

Parke County Infrastructure Development Zone

Terms and Conditions for Application

The following terms and conditions apply to applicants to receive approval for elimination of property tax liabilities in the Parke County Infrastructure Development Zone.

1. The applicant must be an established entity able to deliver broadband service to residential/end user customers.
2. The applicant shall submit a completed application for consideration.
3. The applicant shall complete and submit all required permits and forms. Include copies of submitted permits and forms with Infrastructure Development Zone Application.
4. The project shall deliver broadband services in Parke County. Only infrastructure residing within Parke County is eligible for property tax exemption.
5. The project shall meet the following criteria:
 - a. Shall be a generally accepted form of delivery of broadband internet services at the minimum threshold speeds as identified by the Federal Communications Commission at the time of project commencement
 - b. Shall serve both residential and commercial customers
 - c. Shall allow connection by willing and interested subscribers within 500' of a wired delivery system OR allow connection by reliable wireless means to a connection point attached to the wired delivery system.
 - d. Project must have the intent to serve geographical areas. Projects serving only specific populations or facilities within a geographical area are discouraged.
 - e. A project designed as a delivery system, or backbone, to further expansion may be considered with supporting evidence of future plans to continue the project.
6. The completed application and supporting documentation will be reviewed by the county fiscal body (Parke County Council) and the county executive body (Parke County Commissioners) for acceptance.
 - a. Supporting documentation shall include a written description of the project area and map as a .pdf file, anticipated improvement table with number of households and businesses to be served, and spreadsheet containing addresses to be served.
Anticipated timeline and customer marketing outreach plan will be considered as well.
7. Failure to maintain the minimum requirements of the project or to complete the project can result in withdrawal of the exemption from property taxation.
8. Existing infrastructure at the time of adoption of the Infrastructure Development Zone Ordinance, which was May 6, 2019, is not eligible for consideration.
9. The application shall be submitted by January 15 of the year following the investment.
10. In a case of more than one party involved in a project, the party who claims the taxable investment on the appropriate personal property return shall be the party who requests the exemption. If the investment is split, with each party claiming a portion of the investment for taxation, each party may claim an exemption on their portion of the investment.

Required permits and forms include:

- A. Parke County Highway Right-Of-Way Permit
- B. UD-45, filed annually with the State of Indiana (*this does not need to be included in the application submission, but failure to file annually can lead to withdrawal of the exemption from property taxation*)
- C. Parke County Board of Zoning Appeals, Petition for Appeal – Applies to communication towers, etc
- D. Parke County Infrastructure Development Zone Application if seeking a property tax exemption for broadband infrastructure.

These permits and forms may be obtained at the Partnership Parke County Offices.

The completed application and supporting documentation must be submitted for approval to the offices of Partnership Parke County. Partnership Parke County is located at 110 E High St., Rockville, IN 47872. It may be submitted in person, by US Mail, or by email to partnershipctodd@gmail.com