

[REU-20] DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSPAPERS FROM DISPENSERS AT REST AREAS AND WELCOME CENTERS

The Department of Transportation, in recognition of the First Amendment right of freedom of speech which includes the right to distribute newspapers in certain public areas, and in recognition of the State of North Carolina's legitimate concern for the safety and well-being of the traveling public and the commercial vending authority of the Division of Services to the Blind, Department of Human Resources, has determined that all distribution of newspapers at rest areas and welcome centers on all of North Carolina's highways shall be in accordance with the following Rules. All other forms of newspaper distribution at rest areas and welcome centers are prohibited.

[19A NCAC 02E .0901](#)

- a. A permit must be obtained from the Department of Transportation to distribute newspapers from newspaper dispensers at rest areas and welcome centers.
- b. All permit requests must be in writing and must include the owner's name, address, telephone number and location of the newspaper dispenser, a plot plan showing the proposed location of the newspaper dispenser and a certification that such location is in conformity with this Section. The filing of a completed permit application will be considered a temporary permit pending the 30 day Department of Transportation review in Paragraph (c) of this Rule.
- c. Within 30 days of receipt of the permit application, NCDOT will review the proposed location and, if it meets all requirements, issue a permit. If the application does not meet all requirements, the Department shall issue a notice of nonconformance and list the reasons the application does not conform to the Department Rules.
- d. The permit is valid until terminated or revoked for noncompliance with these Rules.

[19A NCAC 02E .0902](#)

Other Rules are found in the following NCAC Sections:

[19A NCAC 02E .0903](#) Indemnification

[19A NCAC 02E .0904](#) Location, Installation and Maintenance

[19A NCAC 02E .0905](#) Conditions, Notice of Violations and Appeals

[19A NCAC 02E .0906](#) Compliance with Div. Of Services for the Blind Requirements