

Excavation Permitting

The Requirements

1. In accordance with City Code **§ 14-11-181 PERMIT REQUIRED.**
 - (A) Except as provided in Section 14-11-182 (Emergency Operations), before excavating in a right-of-way a person or that person's agent shall obtain a permit under this division.
 - (B) A person who obtains a permit under this division is not required to obtain a temporary use of right-of-way permit required by Section 14-11-131 (Permit Required).
2. In order to obtain a permit, a contractor must also be licensed under Section 25-6-231 (License Required). For additional information concerning licensing, please contact our receptionist at (512) 974-1150.
3. An application must be submitted online through the Right of Way Management Network (ROWMAN) at <http://www.austintexas.gov/ROWMAN>
4. When requesting to excavate a "New Street", you must comply with the following requirements of **§ 14-11-186 NEW STREET EXCAVATION.**
 - (A) The director may not issue a permit for excavation in a new street except as provided in this section.
 - (B) The director may approve a permit to excavate a new street under this section only if the director determines that an economical alternative route is not available to the applicant.
 - (C) The director shall make a determination under this section within two city business days after receipt of an application.
 - (D) A permit holder under this section must pay damages for the loss of street use and reduction in street life, calculated in accordance with the Utility Criteria Manual.
 - (E) The director's determination under this section may be appealed as provided in Section 14-11-188 (Appeal).
5. Projects of significant size or scope may require additional coordination efforts through the Austin Utility Location and Coordination Committee.
 - 25' or great in the Downtown Austin Project Coordination Area
 - 300' anywhere within City of Austin Full Purpose Jurisdiction
 - Potentially congested utility corridors

