



BENTON COUNTY ROAD CLASSIFICATION CHANGE PETITION Requirements and Further Information

The following are requirements for changing a road classification in Benton County.

- The road must be an existing private, public access, or county-maintained road. If it is not, please contact our office to determine if you need to file a petition or go through the planning department.
- **ALL** property owners with property touching the road must sign the petition before it will be validated and sent to the County Judge. (This includes property owners who have an address off of a different road, but whose property still touches the road being changed).
- Signatures may be collected in person, or a property owner may elect to email or mail their signature on a new piece of paper to the petition sponsor for inclusion. Please be sure to have the property owner write next to the signature if they agree/disagree with the road classification change.
- 80% of property owners must agree to the classification change for a petition to be validated and sent to the County Judge.
- Road reclassification may require minimum road standards based on the type of road classification being requested. The road department will work with the petitioner after the petition is submitted to determine what, if any, improvements would be required before a road reclassification would be recommended to the County Judge.
- Please be sure to include the current status of the road (white signed private, blue signed public, or green signed public), as well as the requested status of the road.
- Depending on the type of change you are wishing to make, there may be further requirements by the county to process your request after the petition is submitted. This may include, but is not limited to: posting of the requested changes in the local newspaper, public hearing with the County Court or Quorum Court, updated surveys of the land in question, etc. These requirements, if any, will be discussed with the petition sponsor by the County Judge's office after a petition has been submitted.

If you have any other questions about these directions, please call the Benton County 9-1-1 Administration Office at
(470) 271-1085