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## THROUGHWAYS

### **374.005 Policy and purpose of ORS 374.005 to 374.095.**

(1) The kind, character and volume of traffic now moving over public highways, the speed at which such traffic moves, the prime and essential factors such as speed, safety and convenience to which transportation of persons and property over public highways is entitled, the relation which such transportation bears to the transportation systems of other states and of the nation as a whole, the ever-increasing toll of injury to and death of persons and the destruction of and damage to property caused by and resulting from accidents on public highways constitute and are conditions and elements which demand of highway officials a program of highway designing, highway regulations, highway use and operation, highway controls and highway safeguards which will make possible and insure a degree of safety and convenience and a type and class of service not possible under existing law.

(2) To the end that human lives may be saved, property damage minimized, transportation by motor vehicle promoted and highway travel in general safeguarded, the legislature finds, determines and declares that ORS 374.005 to 374.095 is necessary for the preservation of public safety, the improvement and development of transportation facilities in the state, the protection of highway traffic from the hazards of unrestricted and unregulated entry from adjacent property, the elimination of hazards due to highway grade intersections and in general the promotion of public welfare.

**374.010 "Throughway" defined.** As used in ORS 374.005 to 374.095, "throughway" means a highway or street especially designed for through traffic, over, from or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no easement of access or only a limited easement of access, light, air or view, by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon the throughway or for any other reason.

### **374.015 Department of Transportation to establish and maintain throughways; highways to be designated throughways.**

(1) The Department of Transportation, in addition to and without restricting, limiting or repealing any powers and authority which it now has, may lay out, locate, relocate, adopt, establish, construct, designate, maintain and supervise the use and operation of new highways known as throughways.

(2) Any relocated section of an existing highway and such portions of existing highways, which at the time they are designated as throughways have less than 10 commer-

cial businesses abutting thereon catering to the motoring public in any one mile of such existing highway, may be designated and constructed as or converted into a throughway by the department. As used in this subsection, "relocated" means a highway or section thereof so located that for its construction an entirely new right of way is necessary.

(3) The authority and power of the department extends to and includes state highways within the corporate limits of cities, and with the approval of the municipal authorities may extend to and include city streets.

### **374.020 Interference with railroad facilities prohibited.**

No throughway shall be established upon or across the tracks, yards, station grounds or other operating properties of any common carrier railroad, or upon or across any industrial or business property served by railroad industrial trackage, or upon or across any property at such a location as to unduly interfere with the reasonable access of shippers, passengers or the public to railroad depots, team tracks or other facilities for receiving or delivering freight or passengers transported by railroad unless the Department of Transportation and the railroad agree on a proposed throughway project. [Amended by 1995 c.733 §94]

### **374.025 Change from throughway to highway.**

Any state highway or section thereof which has been located, established, designated and constructed as a throughway may, in whole or in part, be changed from a throughway to an ordinary highway by the Department of Transportation if in its judgment such action will best serve public needs.

### **374.030 Separation of throughways into separate roadways; ingress and egress.**

(1) The Department of Transportation may so design a throughway and so regulate, restrict or prohibit access thereto and use thereof as to best serve the traffic for which the throughway is intended. In this connection and for such purpose the department may divide and separate any throughway into separate roadways or lanes by the construction of raised curbs, central dividing sections or other physical separations, or by designating separate roadways or lanes by signs, markers or stripes and the proper lanes for traffic by appropriate signs, markers, stripes or other devices.

(2) After any highway has been so marked or designed no person has any right of ingress or egress to, from or across the highway to or from abutting lands, except at such points as may be designated by the department.

**374.035 Acquisition of real property; effect of resolution.** (1) The Department of Transportation may, in the name of the state, acquire by agreement, donation or exercise of the power of eminent domain, fee title to or any interest in any real property, including easements of air, view, light and access, which in the opinion or judgment of the department is deemed necessary for the construction of any throughway, the establishment of any section of an existing state road or highway as a throughway or the construction of a service road. The department may accomplish such acquisition in the same manner and by the same procedure as real property is acquired for state highway purposes, except that in case the acquisition is by proceedings in eminent domain the resolution required under such procedure shall specify, in addition to other provisions and requirements of law, that the real property is required and is being appropriated for the purpose of establishing, constructing and maintaining a throughway.

(2) A resolution adopted by the department stating and setting forth that a proposed highway is to be constructed as a throughway is conclusive evidence that the highway when constructed is a throughway with all the characteristics and incidents prescribed by and provided for in ORS 374.005 to 374.095.

**374.040 Acquisition of land not immediately needed.** Whenever it becomes necessary to acquire any real property for use in connection with the location, relocation, construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of any throughway or section thereof or for a service road, the Department of Transportation may, in its discretion, acquire an entire lot, block or tract of land if by so doing the interests of the owner and the state will be best served, even though the entire tract is not immediately needed for the highway proper. This provision and authority shall apply to and be effective whether the real property is acquired by purchase, agreement or exercise of the power of eminent domain.

**374.045 Payment for land acquired.** The Department of Transportation may pay the cost incident to the acquisition of real property or any interest therein for the establishment, location and relocation of throughways and their construction, reconstruction and maintenance out of state highway funds in the same manner that such funds are disbursed for other highway purposes by the department.

**374.050 Parties bringing eminent domain proceedings.** In case an agreement provided for in ORS 374.080 has been entered into, proceedings in eminent domain for the

acquisition of real property or any interest therein deemed necessary therefor, may be brought in the name of the state by the Department of Transportation, alone or jointly with any city, county or city and county which are parties to the agreement.

**374.055 Evidentiary purposes of improvement plan.** In any proceeding in eminent domain evidence of the entire plan of improvement is admissible for the purpose of determining:

(1) Value of property taken.

(2) All damages by reason of deprivation of right of access to any highway to be constructed, established or maintained as a throughway.

(3) The damages which, if the property sought to be condemned constitutes a part of a larger parcel, will accrue to the portion not sought to be condemned by reason of its severance from the portion sought to be condemned and by reason of the construction of the improvement in the manner proposed.

**374.060 Power of Department of Transportation as to intersecting streets and roads.** The Department of Transportation, with the official approval of municipal authorities of cities with respect to city streets and with the official approval of the county court or board of county commissioners of any county with respect to county roads, may:

(1) Close any street, highway or road at or near the point of its intersection with a throughway; or

(2) Make provision for carrying the street or road over or under the throughway; or

(3) Provide a connection with a throughway by means of a utility or service road to a suitable point of connection; and

(4) Do any and all work on the street, highway or road as is necessary therefor.

**374.065 Intersection of throughways and county roads.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall provide for the intersection of throughways by county roads running into or across throughways.

(2) Any county road may be closed at the points where it runs into or intersects the throughway if the consent of the county court or board of county commissioners of the county in which the road is located is first obtained.

(3) After the establishment of a throughway, no county road shall be constructed running into or intersecting the throughway unless its plans and specifications have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the department. This approval shall be made a matter of record by

the department and by the county court or board of county commissioners.

**374.070 Throughways in cities; intersecting streets.** (1) Should any portion or section of a throughway be within the corporate limits of a city, provision shall be made for access thereto from existing streets at points designated by the municipal authorities of the city. In the event plans and specifications are submitted to the municipal authorities of the city by the Department of Transportation and the municipal authorities fail to designate such points within 60 days thereafter, the designation may be made by the department.

(2) After establishment of any throughway in or through a municipality, no street shall be constructed turning into or intersecting the throughway unless the plans and specifications therefor have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the department and made a matter of official record.

(3) Nothing in this section prohibits the closing of any street at the point where it runs into or intersects any throughway by the proper municipal authorities in the manner provided by law.

**374.075 Cooperation of municipal and county authorities with Department of Transportation.** The municipal authorities of cities and the county court or board of county commissioners of any county may do anything or all things necessary to cooperate with the Department of Transportation for laying out, acquiring and constructing any section or portion of any street or highway within their respective jurisdiction as a throughway and to convert any existing street or highway into a throughway.

**374.080 Agreements with federal government, counties and cities.** The Department of Transportation may enter into cooperative agreements with the federal government and with any county or city for the location, adoption, construction and maintenance of a throughway either within or without the corporate limits of any city, with respect to highways under the exclusive jurisdiction of the department, roads under the jurisdiction of the county court or board of county commissioners and streets under the exclusive jurisdiction of cities, and may, in such agreements, agree upon the allocation of costs of the project, the manner and method of maintenance and all other relevant matters.

**374.085 Severance by throughway of agricultural land.** Wherever by the location, relocation, establishment and construction or reconstruction of a throughway under ORS 374.005 to 374.095 real property,

title to which is held under one ownership, is severed and the land is being used for farm or other agricultural purposes, provision shall be made by the Department of Transportation for crossing the highway from one such tract to the other or compensation for the severance of the tract shall be paid. Should such tracts at any time cease to be held under one ownership, the department may terminate and discontinue the road crossings. No such connecting-road crossing shall be used for or in connection with the conduct of any roadside business or enterprise, but shall be available and used solely for passage from one of the severed tracts to the other.

**374.090 Destruction by throughway of access to agricultural property.** Whenever a throughway is located, relocated, constructed or reconstructed through or over farm or agricultural property and thereby all reasonable ingress and egress have been destroyed, the Department of Transportation shall provide access from the abutting properties to the throughway by a service road or by direct access, unless by agreement with the owners of the abutting properties access to the throughway has been waived by the property owner or has been acquired by the state by agreement or exercise of the power of eminent domain.

**374.095 Utility roads where access to abutting property affected.** If under ORS 374.005 to 374.095 any existing highway or section of existing highway is converted into a throughway, by reason thereof real properties then occupied and used are affected and such abutting real properties are dependent upon the existing highway or section of highway for ingress and egress, the Department of Transportation shall provide a utility or service road to serve the properties. This utility or service road shall be constructed and maintained by the state at state expense and shall follow a location or route immediately parallel to and adjoining the throughway. After the service or utility road has been constructed the abutting land owner's right of reasonable view shall not be impaired.

**374.205** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.210** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.215** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.220** [Amended by 1957 c.459 §3; repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.225** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.230** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.235** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.240** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.245** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.250** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.255** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.260** [Repealed by 1967 c.497 §7]

**374.265** [Renumbered 374.335]

**374.270** [Renumbered 374.340]

### APPROACH ROADS, PRIVATE CROSSINGS AND OTHER FACILITIES UPON RIGHT OF WAY

#### (Temporary provisions relating to permit fee for utility facilities in right of way)

**Note:** Sections 2, 4 and 5, chapter 664, Oregon Laws 2001, provide:

**Sec. 2.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the Department of Transportation may charge a permit fee to any person or corporation that, in accordance with ORS 758.010, constructs, maintains or operates water, gas, electric or communication service lines, fixtures or other facilities in the right of way of a state highway. The department shall adopt rules establishing a schedule for permit fees charged under this section, in accordance with the following:

(a) The fee schedule shall set fees in fixed amounts for various classes of permits. The classes of permits shall be based on the nature, size and extent of the facility and the costs of reviewing plans and supervising construction.

(b) The department may not adopt a fee that is greater than the reasonable costs to the department of issuing the permit and administering its terms. The amount of a fee may not include permit review costs incurred by any agency or state official other than the Department of Transportation.

(c) The department may not adopt a fee for a permit to construct, maintain or operate facilities to provide street lighting or other utility services to property owned or controlled by the department.

(2) The department may not charge a permit fee under this section if the costs to the department of issuing the permit and administering its terms may legally be paid from revenues described in section 3a (1), Article IX of the Oregon Constitution.

(3) The department shall adopt rules specifying the kinds of activities described in ORS 758.010 that may be allowed under a blanket permit. [2001 c.664 §2]

**Sec. 4.** (1) The Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction to review a circuit court judgment on the issue of whether the costs to the Department of Transportation in issuing a permit for activities described in ORS 758.010 and administering the terms of the permit may legally be paid from revenues described in section 3a (1), Article IX of the Oregon Constitution.

(2) A party to an action to determine whether the costs described in subsection (1) of this section may be paid from the described revenues may appeal a judgment in the case only by filing a notice of appeal directly with the Supreme Court within the time and in the manner specified in ORS chapter 19 for civil appeals to the Court of Appeals. Any party filing a notice of appeal under this subsection must note in the notice of appeal that the case is subject to this subsection. [2001 c.664 §4]

**Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this 2001 Act is repealed on January 2, 2006. [2001 c.664 §5]

**374.305 Necessity of permission to build on rights of way.** (1) No person, firm or corporation may place, build or construct on the right of way of any state highway or county road, any approach road, structure, pipeline, ditch, cable or wire, or any other

facility, thing or appurtenance, or substantially alter any such facility, thing or appurtenance or change the manner of using any such approach road without first obtaining written permission from the Department of Transportation with respect to state highways or the county court or board of county commissioners with respect to county roads.

(2) After written notice of not less than 10 days to the permittee and an opportunity for a hearing, the department with respect to crossings over a state highway and the county court or board of county commissioners with respect to crossings over a county road may abolish any crossing at grade by a private road or may alter or change any private road crossing when the public safety, public convenience and the general welfare require the alteration or change.

(3) As used in ORS 374.305 to 374.330:

(a) "Approach road" includes a private road that crosses a state highway or a county road.

(b) "Private road crossing" means a privately owned road designed for use by trucks which are prohibited by law from using state highways, county roads or other public highways. [Amended by 1955 c.424 §1; 1957 c.323 §1; 1967 c.497 §1]

**374.307 Removal or repair of installation constructed without permission.** (1) If any person, firm or corporation builds or constructs on the right of way of any state highway or county road any approach road or any other facility, thing or appurtenance without first obtaining the written permission required by ORS 374.305, the Department of Transportation or the county governing body shall, after the expiration of 30 days following the transmittal of a written notice to such person, firm or corporation, at the expense of such person, firm or corporation, remove all such installations from the right of way or reconstruct, repair or maintain any such installation in accordance with or as required by the rules and regulations. This expense may be recovered from such person, firm or corporation by the state or county in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the Department of Transportation, county governing body or designated agent of the department or governing body, whichever is applicable, determines that a traffic or pedestrian hazard is created by the construction which causes imminent danger of personal injury, it may:

(a) Order the construction removed, repaired or maintained to eliminate the hazard, within 24 hours after delivery of written notice to the person, firm or corporation which

caused the construction, and to the owner of the property on which the construction occurred.

(b) If the hazard is not removed within the time set under paragraph (a) of this subsection, remove the hazard and recover the expenses of any removal, repair or maintenance from any such person, firm or corporation in any court of competent jurisdiction. [1955 c.424 §5; 1979 c.873 §1]

**374.310 Rules and regulations; issuing permits.** (1) The Department of Transportation with respect to state highways and the county court or board of county commissioners with respect to county roads shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations and may issue permits, not inconsistent with law, for the use of the rights of way of such highways and roads for the purposes described in ORS 374.305. However, the department shall issue no permit for the construction of any approach road at a location where no rights of access exist between the highway and abutting real property.

(2) Such rules and regulations and such permits shall include such provisions, terms and conditions as in the judgment of the granting authority may be in the best interest of the public for the protection of the highway or road and the traveling public and may include, but need not be limited to:

(a) Provisions for construction of culverts under approaches, requirements as to depth of fills over culverts and requirements for drainage facilities, curbs, islands and other facilities for traffic channelization as may be deemed necessary.

(b) With respect to private road crossings, additional provisions for the angle of intersection, crossing at grade or other than grade, sight distances, safety measures including flaggers, crossing signs and signals, reinforcement for protection of the highway, maintenance of the crossing and for payment by the applicant of the costs of any of the foregoing.

(c) With respect to private road crossings, the granting authority may also require the applicant to furnish public liability and property damage insurance in a sum fixed by the granting authority, which insurance shall also indemnify the members, officers, employees and agents of such authority from any claim that might arise on account of the granting of the permit and the crossing of the highway or road by vehicles operating under the permit; and the granting authority may also require the applicant to furnish indemnity insurance, an indemnity bond or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by an insured institution as defined in ORS 706.008 in a sum fixed by the granting authority,

indemnifying such authority for any damage to the highways or roads that may be caused by the use of the crossing.

(3) The powers granted by this section and ORS 374.315 may not be exercised so as to deny any property adjoining the road or highway reasonable access. In determining what is reasonable, the department or county court or board of county commissioners shall apply the following criteria:

(a) The access must be sufficient to allow the authorized uses for the property identified in the acknowledged local comprehensive plan.

(b) The type, number, size and location of approaches must be adequate to serve the volume and type of traffic reasonably anticipated to enter and exit the property, based on the planned uses for the property. [Amended by 1955 c.424 §2; 1957 c.323 §2; 1967 c.497 §2; 1991 c.331 §59; 1997 c.249 §119; 1997 c.631 §467; 1999 c.974 §3; 2003 c.371 §1]

**374.312 Rules regarding permits for approach roads; intergovernmental agreements.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules governing the process of application for and issuance of permits for approach roads to highways by owners of property abutting the highways. Rules adopted by the department shall include, but need not be limited to:

(a) The time within which a final decision, including resolution of all internal appeals, to grant or deny a permit must be made. The time may not be longer than 120 days unless the applicant and the department agree to an extension.

(b) Standards that will be used in making decisions as to whether to grant or deny a permit. Standards applicable to approach roads shall be based on a policy of using local road systems and state highways in a manner consistent with the local transportation system plan and the land uses permitted in the local comprehensive plan acknowledged under ORS chapter 197. In addition, the standards shall require consideration of safety and highway functionality.

(c) Criteria for determining what constitutes reasonable access as specified in ORS 374.310 (3).

(d) Procedures governing an appeal of denial of a permit, including but not necessarily limited to notice, guarantee of an impartial tribunal, burden of proof and admission and weight of evidence.

(e) A rule that an engineer with relevant experience will review and respond to evidence from a qualified expert that is submitted by an applicant.

(2) A permit decision for an approach road must be made on the basis of standards

and criteria in effect on the date that the application was filed.

(3) A permit decision for an approach road must be made on the record. The department shall adopt rules specifying the form of the record.

(4) The department and a local government may enter into an intergovernmental agreement setting provisions for and allowing the local government to issue access permits for regional and district state highways. The agreement must provide that permits issued by local governments will be consistent with the highway plan and administrative rules adopted by the department, with state statutes and with the local transportation system plan acknowledged under ORS chapter 197. The department shall adopt rules specifying the circumstances under which authority will be delegated to a local government.

(5) The department shall develop a program that allows a person that might be affected by the issuance of the permit, but that is not the owner of the property subject to the permit, to express concerns to the department prior to the issuance of the permit. For purposes of this subsection, persons that might be affected by the issuance of the permit are the city or county in which the road is located and any person that owns property adjacent to the proposed access. Nothing in this subsection gives a city, county or other person that might be affected standing to appeal any decision of the department regarding granting of the permit. [1999 c.974 §2; 2003 c.371 §2]

**Note:** 374.312 was added to and made a part of 374.305 to 374.330 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**Note:** Section 1, chapter 972, Oregon Laws 1999, provides:

**Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that the Department of Transportation, local governments and regional governments work collaboratively to achieve accessibility and mobility goals for a balanced transportation system. [1999 c.972 §1]

**374.313 Claim for relief after closure of approach road; mediation; appraisal.**

(1) When the Department of Transportation closes an approach road for which a permit was issued under ORS 374.310 or denies an application for an approach road permit submitted pursuant to a grant or reservation of access contained in a contract, condemnation judgment or recorded deed, and the closure or denial is not the result of conditions contained in a contract, condemnation judgment, recorded deed or permit, a person holding an interest in the real property benefited by the access or proposed access may file a claim for relief as a contested case under ORS 183.415 to 183.500.

(2) Prior to issuing a final order in a contested case under subsection (1) of this section, the Director of Transportation may provide the opportunity for the parties to participate in mediation consistent with the applicable provisions of ORS 36.185 to 36.210. In any alternative dispute resolution proceeding, the director may authorize administrative remedies, including monetary damages or other relief, as determined by the department by rule, to address issues related to real property value, utility or use.

(3) In any proceeding under this section, any party may cause an appraisal of the subject property to be conducted. If the difference in value between a property owner's claim and an offer of monetary compensation by the department is less than \$30,000, the director shall provide a simplified procedure for resolving the claim. The cost of conducting an appraisal may be shared by the parties when a mutually acceptable appraiser can be identified. [1999 c.972 §3]

**Note:** 374.313 was added to and made a part of 374.305 to 374.330 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**374.315 Construction under permits; maintenance after construction.**

All construction under the permits issued under ORS 374.310 shall be under the supervision of the granting authority and at the expense of the applicant. After completion of the construction of the particular approach road, facility, thing or appurtenance, they shall be maintained at the expense of the applicant and in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to ORS 374.310.

**374.320 Removal or repair of installation on right of way at expense of applicant.**

(1) Upon failure of the applicant to construct or maintain the particular approach road, facility, thing or appurtenance in accordance with the rules and regulations and the conditions of the permit, the Department of Transportation or the county governing body shall, after the expiration of 30 days following the transmittal of a written notice to the applicant, at applicant's expense, remove all such installations from the right of way or reconstruct, repair or maintain any such installation in accordance with or as required by such rules and regulations and the conditions of such permit. This expense may be recovered from the applicant by the state or county in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the Department of Transportation, county governing body or designated agent of the department or governing body, whichever is applicable, determines that a traffic or pedestrian hazard is created by the non-

compliance which causes imminent danger of personal injury, it may:

(a) Order the construction removed, repaired or maintained to eliminate the hazard, within 24 hours after delivery of written notice to the applicant, and to the owner of the property on which the noncompliance occurred.

(b) If the hazard is not removed within the time set under paragraph (a) of this subsection, remove the hazard and recover the expenses of any removal, repair or maintenance from the applicant in any court of competent jurisdiction. [Amended by 1955 c.424 §3; 1979 c.873 §2]

**374.325 Effect of ORS 374.305 to 374.325.** Nothing in ORS 374.305 to 374.325 shall:

(1) Limit or affect any of the powers granted to, or duties imposed upon, the county courts or boards of county commissioners, the Department of Transportation or the Public Utility Commission by ORS 758.010 and 758.020, or any rights granted or authorized under those statutes.

(2) Grant any right for the construction or placing of an approach road, structure, pipeline, ditch, cable or wire, or other facility, thing or appurtenance on the right of way of any highway. [Amended by 1957 c.323 §3]

**374.330 Prior status preserved.** (1) Nothing in ORS 374.305, 374.310 and 374.325, as such sections were amended by chapter 323, Oregon Laws 1957, shall be deemed to affect any approach road, structure, pipeline, ditch, cable or wire, or other facility, thing or appurtenance lawfully placed or constructed upon the right of way of any highway prior to August 20, 1957.

(2)(a) Nothing in ORS 374.305 or 374.310 as such sections are amended by chapter 497, Oregon Laws 1967, shall be deemed to affect any approach road, structure, pipeline, ditch, cable or wire, or other facility, thing or appurtenance lawfully placed or constructed upon the right of way of any state highway or county road prior to September 13, 1967.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, private road crossings authorized by the Public Utility Commission under ORS 374.205 to 374.260 (1965 Replacement Part) are subject to ORS 374.305 to 374.330 after September 13, 1967. [1957 c.323 §4; 1967 c.497 §3]

**374.335 Driving certain motor vehicles across public highway not deemed operation thereon.** Where any private road crosses or is crossed by a public highway the driving of a motor vehicle across the public highway or upon the public highway for a distance of not to exceed 1,200 feet in the use

of the private road shall not be subject to ORS 811.450, 815.155, 815.160, 815.170, 818.020, 818.060, 818.090, 818.110, 818.160, 818.300, 818.320, 818.340, 818.350, 818.400 and ORS chapter 825, provided such vehicle or vehicle use is:

(1) Subject to permit issued pursuant to ORS 374.310 or a person authorized by such permittee; or

(2) A farm tractor or implement of husbandry. [Formerly 374.265; 1971 c.391 §1; 1983 c.338 §923; 1987 c.158 §66]

**374.340 Cattle crossings under public road.** Any person owning, using or occupying lands on both sides of any public road is entitled to the privilege of making a crossing under the road for the purpose of letting the person's cattle and other domestic animals cross the road. A crossing may be installed as provided under ORS 374.305 to 374.330. [Formerly 374.270; 1981 c.153 §74]

**374.345 Rules regarding turning onto state highway from approach road.** The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules regulating the procedures and circumstances under which the department may restrict turning movements onto a state highway from an approach road for which a permit was issued under ORS 374.310 when the restriction is not required by contract, condemnation judgment, recorded deed or permit. [1999 c.972 §4]

**374.350 Process for appeal of decisions regarding access to highways.** The Department of Transportation shall establish a process through which persons affected by decisions of the department regarding access to highways may appeal the decisions. [1999 c.686 §3]

#### RIGHTS APPURTENANT TO PROPERTY ABUTTING CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

**374.405 Access rights of property abutting on state highways.** No rights in or to any state highway, including what is known as right of access, shall accrue to any real property abutting upon any portion of any state highway constructed, relocated or reconstructed after May 12, 1951, upon right of way, no part of the width of which was acquired prior to May 12, 1951, for public use as a highway, by reason of the real property abutting upon the state highway.

**374.410 Department of Transportation to prescribe access rights of abutting property.** In connection with any acquisition of real property for right of way of any state highway, the Department of Transportation shall prescribe and define the location, width, nature and extent of any right of access that may be permitted by the depart-

ment to pertain to real property described in ORS 374.405.

**374.415 Action to prevent entering or leaving state highways in manner not authorized.** The Department of Transportation may commence and prosecute to final determination any suit, action or proceeding in the name of the state by and through the department, which in its judgment is necessary to enjoin and prevent any person, whether acting individually or by agent, from entering upon or departing from any state highway mentioned in ORS 374.405, at any location, for any use or in any manner not authorized by any grant of a right of access, as provided in ORS 374.410.

**374.420 County throughways; rights of abutting property owners.** (1) The county court or board of county commissioners may acquire by purchase, agreement, donation or exercise of the power of eminent domain, fee title or any interest in real property, including easements of air, view, light and access, which is necessary for the construction of a throughway or the establishment of a section of an existing county road as a throughway.

(2) When right of way is acquired for a throughway after August 13, 1965, no rights in or to the throughway, including what is known as right of access, accrue to real property merely because the property abuts upon that part of the right of way so acquired. This subsection also applies to right of way acquired, prior to August 13, 1965, pursuant to ORS 374.420 to 374.430 (1963 Replacement Parts).

(3) "Throughway," as used in this section, means a proposed or existing county road especially designed for through traffic, which has been designated by resolution of

the county court or board of county commissioners as a throughway, over, from or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no easement of access or only a limited easement of access, light, air or view, merely because of the fact that their property abuts upon the throughway or for any other reason. [Amended by 1965 c.364 §1]

**374.425 County court to prescribe access rights of abutting property.** In connection with the acquisition of real property for right of way for a throughway described in ORS 374.420, the county court or board of county commissioners may prescribe the location, width, nature and extent of any right of access that pertains to such real property. [Amended by 1965 c.364 §2]

**374.430 Action to prevent entering or leaving county roads in unauthorized manner.** The county court or board of county commissioners may commence and prosecute to final determination any suit, action or proceeding which in its judgment is necessary to enjoin and prevent any person, whether acting individually or by agent, from entering upon or departing from any throughway under its jurisdiction, mentioned in ORS 374.420, at any location, for any use or in any manner not authorized by any grant of a right of access, as provided in ORS 374.425. [Amended by 1965 c.364 §3]

## PENALTIES

**374.990 Penalty for violation of ORS 374.305 or of regulation adopted under ORS 374.310.** In addition to the liability for expenses under ORS 374.307 and 374.320, violation of ORS 374.305 or of any rule or regulation adopted under ORS 374.310 is a misdemeanor. [1955 c.424 §6]