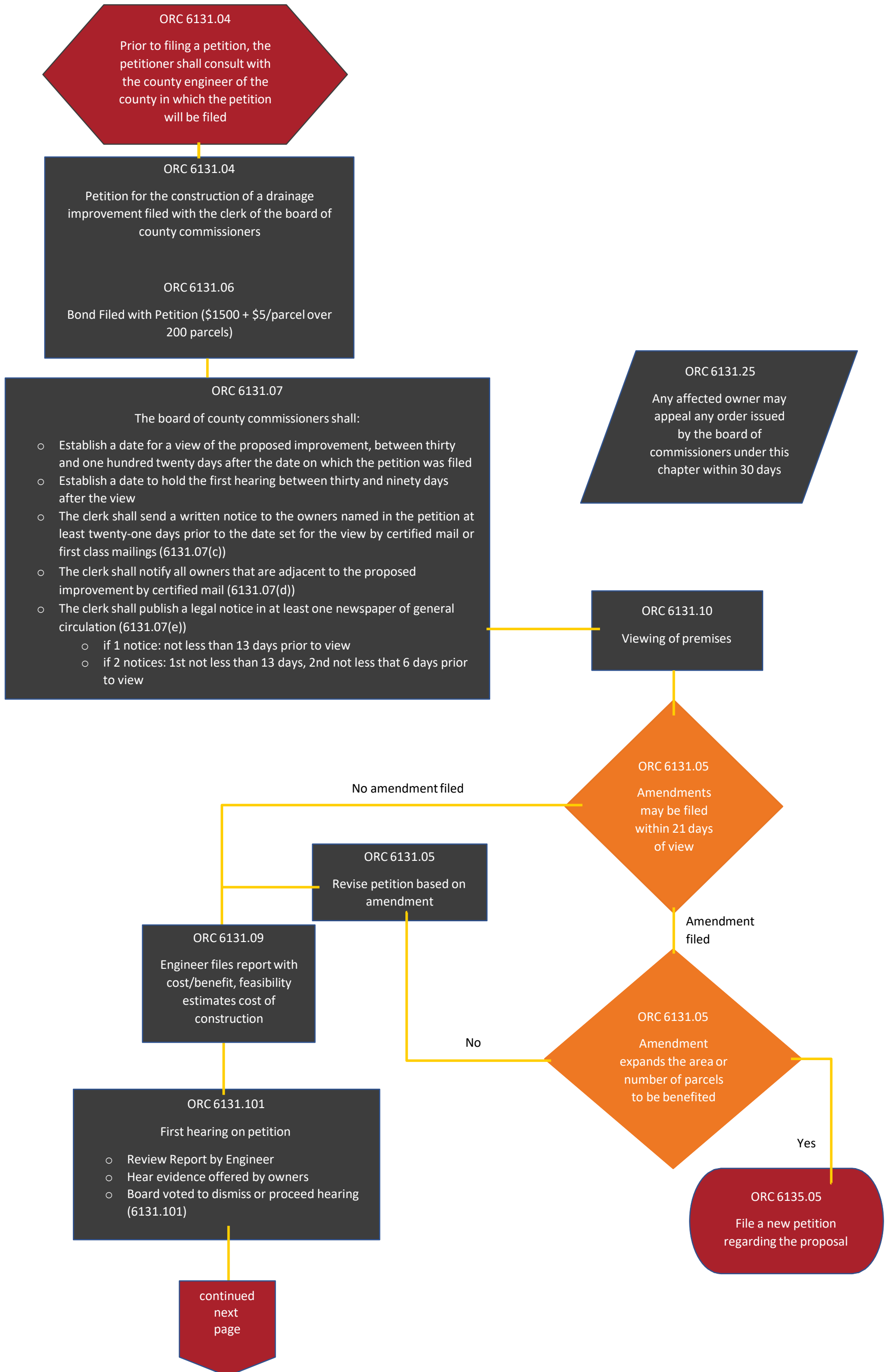


# Single County Ditch Petition



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ORC 6131.06  
Bond released at the expiration of the thirty-day appeal period

Proceed with petition

ORC 6131.12  
Board determines route and termini

- o Board sets a date for filing reports, plans, and schedules (may be extended)
- o Board orders county engineer to prepare reports, plans, schedules
- o Board may order county auditor to transfer funds - after the thirty-day period for appeal

ORC 6131.14  
Engineer files final report, plans, assessment schedule

ORC 6131.16

- o The clerk sets date for final hearing, no sooner than 25 days and no more than ninety days after filing plans, reports, schedules
- o The clerk shall send a written notice of estimated assessments, estimated damages, the final hearing date to adjacent owners at least twenty-one days prior to the date set, and a statement that an owner may file an exception to the assessment by certified mail
- o The clerk shall publish a legal notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation
  - o if 1 notice: not less than 13 days prior to view
  - o if 2 notices: 1st not less than 13 days, 2nd not less than 6 days prior to view

Dismiss petition

ORC 6131.11  
Appeal filed

Yes

ORC 6131.31

No

ORC 6131.06, 6131.11  
Expenses thus far paid from bond and remainder of bond released at the expiration of the thirty-day appeal period

ORC 6131.17  
Exceptions to schedule of assessments or claim for damages / compensation must be filed not less than five days before the final hearing

No claims filed

Claims filed

ORC 6131.20  
Board shall hear any application files for a change of the route or course of proposed improvement or any change in the nature, kind of extent, as shown in the report

ORC 6131.19 – Hearing on compensation and damages

- o At final hearing, board hears any evidence offered.
- o Board determines amount for each claim filed by an owner

6131.21  
Board should consider the following

- o Cost of location and construction
- o Compensation for land to be taken
- o Effect on land
- o Benefits to public welfare
- o Benefits to land

ORC 6131.20  
If board finds such changes to be made, final hearing shall be continued until engineer updates schedule to make appropriate changes. all owners who will be affected thereby shall be notified of such proposed change

Dismiss the petition

ORC 6131.21  
Costs may be distributed to the benefiting landowners or paid from county funds

Approve petition

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ORC 6131.22

Board of Commissioners approves assessments

Board of Commissioners orders the engineer to receive bids for the construction of the proposed improvement

Board of Commissioners determines when the assessments must be paid

Clerk transmits to the county auditor the schedule listing all assessments approved by the board

ORC 6131.061

Clerk transfers file to county engineer, containing a record of the petition, amendments, comments, notices, proceedings, resolutions, orders, and any other record regarding the proposed improvement that is filed with the board.

ORC 6131.24

Board of Commissioners sets date for county engineer to receive bids

ORC 6131.37

County engineer receives bids

ORC 6131.40

Board of Commissioners accepts bids

ORC 6131.41

Board of Commissioners enters into contract

ORC 6131.43

Upon the completion and approval of work, the board of county commissioners orders the county auditor to reduce the assessments by the difference between the estimated cost of the construction and the final cost. The assessments so reduced, including the cost of location, engineering, compensation, damages, and contingency and the assessment for maintenance for one year, shall be levied upon each parcel of land, each public corporation, and each department, office, or institution of the state as stated in the schedules.

The auditor shall notify the owners of the amount of the actual assessment and of the payment plan for the collection of the assessments.