I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to prevent an individual, company, corporation or other entity from encroaching upon the right-of-way in any manner other than by valid encroachment permit issued by the El Dorado County Department of Transportation.

II. POLICY

A. This policy pertains to the use of lands dedicated as public rights-of-way or acquired in fee for the construction of County roads.

B. All private fences shall be placed outside the road right-of-way, with the property owner being required to show reasonable proof of boundary, if it is disputed by the County.

C. Landscaping will be allowed to be placed and maintained by an adjoining property owner; however, plants must not reach a height of over 18 inches.

D. No advertising signs shall be placed within public rights-of-way.

E. The public rights-of-way shall not be used to store private material or equipment.

F. Mechanical equipment of all types, including automobiles, shall not be repaired or dismantled within the public rights-of-way – except for quick, emergency repairs.
III. PROCEDURE

A. The Department of Transportation may immediately remove, or by notice require the removal of, any of the above-mentioned encroachments which obstruct, prevent the use of, or present a traffic hazard on a County right-of-way.

B. The County shall recover from the person causing any such encroachment the expense of such removal, the court costs, and any other damages caused by the encroachment.

IV. REFERENCES

Streets and Highways Code, Sections 1480 - 1496

V. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

Department of Transportation

VI. DATES ISSUED AND REVISED; SUNSET DATES:

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