



Maricopa County

Planning & Development Department

Department Directive

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Purpose: To clarify requirements and procedures for Utility permits.

Reference: ARS Section 11-865 and Title 40 "Public Utilities and Carriers"

Policy/Procedure:

Utility Companies operating under a franchise or certificate of convenience and necessity from the Arizona Corporation Commission are exempt from the County Building Code and building permit fees. To verify that a utility company has such a certificate, refer to the Arizona Corporation Commission website list at:

<http://www.cc.state.az.us/divisions/utilities/>

If a utility company is exempt, then the only permit that must be obtained is a zoning and drainage clearance permit.

If a utility company or other private owner is not exempt, then a combined building, zoning and drainage clearance permit must be obtained. Fees will be charged based on the valuation of the work proposed.

In either case, additional permits or approvals may also be necessary from the County Flood Control and Environmental Services Departments.

Salt River Project (SRP) has a Federal exemption from all County permit and fee requirements. However, other utility's work on SRP property will be subject to County regulations per this directive.