

Utility Occupancy Agreement 2020 Fee Schedule

The fee schedule included herein is provided for summary purposes only. Complete fees and/or fee categories may not be included in this document. All fee calculations must be verified by North Carolina Railroad Company's (NCRR) Infrastructure Manager who may be contacted as follows:

NCRR Infrastructure Manager
North Carolina Railroad Company
2809 Highwoods Boulevard, Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27604
(919) 954-7601

1. General

All fees are subject to an annual escalation and may change without notice. All Occupancy Agreements providing for periodic payments will include an annual escalation rate in the License Fee.

All Applicants shall complete NCRR Form 210 for Wireline Occupancies or NCRR Form 220 for Pipeline Occupancies and pay the applicable Engineering Review Fees.

All Occupancy Agreements and License Fees shall be subject to the following:

- New Occupancy Agreements shall be subject to the NCRR Occupancy Agreement Application, Engineering and License Fees in effect at time of preparation of the Agreement.
- Transverse Occupations Annual Fee
 - Estimated fees for a specific occupancy may be obtained by contacting NCRR Infrastructure Manager.
- Longitudinal Occupations Annual Fee
 - Estimated fees for a specific occupancy may be obtained by contacting NCRR Infrastructure Manager.
- Previously issued Norfolk Southern (NS) and CSX Agreements shall be cancelled by NCRR and new Occupancy Agreements shall be prepared.
 - Those Occupancy Agreements issued at a nominal fee by either NS or CSX shall be subject to payment of full License Fees in accordance with the current NCRR Fee Schedule.
 - License Fees for Occupancy Agreements that are modified or for facilities to be upgraded may not be applicable.
 - All Occupancy Agreements shall be subject to full Engineering Review Fee. NCRR, at its sole discretion, may waive all or a portion of the NCRR License Fees.
- Occupancy Agreements shall be cancelable by either party on 60 days written notice.
- Occupancy Agreements for Pipelines will be granted only to municipal utilities or utilities regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission or other similar governmental agency.
- Any existing utility encroachment that exists without a prior Occupancy Agreement shall be processed as an application for a new Occupancy and subject to current Engineering and License Fees.
- Any Licensee may elect to make a one-time License Fee payment in advance in lieu of annual payments by paying eighteen times the annual occupancy fee.

- Applicants shall pay Application and Engineering Review Fees to an engineering firm of NCRR's choosing. Currently this engineering firm is HNTB North Carolina, P.C. (HNTB). All correspondence including application submittals shall be addressed to:

HNTB North Carolina, P.C.
Attn.: Mgr., NCRR Pipe and Wire Occupancy Agreement Process
343 East Six Forks Road, Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27609

Licensee shall pay all labor and material furnished by NCRR in connection with the construction, reconstruction, repair, relocation or removal of any occupation of its property.

Licensee shall pay all services of watchmen, flagmen, inspectors and any other costs incurred by NCRR, the Operating Railroads and NCRR's Engineering Representative.

Exceptions shall be referred to NCRR VP of Engineering for consideration.

2. Application Review Process Fees

The fees associated with the application review process are intended to cover the costs of processing and reviewing the application. These fees are in addition to the occupancy fees.

The engineering review fee is payable directly to an engineering firm of NCRR's choosing. Currently this engineering firm is HNTB. All correspondence including application submittals shall be addressed to:

HNTB North Carolina, P.C.
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A. Application and Engineering Review Fees

Current (**2020**) engineering review fees are as follows:

- Pipeline and underground wireline occupancy agreements: **\$2,080**.
- Aerial wire line occupancy agreements: **\$1,500**.
- Engineering Review Fees are nonrefundable.

Engineering review fees for unusually complicated or unique applications will be determined on a case by case basis. Examples may include projects that include, but are not limited to, significant retaining walls along the Corridor or longitudinal encroachments for significant distances. NCRR's Engineering Representative will notify the Applicant if additional review fees are required prior to processing the Application.

B. Norfolk Southern Fees

An application fee, currently \$200, is payable to Norfolk Southern Corporation upon execution of an occupancy agreement. An application approval letter will be sent with the agreements with additional instructions on providing this payment.

3. Notes

- A. Coal and water slurry lines are not allowed on the NCRR corridor.
- B. A proportionate additional occupancy fee calculated to the nearest dollar shall be made for any transverse and longitudinal crossing in excess of 200 feet.
- C. Attachments of wires, cables, etc. to bridges, buildings, poles or structures belonging to NCRR and/or the operating railroad is subject to special consideration in each case.
- D. Reasonable effort must be made to locate poles, guys, and anchors off the railroad corridor. When poles, towers, guys, and anchors must be located within the corridor, sufficient evidence of necessity will be required.
- E. Guys, stubs, anchors, and push or pull braces not required by specifications for the support of a crossing pole and placed on the NCRR Corridor solely at the request of the NCRR, shall be considered as a part of the crossing pole and no charges made thereof.
- F. Occupancy fee for non-circular pipes shall be determined by the diameter of a circular pipe having an equivalent cross-sectional area.
- G. Occupancy fee for pipe tunnels or other special underground construction shall be subject to special consideration.
- H. Pipelines carried over the NCRR Corridor on bridges or other supports is subject to special consideration in each case.