

# Attachment to Right of Way Use Permit – Vegetation Control

1. Property owners can be granted authority to use the County's Right of Way when they request the County to stop herbicide use alongside their property frontage. Maintenance standards for vegetation control are as follows:
  - a. All tree limbs within the R/W shall be kept clear up to a height of 21' measured from the roadway prism, i.e., road surface, shoulder or ditch.
  - b. Vegetation within the R/W shall be maintained to a height of no more than 24" high. Brush outside of the R/W shall not lean over and hang into the R/W.
  - c. Do not allow vegetation to grow on the shoulder area. This area shall be kept clear of all vegetation at all times.

## 2. Permitting Process

### Initial Application

- a. Right of Way Use applications are available at Public Works.
- b. Once County Road receives a completed application, they will record the mileposts of the areas requested and note if any maintenance that will be required before the application is processed.
- c. Unless the landowners request to complete the maintenance themselves, the County will bring this frontage up to the standards listed in Provision # 1 within the first year of the permit issuance.
- d. Herbicides will not be applied during this process.
- e. Permits will only be issued to the deeded property owner.

### Permit Renewals

- a. Renewals are dependent on the condition of the Right of Way when reviewed by County Road Staff. Each year, Skamania County will conduct a site visit to determine if the condition of the existing permit was adhered to making them eligible to continue with their current permit.
- b. If all conditions have been met, no action is required by the property owner as the permit will stay in force.

## 3. Non-compliance to the permit conditions

- a. If the property owner is not meeting the permit conditions, Skamania County Public Works will send the property owner a letter that states which conditions of the permit are not being met and that the work shall be completed within 90 days.
- b. If conditions are not met by the 90 days, Skamania County will cancel the permit and assume the maintenance.
- c. Once Skamania County has taken over the maintenance due to non-compliance, permits will not be re-issued to the property owner.