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# USE OF GRDA RIGHTS OF WAY BY LANDOWNERS

**The Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) is an agency of the State of Oklahoma**

These guidelines address questions related to the use of GRDA's rights of way ("ROW") by a landowner. The information contained below does not cover all restrictions or all situations and does not give consent to a third party's use of GRDA's ROW. These restrictions are subject to change at any time and without any notice. Prior to making any additions or alterations to property on which a ROW is located, the landowner should contact GRDA for permission. **THE STATEMENTS BELOW ARE GUIDELINES ONLY, AND ARE NOT A WAIVER OF ANY RIGHTS OR INTERESTS IN THE RIGHTS OF WAY POSSESSED BY GRDA.**

1. The following are not allowed in GRDA's ROW:

- a. Structures, buildings, manufactured homes, mobile homes and trailers, satellite signal receiver systems, swimming pools (and any associated equipment and decking), graves, billboards, dumpsters, signs, wells, septic systems or storage tanks and systems (whether above or below ground), refuse of any type, flammable material, building material, wrecked or disabled vehicles and all other objects (whether above or below ground) which may, in GRDA's opinion, interfere in any way with the electric transmission ROW or the ingress and egress along the ROW, are not allowed within the ROW .
- b. Transformers, telephone/cable pedestals (and associated equipment), fire hydrants man-holes, water valves, water meters and backflow preventers are not allowed within the ROW.

2. Fences shall not be attached to poles or towers. Fences shall not exceed 10 feet in height and shall be installed at least 25 feet from poles, towers and guy anchors. Fences shall not parallel the centerline within the ROW but may

cross from one side to the other. If a fence crosses the ROW, a gate at least 16 feet wide at each crossing shall be installed by the property owner, per GRDA's specifications, to allow GRDA free access at all times to GRDA equipment.



3. Landowner must contact GRDA at 918-825-0280 at least 3 business days prior to any ground disturbance and obtain written approval before grading or filling on the ROW. Grading (cuts or fill) shall be no closer than 25 feet from a pole or tower leg or any other GRDA structure or equipment and the slope shall not exceed 4:1 (four

feet run to one foot rise or fall) on the ROW. Grading or filling within the ROW or near a structure, which will prevent free equipment/vehicle access, or creates ground to conductor clearance violations, will not be permitted. Sedimentation control, including approved re-vegetation, is required.

4. Streets, roads, driveways, sewer lines, water lines, and other utility lines, or any underground facilities shall not be located within 25 feet of GRDA's supporting structures.

5. Any drainage feature that allows water to pond, causes erosion, directs storm water toward the ROW, or limits access to or around a structure is prohibited.

6. No excavation within 25 feet of GRDA's structures, including but not limited to poles, guy anchors or other appurtenances shall be permitted. Contact GRDA at 918-825-0280 at least 3 business days prior to any planned excavations of any type on new and/or existing installations. The "Call OKIE", "One Call" and "811" programs do not notify GRDA of planned excavations as our transmission lines are overhead, not underground.

7. Any approved underground facility placed within GRDA's ROW shall have a tracer/locating wire and shall be clearly marked above ground.

8. No tall growing species of vegetation, including trees, may be planted within the GRDA ROW. Grasses or crops may be planted, however, any vegetation impeding the maintenance of GRDA's ROW shall be subject to removal without reimbursement to the property owner.

9. GRDA does not object to parking within the ROW, provided that:

a. A barrier, sufficient to withstand a 15 mph vehicular impact, shall be erected by the party constructing the parking area to protect the pole, tower or guy anchor. The barrier shall be located in such a manner as to restrict the nearest part of a parked vehicle to no nearer than 5 feet from the structure.

b. Any access areas, entrances, or exits shall cross (from one side to the other) the ROW at or near right angles to the centerline, and shall not pass within 25 feet of any structure. Parking lot entrances/exits may not create an intersection within the ROW.

c. Lighting structures shall not be installed within GRDA's right of way.

d. Signs and other attachments to GRDA structures are prohibited.

The GRDA reserves the right to remove anything within GRDA's ROW which interferes with or is inconsistent with GRDA's use of its ROW. Removal of property interfering or inconsistent with GRDA's use of its ROW shall be at the expense of the landowner and/or installer along with any costs incurred by GRDA to restore the ROW.

**GRDA RESERVES THE RIGHTS TO BE MORE OR LESS RESTRICTIVE BASED UPON THE FACTORS OF EACH SITUATION.**