

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Corporation Commission

Article 5.—Railroad Safety

82-5-13. Overhead clearance.

Each railroad shall comply with the following provisions regarding the minimum overhead clearance allowed for railroad safety.

(a) Overhead clearance shall be a minimum of 22 feet, six inches, unless excepted in another subsection of this regulation.

(b) In buildings, clearances may be reduced to 18 feet, for those tracks terminating:

(1) within the building; or

(2) in the immediate plant area, if the tracks extend through the building. Overhead clearance of doors may be reduced to 17 feet, no inches.

(c) In tunnels, the minimum clearance shall be defined by the half-circumference of a circle having a radius of eight feet and a tangent to a horizontal line 23 feet above the top of the rail at a point directly over the center line of track.

(d) The clearance under bridges shall be a minimum of 22 feet.

(e) All other structures, except as specifically provided in these regulations, shall have a minimum clearance as defined by starting at the center of the track at the top of the rail, then eight feet, six inches laterally from the center line of track, then vertically upward to a point 16 feet above the top of the rail, then diagonally upward to a point 22 feet, six inches above the top of the rail and four feet horizontally from the center of track, then horizontally to the center of the track. Overhead clearance may be reduced if overhead telltales are maintained for clearance less than 22 feet, six inches. However, any reduction of clearance below 22 feet, six inches shall be approved by the commission.

The minimal vertical clearance requirements under all wires, including wires, conductors, and cables over railroad tracks, shall be those specified in K.A.R. 82-12-2. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 66-231b and 66-1201; effective, E-82-2, Jan. 21, 1981; effective May 1, 1981; amended May 1, 1984; amended Aug. 11, 1995.)

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