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**APPLICATION FOR DRAINAGE PERMIT  
ON COUNTY HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY**

Board of County Commissioners  
Goodhue County, Minnesota  
Attn: County Highway Engineer

C.S.A.H. \_\_\_\_\_

C.R. \_\_\_\_\_

Application is hereby made for permission to place, construct, and thereafter maintain a \_\_\_\_\_  
along or across County Highway No. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ City,  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet from center line on the \_\_\_\_\_ east \_\_\_\_\_ west \_\_\_\_\_ north \_\_\_\_\_ south side of the county highway  
in accordance with the sketch shown on the inside hereof, or attached thereto.

**Extent and Location of Tree Trimming and/or Clearing:**

**Underground Construction Conduit**

- Plastic drain tile                       Sectional concrete drain tile
- Clay drain tile                             Steel or metal pipe
- Other (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Size	Depth
<b>Method of Installing Under Roadbeds</b> (if open trench, explain why necessary)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Trench _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jacking	<input type="checkbox"/> Boring
<input type="checkbox"/> Pneuma Gopher	

Work to start on or after \_\_\_\_\_ and to be completed on or before \_\_\_\_\_.

The applicant in carrying on any and all of the work herein above mentioned or referred to in its application and in the Permit issued herefore, shall strictly conform to the terms of such Permit, and the regulations of the Board of County Commissioners, as set forth herein together with the Special Provisions, all of which are made a part hereof. The applicant specifically agrees to be bound hereby. The applicant shall also comply with the regulations of all other governmental agencies for the protection of the public. The work shall be accomplished in a manner that will not be detrimental to the highway and that will safeguard the public.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Landowner: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____	Contractor: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____
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Landowner Signature

**RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA FOR DRAINAGE TO AND  
ACROSS COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

1. Connecting Drains to Highway Drains
  - a. A landowner may enter the on the highway right of way to connect his drainage system to the highway drain or ditch ONLY when the NATURAL DRAINAGE COURSE on his land runs to the highway drain or ditch.
  - b. A landowner may NOT enter on the highway right of way to connect his drainage system to the highway drain or ditch where any water from his drainage system comes from other than the NATURAL DRAINAGE COURSE to said highway drain or ditch.
  - c. A landowner may NOT add to his drainage system that uses a highway drain or ditch without first obtaining a Permit from the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota, by the Goodhue County Engineer, for such addition.
  - d. A landowner may NOT add to his drainage system that uses a highway drain or ditch any water from other than the NATURAL DRAINAGE COURSE to the highway drain or ditch.
  - e. The Goodhue County Engineer shall make such specifications for connection of the landowner's drainage system to the highway drain or ditch as the County Engineer shall deem necessary. The landowner shall make connection only in accordance with such specifications.
  - f. The landowner shall leave the highway in as good condition in every way as it was before the connection was made.
2. Constructing Tile Drains Across Highway During Construction
  - a. A landowner may request the installation of a tile drain for agricultural benefits across a newly constructed or reconstructed right of way.
  - b. The request must be made in time so that the construction or reconstruction of the roadbed and drain system may take place in the same operation.
  - c. Said request will be made to the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota, through the Goodhue County Engineer.
  - d. The landowner's drainage system must be for a NATURAL DRAINAGE COURSE in lands adjacent to the highway to be crossed.
  - e. A satisfactory outlet for the landowner's drainage system cannot be secured on the upper side of the highway right of way before such drain tile may cross the highway.
  - f. The expense of such drain tile crossing shall come from funds available for roads.
3. Installation of Drain Tile Along or Across Highway Right of Way
  - a. When the COURSE OF NATURAL DRAINAGE of any land runs to a highway, the landowner may be granted a permit by the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota by the Goodhue County Engineer, to install drain tile along or across the highway right of way. Such installation shall only be allowed along the general course of the NATURAL DRAINAGEWAY.
  - b. Such installation of drain tiles shall NOT divert drainage waters away from the natural receiving drainageway immediately downstream from the highway.
  - c. Such installation of drain tile shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations herein and in accordance with the specifications for construction as determined by the Goodhue County Engineer.
  - d. The landowner shall leave the highway and right of way in as good condition as it was before the installation was made.
  - e. Application for installation of drain tile along or across a highway right of way shall be made to the Goodhue County Engineer.
  - f. The Goodhue County Engineer shall make such rules and regulations for installation of such drain tile system as he shall deem reasonable, and the landowner-applicant shall follow such rules and regulations in the installation of his drain tile system.
  - g. The Goodhue County Engineer may, at his discretion, require a bond, sufficient to indemnify the county for any potential damage to its highway, before granting the permit to install a drain tile along or across the highway right of way.

- h. The landowner shall restrict the length of the drain tile system to a minimum necessary to achieve desired agricultural benefits. The Goodhue County Engineer shall have the final determination as to the minimum length in such system.
  - i. No open trenches shall be left on the road right of way after installation of the drain tile is completed.
  - j. The landowner is completely responsible for any damage to the drain tile installation resulting from the action of Goodhue County or anyone else using the highway right of way.
  - k. The landowner shall assume all liability for, and save the County, its agents and employees, harmless from, any and all claims for damages, actions or causes of action arising out of work done on such drain tile installation and the continuing use of such installation; including but not limited to the placing, construction, reconstruction, maintaining, and using of such drain tile installation.
4. Penalty for Violation of Permit
- Any person who installs drain tile along or across a highway right of way without obtaining a permit is guilty of a MISDEMEANOR (maximum sentence of 90 days in jail and/or \$500.00 fine).
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### **LOCATION SKETCH**

Show location of proposed drainage system in relation to the center line of the county highway and other pertinent features such as right of way line, shoulder line, curb line and edge of surfacing. The system should also be referenced to adjacent land lines. Indicate north.

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**DRAINAGE PERMIT**

Reference: Project \_\_\_\_\_

C.S.A.H. \_\_\_\_\_

C.R. \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the application herein, a Drainage Permit is granted to \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Township</sup><sub>City</sub> to place, construct, and thereafter maintain a \_\_\_\_\_  
to, along, or across the right of way of County Highway No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the location shown on the sketch is part of said  
application, or in such location as is specified by the Goodhue County Engineer, included in the Special Provisions hereof:

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

(date)

Board of County Commissioners

Goodhue County, Minnesota

By: \_\_\_\_\_

County Highway Engineer

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Certified Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Surety Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of S. Bond or C. Check \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Bonding Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Made by \_\_\_\_\_

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