

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO UTILITY PERMITS

All Utility Permits issued by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District to privately and publicly owned utilities relating to poles, wires, cables and other overhead structures, pipes, conduits, manholes and other miscellaneous underground facilities, railroad crossings, storm drains, flood control and minor work are subject to the following General Terms and Conditions contained herein as well as the specific conditions set forth on the face of the Permit.

# 1. **DEFINITION**:

Each Utility Permit (hereinafter referred to as "Permit") is issued by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (hereinafter referred to as BART) by the Manager of Real Estate Services.

Applicant (hereinafter referred to as "Permittee") understands and agrees that except as otherwise provided, all Permits issued by BART are subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

# 2. REVOCABILITY AND MODIFICATION:

Any Permits issued hereunder are revocable upon thirty (30) days written notice by BART, and the terms and conditions thereof shall be subject to modification by BART at any time. Any Permit is revocable immediately in the event of any use other than that authorized by the Permit, or upon failure of the Permittee to conform to any of the terms and conditions of the Permit.

# 3. NEW WORK PERFORMED ON EXISTING PERMIT:

No new work can be initiated by a Permittee based upon a prior Permit unless that Permit specifically sets forth the nature and method of such future work at the time of the original approval and if the prior Permit has not expired.

If occupation of BART right-of-way is under easement or previous agreement with BART, new installations and work must be applied for to provide BART with notice and record of new work, and for inspection and approval by BART relating to construction and safety procedures. All prior rights shall be fully protected in such cases.

#### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF PROVISIONS:

It is understood and agreed by Permittee that doing any work under a Permit shall constitute an acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein except as otherwise specifically provided in the Permit.

#### 5. NO PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED:

It is understood and agreed by Permittee that approval of a particular action under a Right of Entry or Permit shall not establish a precedent for similar future requests by Permittee.

# 6. NOTICE PRIOR TO STARTING WORK:

Before starting work on which full inspection is required in the Permit, the Permittee shall notify BART's Special Services Section in writing fourteen days in advance of the day work is to begin. Five days notice shall be given on Permits where partial inspection is specified.

#### 7. PERMIT AT SITE OF WORK:

The Permit or a copy thereof shall be available at the site of the work and must be shown to any representative of BART on demand.

# 8. PERMITS FROM OTHER AGENCIES:

The party or parties to whom a Permit is issued shall, whenever the same is required by law, secure the written order or consent to any work under a Permit from the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California or any other public agency having jurisdiction and any Permit shall not be valid until such order or consent is obtained.

#### 9. PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC WHEN APPLICABLE:

Adequate provisions shall be made for the protection of the traveling public when construction affects cross streets along BART right-of-way. Warning signs, lights, safety devices and other measures required for the public safety shall conform to requirements of the Vehicle Code.

# 10. RAIL CLEARANCE AT OR NEAR GRADE:

No construction material shall be stored, nor equipment parked within 10 feet, measured at right angles, from the outer edge of the BART aerial structure or BART right-of-way fence, whichever is greater. Construction equipment operating adjacent to BART tracks or facilities shall be so situated and restrained so as not to fail in a manner that would potentially damage BART facilities or to interfere with BART's operating envelope. Any activity within 10 feet, measured at right angles, of BART's aerial structure or rail shall be conducted during non-revenue service hours and shall be subject to Track Allocation clearance.

# 11. LIMIT OF EXCAVATION AT OR NEAR GRADE:

No excavation is to be made closer than 10 feet, measured at right angles, from the edge of rail except as specified in the Permit. Depth of excavation shall be subject to inspection and approval by BART's Special Services Section.

# 12. STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION:

All work performed within BART right-of-way shall conform to Civil and Structural Design Criteria, latest revision, by this reference made a part hereof.

#### 13. APPROVAL BY BART:

All work shall be subject to inspection and approval by BART. The type of inspection will be specified in each Permit.

#### 14. CLEAN UP OF RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Upon completion of the work, the right-of-way shall be left in the same condition as existed before work started.

#### 15. MAINTENANCE:

Permittee agrees, by acceptance of a Permit, to exercise reasonable care to properly maintain any installation placed in BART right-of-way and to exercise reasonable care in preventing damage to any portion of right-of-way or to BART's facilities as a result of work done under a Permit.

#### 16. RESTORATION:

Within 30 days of the expiration or earlier termination of a Permit, Permittee shall, at its sole expense, restore to its former condition any portion of the right-of-way or of any BART facility which has been disturbed by Permittee, except as provided otherwise in the Permit. Restoration shall include, but not be limited to, removal of improvements, equipment, materials, debris, and the like, and repair of any damage. If Permittee fails to restore BART property as required herein, BART may perform such restoration at Permittee's sole expense.

#### 17. CARE OF DRAINAGE:

If the work contemplated in any Permit interferes with established drainage, provision shall be made by Permittee to re-establish equal drainage conditions as may be directed by BART, at Permittee's sole expense.

# 18. SUBMISSION OF PLANS:

For installation of all underground facilities and surface work, Permittee shall submit for approval a plan showing location and details with its application. Three sets of as-built plans shall be filed with BART upon completion and approval of work. Any substantial change from plans submitted with the application must be approved by BART prior to commencement of work.

# 19. EXPENSE OF INSPECTION, PREPARATION, AND ADMINISTRATION:

On installations made under request of Permittee which require the presence of any employee of BART as inspector, the cost of such inspection during the work shall be paid by Permittee upon presentation of bills therefor. In addition, Permittee agrees to promptly pay BART for costs involved in the preparation, administration and processing of the Permit and its provisions. The fee for the permit shall be calculated pursuant to the current Fee Schedule authorized by the policy adopted by the District's Board of Directors per Resolution No. 4805.

#### 20. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES:

Permittee agrees to assume responsibility and liability for all damage, loss or injury of any kind or nature whatever to persons or property, caused by or resulting from or in connection with work done by Permittee under a Permit or which may arise out of failure on Permittee's part to perform their obligations under any Permit. In the event any claim of such liability is made against BART, or any department, officer, or employee thereof, Permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold them, and each of them harmless from such claim, and pay and satisfy any resulting judgments. At its sole discretion, BART may require that Permittee obtain a bond and/or insurance in connection with the Permit.

# 21. FUTURE MOVING OF INSTALLATIONS:

It is understood by Permittee that whenever BART construction, re-construction or maintenance work on BART right-of-way may be required, and upon request by BART, the Permittee's installation shall be immediately moved by and at the sole expense of Permittee except as otherwise provided for by a specific Permit provision.

#### 22. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF PERMITTEE'S FACILITIES:

Permittee may perform routine work maintenance on Permittee's facilities in accordance with the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Permit. It will be necessary to provide fourteen days' prior written notice, unless otherwise stated, to BART's Construction Liaison prior to commencing any work within the property boundaries of BART. In emergencies, the Permittee shall notify BART's Construction Liaison by telephone and then follow up by confirming letter relating to the emergency and the disposition of the emergency.

# 23. PIPES, CONDUITS AND MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES:

BART's Civil and Structural Design Criteria, latest revision, sets forth specification for installation and maintenance of all underground facilities within BART right-of-way. In addition to BART criteria, all installation and maintenance procedures by Permittee shall be in accordance with the applicable orders of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. When abandonment of facilities is contemplated, Permittee shall notify BART.

#### 24. POLES, WIRES, CABLES AND OVERHEAD STRUCTURES:

Poles shall be located as specifically directed in the Permit. In addition to BART's Civil Structural Design Criteria, latest revision, all clearances and types of construction shall be in accordance with the applicable orders of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. Whenever it is necessary to secure permission from abutting property owners, such authority must be secured by Permittee prior to commencing work. Where removal of old poles, guys and stubs is necessary, the entire length of the abandoned pole, guy or stub shall be removed from the ground and the hole backfilled and thoroughly tamped.

#### 25. CLEARANCE OF TREES:

All new pole line construction must allow sufficient vertical clearance for trees 40 feet in height. At locations where growing trees are in place, or Permittee's facilities are already in place, normal construction standards may be followed at the option of Permittee with the ultimate provision to clear a 40-foot tree. Protected cable, tree wire, or plastic tree wire guards may be used on telephone lines through trees provided neither the tree nor its appearance will be damaged. No guy wires are to be attached to trees or BART structures.

#### 26. TRIMMING OF TREES:

Trimming of trees will be permitted only where specifically stated in a Permit. Except when specifically authorized in the Permit, removal of trees will generally be prohibited since all trees within BART right-of-way have been placed as landscaping. Permittee shall be required to conduct tree trimming at no cost to BART. In general, only light trimming of branches two inches or less in diameter will be permitted. The shapeliness of the trees must be preserved. If the permit requires inspection by BART during progress of the work, the cost of inspection shall be borne by the Permittee.

#### 27. SERVICE CONNECTIONS:

These terms and conditions do not authorize installation of utility service connections within BART right-of-way regardless of location of Permittee's facilities. All such service connections or excavations to abandon services must be covered by individual Permits.