
(Single or Multiple)

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COUNTY DITCH PETITION

(Ohio Revised Code, Section 6131.04; 6133.02; 6133.03)

Petition to _____²

_____, 20____³

To the Board of County Commissioners, Knox County, Ohio:

(A) The undersigned hereby petition your honorable body to ⁴

(B) The Petitioner(s) represent that the requested improvement/modification will address ⁵

(C) The Petitioner(s) represent that in his/her/their opinion, the construction of the improvement is necessary, will benefit the petitioner(s), and will be conducive to the public welfare.⁶

(D) The following is the course and termini of said proposed improvement, to-wit:⁷

(F) The following is the nature of the work petitioned for:⁹

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Names

(attach separate sheet if necessary)

(H) Service of notice of the filing of the petition shall be obtained by mailing notices and publication as provided in Ohio Revised Code 6131.07.

(I) Petitioner(s): ¹⁰

Names

Addresses

(attach separate sheet if necessary)

Instructions for Completion of Ditch Petition Form

¹ Insert “Single” or “Multiple” as appropriate.

² Insert a *shortened* reference to the type of ditch improvement you seek (i.e. “locate”, “clean”, “remove obstructions from”, “construct”, “reconstruct”, “straighten”, “deepen”, “widen”, “alter”, “box”, “tile”, “fill”, etc., or any combination thereof as set forth in R. C. § 6131.04) together with a commonly known name of the ditch if it has one, for example: “... to clean and remove obstructions from Jones Ditch”.

³ Insert date of filing.

⁴ Insert a *more detailed* reference to the type(s) of ditch improvement you seek that may not be stated in the Petition’s title so that it is clearly stated as to all types of improvements your petition is intended to cover (i.e. “locate”, “clean”, “remove obstructions from”, “construct”, “reconstruct”, “straighten”, “deepen”, “widen”, “alter”, “box”, “tile”, “fill”, etc., or any combination thereof as set forth in R. C. § 6131.04). These should correspond to the nature of the work you are petitioning for in Section (F).

⁵ Insert a description of the problem(s) to be remedied by this improvement/modification (e.g. lack of drainage, flooding, etc.), a description of the area(s) affected by the problem, any known factor(s) that contributes to the problem, and the frequency of the occurrence of the problem. You may attach photographs or other documents as necessary to better explain your answer.

⁶ This is a statutory requirement of all petitions. Nothing needs to be added.

⁷ Be as specific as you can in laying out the current and/or proposed course of the ditch, or portion thereof, to be improved/modified. This should include its starting and ending points using compass points as references, and, if applicable, any landmarks like roadways, that the ditch intersects with, or is intended to intersect with. Likewise, it should include references to any branches, spurs or laterals that will be affected by improvement/modification. You may attach photographs or other documents as necessary to better explain your answer.

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⁹ Better describe the true nature of the expected work you believe needs done beyond merely listing the statutory type(s) ditch improvements you identified in Section (A), for example: “... clean and remove obstructions from Jones Ditch by removing silt, trees/bushes/branches, rocks and debris between Smith Road at the Eastern end and Davis Road at the Western end, and from that point farther West to deepen and/or widen the ditch and/or to increase the height of the embankments where necessary, and at the farthest Western point construct a catch-basin to minimize erosion where the water pools, all in order to assure proper drainage from affected lands and to minimize the risk of flooding”. You may attach photographs or other documents as necessary to better explain your answer.

¹⁰ If the property is formally owned in the name of a trust, estate, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, or in the name(s) of another family member, a non-attorney ... even if they are a trustee, an executor, a corporate officer, partner, or close family member ... should be careful that his/her conduct in proceeding with a petition and/or appearance at any later hearing on the petition, could constitute practicing law without a license in violation of R.C. § 4705.01.