

**CHAPTER 25**

**UTILITY ACCOMMODATION**

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 16:25-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Arterial Highway” means a highway primarily for through traffic, usually on a continuous route.

“Backfill” means replacement of suitable material around and over a pipe or conduit system.

“Bedding” means organization of soil or other suitable material to support a pipe or conduit system.

“Border area” is the space between the outer edge of shoulder or curb line or gutter line and the right-of-way line.

“Boring” means a method for installing pipes underground without disturbing the surface by jacking large pipes through oversize bores carved progressively ahead of the leading edge of the advancing pipe as soil is removed through the pipe.

“Bury or cover” means depth of top of pipe or conduit system below grade of roadway or roadside.

“Cap” means rigid structural element surmounting a pipe or conduit system.

“Carrier” means pipe directly enclosing a transmitted fluid (liquid or gas).

“Casing” means a structural element surrounding a carrier or conduit.

“Clear Zone Area” means that roadside border area, starting at the edge of the traveled way, available for safe use by errant vehicles.

“Coating” means material applied to, or wrapped around a pipe.

“Compensable property right or interest” means the installation, removal and relocation of utility facilities which are eligible for compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Eminent Domain Act of 1971, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq., or the procedures set forth in Federal-Aid Policy Guide, 23 CFR 645A.

“Conduit or Duct” means an enclosed tubular runway for protecting wires or cables.

“Control of Access” means the condition where the right of owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons to access, light, air, or view in connection with a highway is fully or partially controlled by State.

“Control of Access—Full” means the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic by providing access connections with selected public roads and by prohibiting crossings at grade or direct private driveway connections.

“Control of Access—Partial” means the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic to a degree that, in addition to access connections with selected public roads, there may be some crossings at grade and some private driveway connections.

“Coring” means a method for installing pipes underground without disturbing the surface by using a small casing without a pilot shoe that can be drilled into more difficult soil, which enters the pipe as it advances. The core is removed by sluicing, during or after the drilling.

“Cradle” means rigid structural element below and supporting a pipe.

“Curb line” means the edge of the paved surface of the roadway where it meets a raised curb.

“Department” means New Jersey Department of Transportation.

“Direct burial” means installing a utility underground without casing or conduit.

“Drain” means appurtenance to discharge liquid contaminants from casings.

“Driving” means a method for installing pipes underground without disturbing the surface by using a small pipe with a pilot shoe that can be driven through compressible soils by a steady thrust, hammering, or vibrating.

“Encroachment” means unauthorized use of highway right-of-way or easements as for signs, fences, buildings, etc.

“Expressway” means a divided arterial highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access and generally with grade separations at major intersections.

“Facility(ies)” means all plant and equipment owned or operated by a utility.

“Fiber-optic cable” means a communication cable utilizing hair-thin strands of ultra-pure glass, plastic or other transparent material that can carry high volumes of information via lightwave signals.