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CHAPTER 12 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR UTILITY LOCATION AND OTHER FACILITIES IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

12.1

PLANS REQUIRED

Any utility or other facility constructed in County ROW shall have construction plans submitted and approved in accordance with requirements of Chapter 3 of these Roadway Standards. No Right-Of-Way Use Permit shall be issued for construction of new utilities or extension of existing utilities (except service taps or laterals to individual properties) without prior review and approval of the construction plans by Teller County. Permits are required in all cases.

Exceptions:

1. Minor maintenance projects may be exempt from submitting formal construction plans. In such cases sketch plans must accompany the permit application. Utility companies may be exempt from the requirement of an engineer's signature and stamp on the construction plans if the project is of a nature that would not warrant design by a registered professional engineer.

2. To avoid delays and redesigns on large projects and in areas where future road improvements are expected, plan and profile sheets may be requested. A pre-design meeting must be held with the Road and Bridge Director or his authorized representative to discuss the requirements of the plan submittal. The County will assist the utility company in determining what future roadway profiles and improvements are expected, to minimize future utility relocations. Requirements for submitting plan and profile sheets may be waived upon written request of the utility company. This exception does not apply to water and sewer line projects.

12.1.1 If formal plans are required, the County will notify the Applicant of such within 48 hours after the pre-design meeting.

12.1.2 The Applicant's completed facility shall be in conformance with the drawings or sketches referred to above, unless a deviation has been requested and approved by Teller County.

12.1.3 When the proposed facility involves pressure pipe lines, the following additional data is required:

- a) Design pressure of pipe.
- b) Normal operating pressure.
- c) Maximum operating pressure.
- d) Nominal composition of material in pipeline.

This information is for reference only.

12.2

DESIGN STANDARDS

12.2.1

All work in connection with the facility authorized by the permit shall be done in a neat and workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of the Road and Bridge Director or his authorized representative. The details of construction

of the same shall conform to the requirements in effect at the time of permit issuance.

- 12.2.2 All utilities including water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer shall be stubbed out to the ROW at all locations that are planned for future tie-ins. Other reasonable stub-outs may be requested by the County based on sound engineering judgement and knowledge of adjacent development.
- 12.2.3 All manhole lids, utility access covers and range box access covers shall be depressed in accordance with Appendix D of these Roadway Standards.
- 12.2.4 During initial construction, utility companies shall install all utilities within a Schedule 40 PVC sleeve across all public roads to accommodate future repairs without road cuts. Sleeves shall be installed at a minimum depth of 36" to the top of the pipe from graded. Sleeve location shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

A minimum of six (6) additional 4" PVC sleeves on arterials, and a minimum of four (4) additional 4" PVC sleeves on collectors, shall be required to be installed by the Applicant at all road intersections along both sides of all collectors and arterials, and at intersections of local roads where there is a utility corridor. Any intersection along a collector or arterial, which may warrant signalization, shall have additional sleeves (as described above) installed across all roads at the intersection.

12.3 LOCATION

On existing roads where existing utilities are present alternate locations will be at the discretion of the Road and Bridge Department Director or his authorized representative (See also Figures 12.1 thru 12.3).

- 12.3.1 **Water**
Water mains shall be located on the North and East sides of roads. Provide minimum 10' horizontal separation from sanitary sewer. Fire hydrants will be located 3' minimum from back of curb, 1' minimum from back of attached walk, or 10' minimum from edge of pavement if no curb is present.
- 12.3.2 **Sanitary Sewer**
Sanitary sewer shall be located on the South and West sides of roads.
- 12.3.3 **Storm Sewer**
Storm sewer shall be located on the road centerline or three (3) feet either side of centerline for adequate utility separation. Other locations may be considered if given written approval by Road and Bridge Director or his authorized representative.

12.3.4**Natural gas**

Gas mains shall be located either within the right-of-way or in an adjacent easement on the South and West sides of the road or three (3) feet either side of centerline adequate utility separation. For utility companies that wish to run double mains (a main on each side of the road), the requirement of north and east/south and west may be waived by the Road and Bridge Director or his authorized representative. The Road and Bridge Director generally recommends double mains.

12.3.5**Power and Telephone**

Generally, power and telephone lines shall be located in the North and East sides of the road either within the right-of-way or in an adjacent easement. For utility companies that wish to run double mains (a main on each side of the road), the requirement of north and east/south and west may be waived by the Road and Bridge Director, or his authorized representative, or as directed by the National Electrical Safety Code.

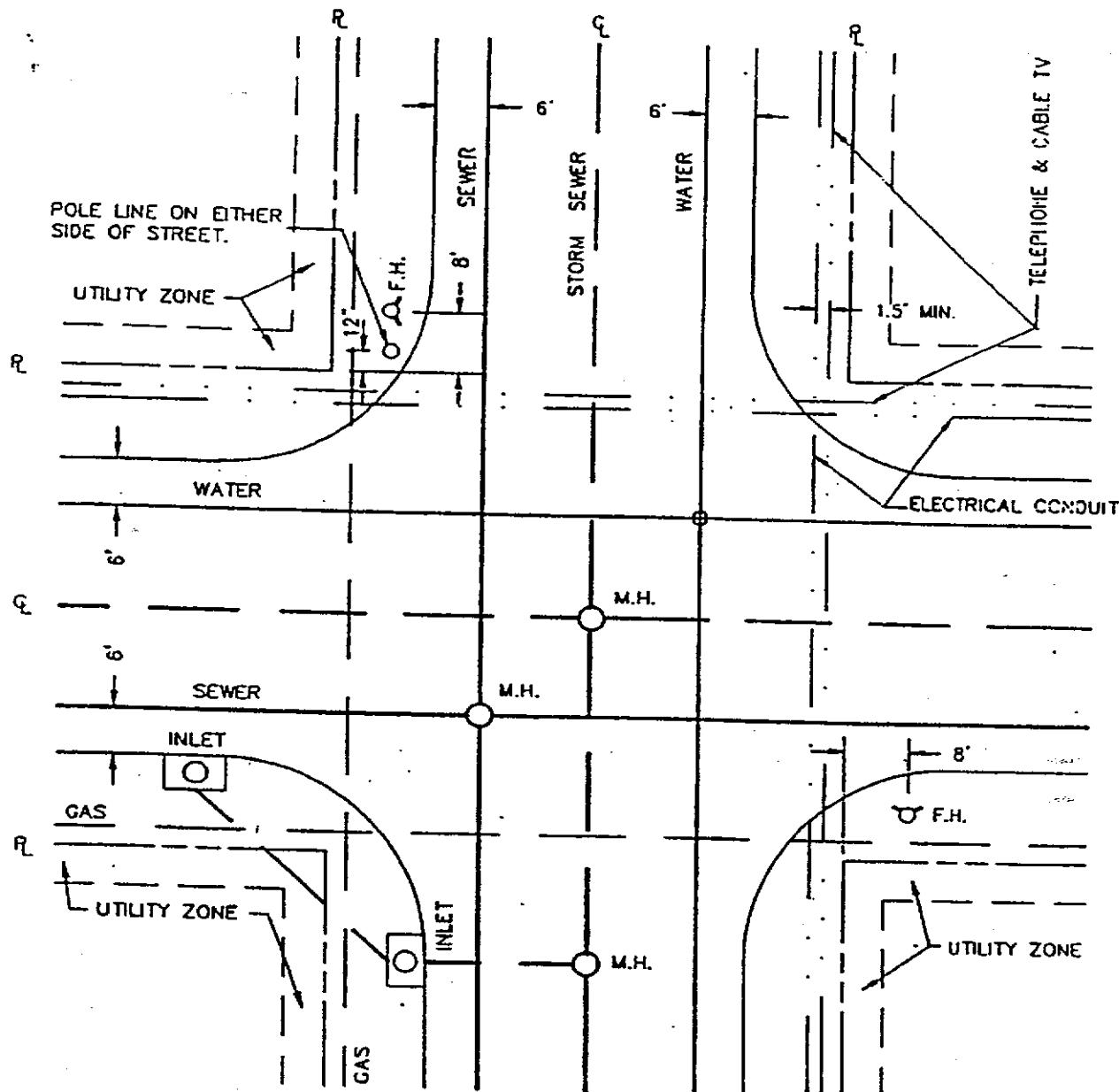
12.3.6**Cable TV**

Cable TV lines shall be located in the North and East sides of the road either within the right-of-way or in an adjacent easement. For utility companies that wish to run double mains (a main on each side of the road), the requirement of north and east/south and west may be waived by the Road and Bridge Director or his authorized representative.

12.3.7**Additional Structures**

Poles, signs and any other above-ground streetscape (except regulatory signs) shall be generally located within five feet of the right-of-way line or ten feet from the travel lane (flowline), whichever is more restrictive. Where existing roadways are constructed to something other than present County standards variances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Light poles may be placed a minimum of two feet behind a vertical curb line, or two feet behind the sidewalk for attached sidewalk conditions, with prior written approval by the County. Poles placed within County right-of-way, having a posted speed limit of 40 m.p.h., or higher, may be required to be breakaway, per CDOT Roadway Design Manual, Section 1002.6, Specifications. ALL poles within County right-of-way must be accepted by the Road and Bridge Department at the time of permit application for installation.

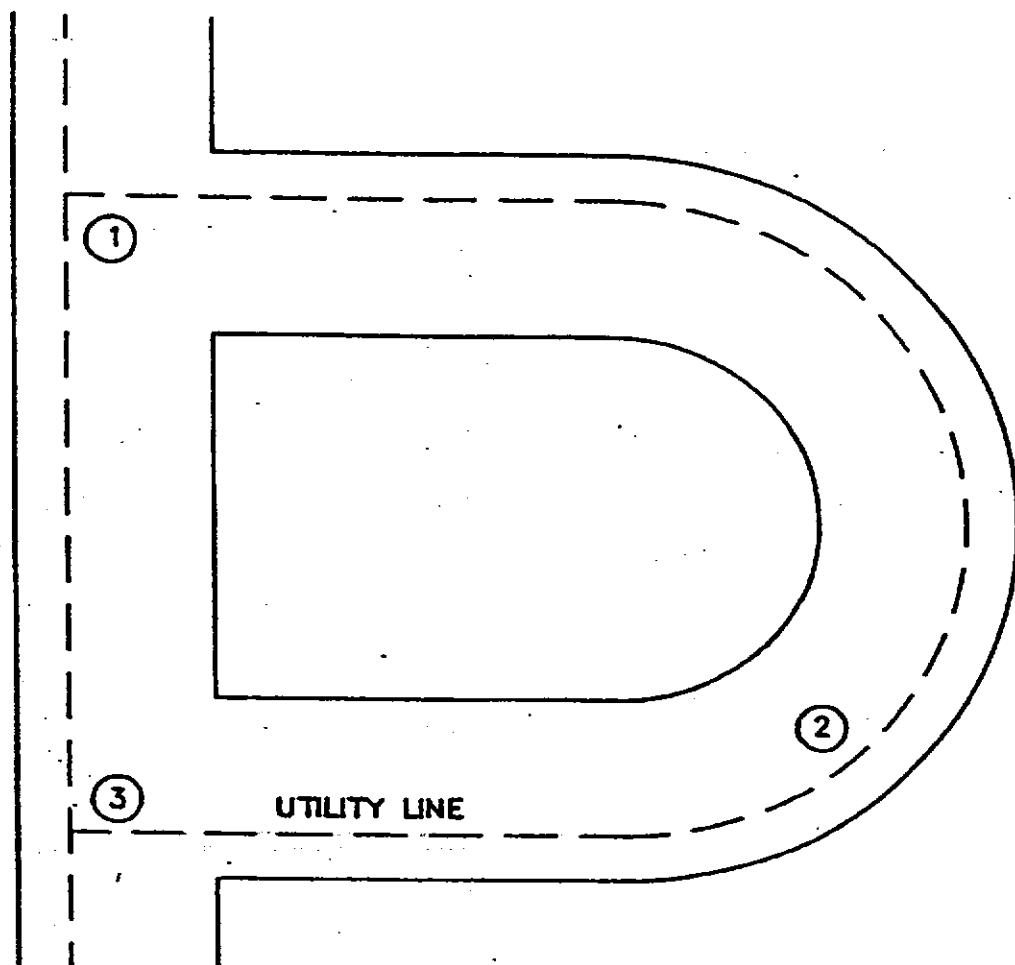
CAUTION: Trees or large shrubs shall not be planted over buried utilities, within the sight distance triangle at intersections or accesses, or within 10' of the flowline of the public road. On low speed (posted 30 m.p.h. or less) collector and local roads, trees may be planted to within six (6) feet of the flowline (except within 150' in either direction from an intersection, where the trees must be a minimum of 10' back from the flowline). In no case shall landscaping over 36" above the adjacent flowline be allowed to encroach into the sight-distance triangle.



NOTE: This standard is a guide only and deviations may be acceptable where conditions dictate. Dimensions shown are desirable but do not govern. The intention is to show the relative position of all utilities. This does not preclude the use of utilities in easements in other locations (i.e. back lot lines).

- UTILITY ZONE EASEMENT IF REQUIRED

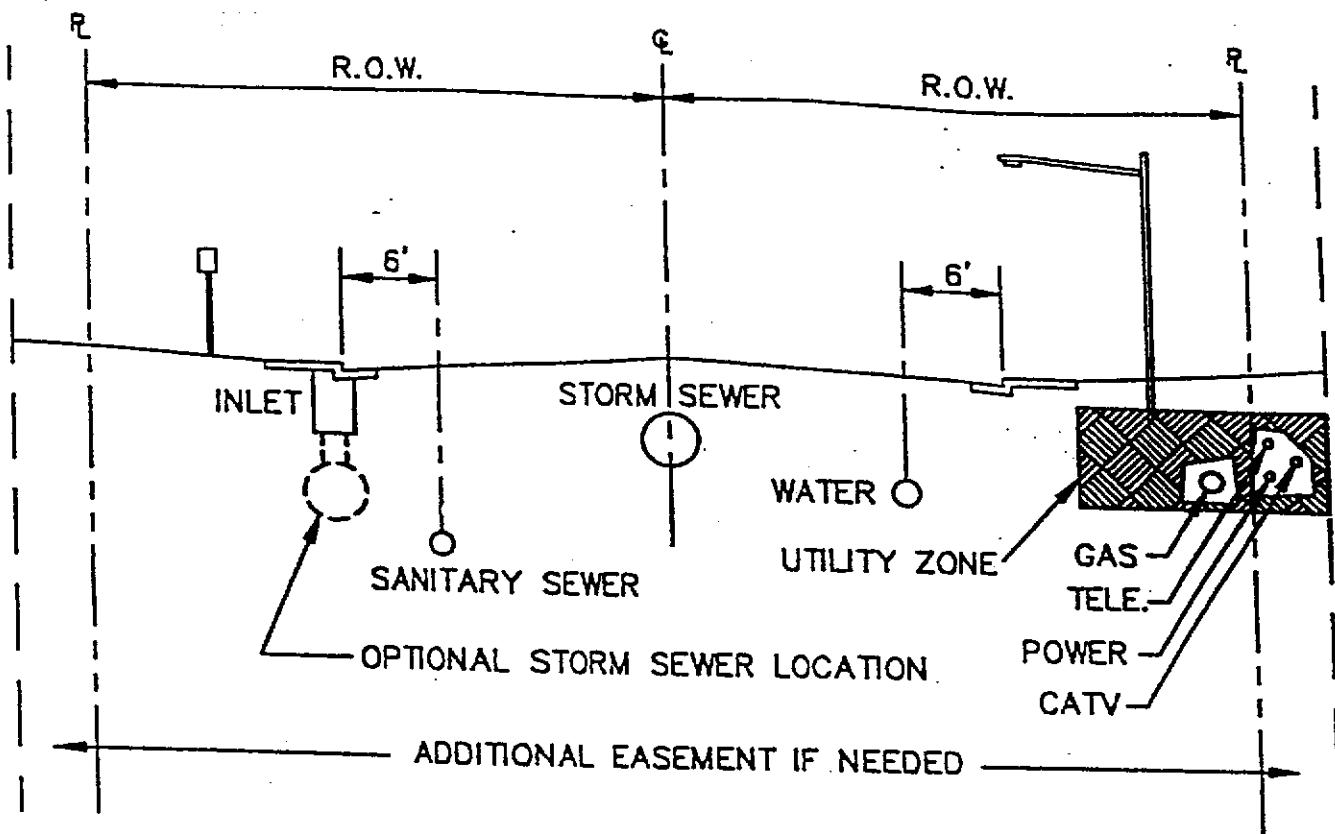
FIGURE 12.1
UTILITY LINE LOCATION
GENERAL



**EXAMPLE OF A UTILITY RELOCATION
TO A NORMAL POSITION AT AN INTERSECTION**

1. Carry Utility around corner.
2. Stay on same side of street.
3. Return Utility to normal side of street at intersection.

**Figure 12.2
UTILITY LOCATION - GENERAL**



NORMAL DEPTHS

Gas	36" min.
Telephone*	36" min.
Electric Power*	48" min.
Storm Sewer	40" min.
Sanitary Sewer	60" min.
CATV*	36" min.
Water	84" min. on loop 96" min. all other
Fiber Optic (with tracer wire 1' above the line)	48" min.
Other	36" min.

* May be provided in common trench by approval of County Engineer.

Figure 12.3
 UTILITY LOCATION - GENERAL