

**6135.1200 STANDARDS FOR STRUCTURE DESIGN.**

Subpart 1. **Location of utility.** With regard to locating the utility overhead or under the ground or water:

A. Primary consideration shall be given to underground and underwater placement in order to minimize visual impact. If the proposal is for overhead placement, the applicant shall explain the economic, technological, or land characteristic factors, which make underground placement infeasible. Economic considerations alone shall not be the major determinant.

B. If overhead placement is necessary, the crossing shall be hidden from view as much as practicable.

Subp. 2. **Appearance.** With regard to the appearance of the structures, they shall be made as compatible as practicable with the natural area with regard to: height and width, materials used, and color.

Subp. 3. **Right-of-way.** The right-of-way width shall be kept to a minimum.

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