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Franchise Agreement FAQ

What is a franchise agreement?

A limited and revocable authorization, right, or permission granted by the Board of County Commissioners to encroach or occupy County property or a portion of the County right-of-way. (Hudson County Land Development Regulations)

What developments require a franchise agreement?

Applicants require a franchise agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for any encroachment onto County property.

What are the procedures for acquiring a franchise agreement?

Applicants shall submit a signed and sealed survey of their property, highlighting the area of the encroachment, along with a metes and bounds description of the encroachment, to the Division of Planning. Once an applicant's site plan and/or subdivision application is approved by the Planning Board, the franchise agreement will be forwarded to the Law Department and an appraiser will visit the site and appraise the value of the encroachment. The cost of the appraisal and the appraiser's services will be paid for by the Applicant.