



ROW FRANCHISE UTILITY PERMIT APPLICATION GUIDE

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PURPOSE

A Utility Franchise Permit in the City of Fort Lauderdale is the official authorization issued by the **Development Services Department (DSD) – Engineering** that allows a City-registered Utility Agency Owner (UAO) or contractor to install, operate, or maintain utility infrastructure — such as gas, electric, fiber/telecommunications, or small cell/5G installations — within public rights-of-way or other City-controlled property.

This guide provides applicants with a **clear, standardized, and easy-to-follow process** for submitting a Utility Franchise Permit application through LauderBuild. It consolidates all essential steps, document requirements, and system navigation instructions into one concise reference to reduce errors, ensure consistent submittals, and support efficient permit reviews by the City's Engineering division.

PROCESS

Register or Log In to LauderBuild

You must be a registered LauderBuild user to apply.

- Register: [Account Registration](#) – for new users only
- Login: [LauderBuild](#)

Review Permit Requirements

Read the City's [ROW Franchise Utility Permit Requirements](#) before submitting the application.

Submit the [Permit Application](#) (Online Only)

- Choose **Permitting Services**
- Accept terms
- Select **Engineering ROW Permits and Services**
- Enter project address and answer prompts
- Choose **Engineering Permits** → **ROW Utility Franchise**

APPLICATION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- **Contact Information**
 - Select **“From Account”** *(Need to Register? - See Account Registration above)*



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- **Licensed Professional** (UAO Selection)
 - You must select a **City-registered Utility Authorized Owner (UAO)**
 - **How to Look Up UAOs**
 - Click **Look Up** under Licensed Professional
 - Enter **“city row”** in the *Last Name* field
 - Select the correct UAO (FP&L, AT&T, etc.)
 - **If UAO has two numbers (No.) listed**
 - **Choose “No.”** for Franchise Utility (Gas, Electric, Fiber/Telecom)
 - **Choose “No._DAS”** for Communications (Small Cell/5G)

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- **Project Information**
Complete all required fields (marked with a **red asterisk**).

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- **Certification**
Check the certification box to confirm accuracy, then continue.

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- **Required Documents** (PDF Only)
 - Required Upload Types
 - **Franchise Utility Permit** → [Application Form](#)
 - **Plans (Signed & Sealed)** or **Plans (Not Signed & Sealed)** → Site Plans
 - **City Utility Atlas Maps** → Atlas Sheets
 - **Miscellaneous** → Any other supporting documents

Upload all documents, then select **Validate**. When status updates to **Validated**, click **Finish** to submit to the City’s review queue.

Questions or Assistance

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