



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT – ENGINEERING UTILITY FRANCHISE PERMIT APPLICATION GUIDE

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PURPOSE

A Utility Franchise Permit in the City of Fort Lauderdale is the official authorization from the City's Development Services Department (DSD) that allows a registered utility agency owner (UAO) or contractor to install, operate, or maintain utility infrastructure — such as gas, electric, fiber/telecommunications, or small cell/5G tower facilities — on public streets, rights-of-way, or other City-controlled property.

This guide outlines the steps and requirements for obtaining a Utility Franchise Permit from the City of Fort Lauderdale.

PROCESS

1. **Register Account or Login** - You must be a Registered User of [LauderBuild](#) to apply for a permit. **Not Yet Registered? Register here** → [Account Registration](#)
2. **Read** - [Utility Franchise Permit Requirements](#)
3. **Apply for Permit online**
 - **Classic Menu:** Select **Permits/Engineering (ROW)** from dropdown menu, accept terms - **Engineering-Right-of-Way Permits - ROW Utility Franchise Permit** and enter project information OR
 - **Wizard Menu:** Choose **Permitting Services**, accept terms - **Engineering ROW Permits and Services** - provide address and answer questions, then choose **Engineering Permits - ROW Utility Franchise**

For further assistance please contact the Permitting Team at PermitIntake@fortlauderdale.gov

- ▶ Engineering - Refund Request
- ▶ Address Requests
- ▶ Permits - Early Start Request
- ▶ Contractor / LP
- ▼ Engineering - Right-of-Way Permits
 - ROW Crane - Lift Operation Permit
 - ROW Dewatering Permit
 - ROW Landscaping Permit
 - ROW Maintenance of Traffic Permit
 - ROW Miscellaneous Permit
 - ROW Monitoring Well Permit
 - ROW Paving Permit
 - ROW Sewer Lateral ONLY Permit
 - ROW Sewer Permit
 - ROW Sidewalk and Curb Permit
 - ROW Site Prep and Erosion Control Permit
 - ROW Stormwater Permit
 - ROW Transit Permit
 - ROW Utility Franchise Permit
 - ROW Water Permit



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- a. **Contact Information** - Choose 'Select from Account' unless you are adding a new contact, who is not yet registered, then continue application.
- b. **Licensed Professional**
 - Must Select a City Registered Utility Authorized Owner (**UAO**)
 - **Licensed Professional List** choose 'Look Up' then enter "**city row**" for **Lastname (Last:)**, then select 'Look Up' - check box next to the correct UAO company name. (FP&L, AT&T, etc.)
 - For UAOs with two number selections, choose as follows:
 - Choose **No.** (*without _Das extension*) for Franchise Utility (Gas, Electric, Fiber/Telecommunications)
 - Choose **No._DAS** for Communications (Small Cell/5G)
- c. Enter **project information** noting that required fields are designated with a red Asterix.
- d. Certify application by checking the box and then continue application.
- e. Upload the [application](#), plans and supporting documents in **Adobe.pdf format**.
 - **Document type** for application must be 'Franchise Utility Permit'.
 - **Document type** for site plan, must be 'Plans (not Signed and Sealed)' or 'Plans (Signed and Sealed)'.
 - **Document type** for atlas maps must be set to 'City Utility Atlas Maps'.
 - Choose 'Miscellaneous' Document type for any unlisted supporting documents.
- f. **Upload and Validate** - Wait for status to change to Validated and then select [Finish] to send your submittal to review queue.

Questions? e-mail dengineeringadmin@fortlauderdale.gov or call 954-828-4653