project budgeting purposes. More information can be found in the Right of Way Permit & Street Restoration Manual.
 - a. Assume grind and pave, curb to curb, for projects with roadways paved within the last 3 years.
 - b. Assume a minimum of one lane grind and pave for utility trenches on pavement that has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) value of 50 or greater.
 - c. Assume a minimum of one lane grind and pave for 4 or more utility cuts in a street segment for the length of that segment on pavement that has a PCI of 50 or greater.
 - d. Service laterals, depending on quantity and location, may require additional lane grind and pave as determined by DOT E.
 - e. Below 50 PCI may allow patching in lieu of one lane grind and pave as determined by DOT E.
4. All non-standard construction materials (pavers, colored concrete, irrigation, tree grates, etc.) require special permissions such as the Revocable Street Privilege (RSP) prior to permit approval.
5. All new facilities and construction must meet ADA PROWAG.
6. Projects with major impacts to the public right of way may require additional items such as Traffic Analysis, Traffic Impact Studies, existing right of way changes or upgrades including roadway, signage, pavement markings, lighting, or traffic signals as determined by DOT E.
7. Lighting above standard levels requires a tax assessment of the impacted property owners. This process follows the Ohio Revised Code and DOT E Traffic Engineering procedures.
8. New roads (public or private) must follow Subdivision and Development Streets Manual.
9. Nothing should be built in the public right of way (foundations, steps, walls, private utilities, etc.) without prior DOT E approval. If DOT E allows an encroachment, then an easement will be required.
10. If the project is in a Neighborhood Business District or abuts a (City) streetscape, the project must match the existing streetscape or as directed by DOT E.

11. Property lines should be 10' minimum (possibly more in high pedestrian areas) from the face of the curb. Sidewalks are to be 5' wide minimum with a tree lawn between the walk and curb. Some areas require the walk to be 10' wide with tree wells.

12. Contact Information:

DOT Permit & License Center

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801 Plum Street
Suite 425
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(513) 352-3463

(513) 352-5397 (fax)

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Upon entering City Hall, take the elevators to the fourth floor. Turn right out of the elevator and proceed down the hallway toward the back of the building nearest Central Avenue. The Permit & License Center is opposite the back stairwell.

13. Website Links:

- a. Right of Way Permit & Street Restoration Manual - [Street Restoration ROW Permit Manual 2022.pdf](#)
- b. Standard Drawings - [Standard Drawings - Transportation & Engineering](#) and [Traffic Standard Drawings - Transportation & Engineering](#)
- c. ODOT Construction and Specifications (CMS) - [Pages - 2023 Online Spec Book](#)
- d. City Supplement to the ODOT CMS - [Microsoft Word - 2023 City Supplement.docx](#)
- e. Subdivision and Development Streets Manual - cincinnati-oh.gov/dote/permits-licenses/dote-resource-page/subdivision-development/subdivision-development-streets-manual/
- f. Revocable Street Privilege (RSP) - [Revocable-Street-Privilege Requirements 081825.pdf](#)
- g. DOTE Permits & Licenses web page – [DOTE Permits & Licenses - Transportation & Engineering](#). (<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/dote/permits-licenses/>)
- h. DOTE Resources web page - [DOTE Resource Page - Transportation & Engineering](#)