

PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY ROAD AS PER R.C.W. 36.81

These guidelines are set down by the Skagit County Public Works Department to run concurrent with R.C.W. 36.81. It is our hope that these guidelines will assist you in applying for an establishment of a County Road.

1. A road proposed for establishment as a County road must be in compliance with Skagit County Road Standards. Contact the County Engineer's Office and obtain a Petition for Establishment of a County Road and the current required Road Standards for a County Road.
2. Fill in the petition describing the general course and terminal points of the proposed road and state that the same is a public necessity. Include the approximate length and width of the road and its location by Section, Township and Range. Obtain a parcel map from the Assessor's Office with the area of the road highlighted and include it along with the petition.
3. If the road does not already have a name, you may submit a list of three names which you would prefer. The County will make every effort to select one of your choices should the road be established into the County road system.
4. The petition must have the signatures of the majority of property owners in the vicinity of the proposed County road, including the signature of the petitioner. Please make sure the signatures are legible by having the property owners BOTH print and then sign their name in the area provided on the back of the petition.
5. Once the petition has been completely filled out, return it to the County Engineer's Office for review and submittal, along with a bond in the sum of \$300 to pay costs and expenses incurred by the county in examining the proposed road. An application fee, in accordance with the current Fee Schedule adopted by Skagit County, is also due at time of submittal to pay costs and expenses incurred by the county for the public proceedings. If the road is determined not to be practicable and a public hearing is not held, the application fee will be returned to the petitioner.
6. After the petition, bond and the fee have been received by the County Engineer's Office, a date will be set for a Public Hearing before the Board of County Commissioners to hear the request for the proposed establishment. Notice of the scheduled Public Hearing will be published in the newspaper, mailed to property owners in the vicinity and posted at each end of the proposed road. The notices must be posted/published for at least 20 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

On the date of the Public Hearing, the County Engineer's Office will present the petition and an Engineer's Report for the proposed establishment before the Board of Skagit County Commissioners. Any views by the public for or against the road establishment are heard either by attendance, representation, and/or letter and a final decision is made by the County Commissioners.

If you have any questions or concerns contact the Public Works Department at 360-416-1400.

Each petitioner must PRINT name, complete address, and must sign his/her name.

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REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON – CHAPTER 36.81.020--ROADS AND BRIDGES—ESTABLISHMENT

Ten or more freeholders of any county may petition the board for the establishment of a county road in the vicinity of their residence, setting forth and describing the general course and terminal points of the proposed improvement and stating that the same is a public necessity. The petition must be accompanied by a bond in the penal sum of three hundred dollars, payable to the county, executed by one or more persons as principal or principals, with two or more sufficient sureties, conditioned that the petitioners will pay into the county road fund of the county all costs and expenses incurred by the county in examining and surveying the proposed road and in the proceedings thereon in case the road is not established by reason of its being impracticable or there not being funds therefor.