

BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 342

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEFINING AND REGULATING STREET EXCAVATION AND OPENINGS, SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS, FORMS AND FEES AND THE APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OR DISAPPROVAL THEREOF; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF UTILITIES; FIXING RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESTORATION OF OPENINGS AND SURFACES AND DEFECTS THEREFROM; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR WORK UNDER PERMIT; AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY WORK; PROHIBITING REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF TREES OR SHRUBBERY; ESTABLISHING LIMITATIONS UPON EXCAVATIONS AFTER STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR LAYING AND EXTENDING UTILITY LINES; AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO DO WORK AND COLLECT COSTS; REQUIRING POSTING OF BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

SHORT TITLE: STREET EXCAVATION

The BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION. The following words, when used in this Ordinance, shall have meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

EXCAVATION- any activity within the right-of-way of any street, alley or cartway which involves cutting, breaking, or disturbing the surface thereof. In this Ordinance, the term OPENING shall have essentially the same meaning as excavation.

STREET- any public street, avenue, road, square, alley, highway, or other public place located in the Borough of Orwigsburg and established for the use of vehicles, but shall not include State highways.

PERSON- any natural person, partnership, firm, association, corporation or municipal authority.

BOROUGH- the Borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. PERMIT REQUIRED TO MAKE OPENING OR EXCAVATION. It shall be unlawful for any person to open or to make any excavation of any kind in any of the streets in the Borough without first securing a permit therefor, as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. Any person who shall desire to make any opening or excavation in any of the streets in the Borough shall make application to the Borough Office in writing for that purpose. Such application shall be made upon forms to be furnished by the Borough and shall set forth the name of the applicant, the approximate size and depth thereof, and shall contain an agreement on the part of the applicant that the work shall be done in full compliance with the Ordinances of the Borough and the laws of the Commonwealth in relation thereto, and that the applicant shall well and truly save, defend and keep harmless the Borough from and indemnify it against any and all actions, suits, demands, payments, costs and charges for or by reason of the proposed opening or excavation, and all damages to persons or property resulting in any manner therefrom, or occurring in the prosecution of the work connected therewith, or from any other matter, cause or thing relating thereto.

SECTION 4. PERMIT FEE. Before any permit shall be issued to open or excavate any street in the Borough, the applicant shall pay a permit fee in the amount fixed according to a schedule established pursuant to a Resolution.

SECTION 5. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS RESTRICTED. Permits shall be issued only to person furnishing public utility services or the owner or owners of the real property adjoining the location where such opening or excavation is to be made.

SECTION 6. INFORMATION CONTAINED ON PERMIT. Any permit issued hereunder shall specify the exact location where the opening or excavation is to be made, the approximate permitted size and depth thereof and the time within which the work for which the permit is granted to be completed.

SECTION 7. PERMIT APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL. A permit may be issued to the applicant after all the requirements therefor have been satisfied. If the application is disapproved, written notice of disapproval together with reasons therefor shall be given to the applicant.

SECTION 8. RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT UTILITIES. The work authorized by the permit is subject to all the provisions of the Act of December 10, 1974, P.L. 852, No. 287, 1 et seq., as amended or supplemented from time to time. It shall be the permittee's responsibility to contact the utilities that have recorded their facilities in compliance with said Act.

SECTION 9. REFILLING OF OPENING OR EXCAVATION; RESTORATION OF SURFACE; RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFECTS OCCURRING WITHIN 2 YEARS. Any person who shall open or excavate any street in the Borough shall thoroughly and completely refill the opening or excavation in such a manner as to prevent any settling thereafter, and shall restore the surface to the same condition as it was before the opening or excavation, and such restoration shall be in accordance with the specifications of the Borough for the restoration of surfaces of streets in the Borough, as restored; the surface shall conform to the proper grade and be of the same surface covering as the part of the thoroughfare immediately adjoining the opening. If within two (2) years after the restoration of the surface as herein provided, defects shall appear therein resulting from defective backfilling by the applicant, the applicant shall reimburse the Borough for the cost of all necessary repairs to the permanent paving.

SECTION 10. RESPONSIBILITY OF PERMIT HOLDER FOR CERTAIN WORK; RIGHT OF BOROUGH TO DO CERTAIN WORK; CHARGES THEREFOR. All other work in connection with openings in any street, including excavation, protection, refilling and temporary paving, shall be done by or for the person to whom the permit has been issued at his or her or its expense, and all such work shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and to the supervision and approval of the Borough Manager, provided that the Borough Manager may, if he deems it necessary to the proper performance of the work, require that cutting of the surface of streets and the backfilling of all excavations therein shall be actual cost of the work performed by the Borough.

SECTION 11. REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK; CORRECTION OF UNSATISFACTORY WORK; COMPLETION OF INCOMPLETE WORK.

1. No opening or excavation in any street shall extend from the curb line into the highway a distance greater than one foot (1') beyond the center line of the street before being refilled and the surface of the highway restored to a condition safe and convenient for travel.
2. No more than five hundred feet (500') longitudinally shall be opened in any street at any one time.
3. The work of excavation shall be so conducted as not to interfere with the water mains, sewers or their connections with the houses, or any other subsurface lines or constructions, until permission of the proper authorities in connection with such subsurface lines or constructions shall have been obtained.
4. No tunneling shall be allowed without the express approval of the Borough Manager and permission therefor endorsed upon the permit.
5. All openings or excavations shall be backfilled promptly with modified 2A stones and thoroughly compacted in layers, each of which layers shall not exceed eight inches (8") in depth. Backfilling shall be placed to within ten inches (10") of the surface.

6. A temporary paving of coldpatch premix, thoroughly bound and compacted, shall be installed flush with the surface of the adjoining paving and maintained for a period of ninety (90) days.
7. During the making of any excavation in the street, every necessary and reasonable precaution shall be taken by the applicant and the parties making the same to keep the street in a safe and passable condition both day and night by guards, barriers, lanterns and other devices, and all excavating permits granted hereunder are granted under and subject to the express condition that the person to whom the same is issued shall indemnify, save and keep harmless the Borough from any loss in damages, or otherwise whatsoever, which may or shall be occasioned at any time by the said excavation, or by any leak, explosion or other injury from any pipe, apparatus, conduit, or any other matter placed in the said excavation.
8. The applicant shall notify the Borough Manager when the opening or excavation is ready for backfill before any backfilling is done, when backfilling work is completed, when the temporary paving has been installed and when the street has been permanently restored so that inspections may be made.
9. In the event that any work performed by or for a permit holder shall, in the opinion of the Borough Manager be unsatisfactory and the same shall not be corrected in accordance with his instructions within the time fixed by him, or in the event that the work for which the permit was granted is not completed within the time fixed by the Borough Manager, the Borough may proceed to correct such unsatisfactory work with cost thereof, plus twenty percent (20%) to the applicant.
10. Monuments of concrete, iron, or other lasting material set for the purpose of locating or preserving the lines of any street or property subdivision, or a precise survey reference point or a permanent survey bench mark within the Borough shall not be removed or disturbed or caused to be removed or disturbed unless permission to do so is first obtained in writing from the Borough Manager. Permission shall be granted only upon condition that the applicant shall pay all expenses incident to the proper replacement of the monument.
11. When the work performed by the applicant interferes with the established drainage system of any street, provision shall be made by the applicant to provide proper drainage to the satisfaction of the Borough Manager.
12. When any earth, gravel, or other excavated material is caused to roll, flow, or wash upon any street, the applicant shall cause the same to be removed from the street within twenty-four (24) hours after deposit. In the event the earth, gravel or other excavated material so deposited is not removed, the Borough shall cause such removal and the cost incurred shall be paid by the applicant.
13. Access to private driveways shall be provided except during working hours when construction operations prohibit provision of such access. Free access must be provided at all times to fire hydrants.

SECTION 12. EMERGENCY OPENINGS. In the case of any leak, explosion or other accident in any subsurface pipe, line, construction or apparatus, it shall be lawful for the person owning or responsible for such pipe, line, construction or apparatus, to commence an excavation to remedy such condition before securing a permit, provided that application for a permit shall be made immediately and not later than the next business day thereafter, and that such person comply with all other provisions of this Ordinance. If any such emergency condition shall not be immediately attended to by the owner or person responsible for such pipe, line, construction, or apparatus, the Borough Manager, after such notice as he shall deem necessary under the circumstance of the particular case, shall proceed to cause to be done the work necessary and required by such emergency, and charge the same on the basis of cost plus twenty-percent (20%) to such owner or person.

SECTION 13. RESTRICTIONS REGARDING TREES AND SHRUBBERY. The permission herein granted does not confer upon the permittee or its contractors the right to cut, remove or destroy trees or shrubbery within the legal right-of-way except under specifications, regulation and conditions as the Borough may prescribe.

SECTION 14. WORK NECESSITATING OPENING OR EXCAVATION TO BE DONE PRIOR TO STREET IMPROVEMENT AND NOT UNTIL 5 YEARS THEREAFTER; EXCEPTION. The Borough Manager shall give timely notice to all person owning property abutting on any street within the Borough about to be paved or improved, and to all public utility companies operating the Borough, and all such person and utility companies shall make all water, gas or sewer connections, as well as any repairs thereto which would necessitate excavation of the said street within thirty (30) days from the giving of such notice, unless such time is extended in writing for cause shown by the Borough Manager. New paving shall not be opened or excavated for a period of five (5) years after the completion thereof, except in case of emergency and the necessity for the opening or excavating of such paving to be determined by the Borough Manager. If it is sought to excavate upon or open a sewer within five (5) years after the completion of the paving, applicant shall make written application to the Borough Manager, and a permit for such opening shall be issued only after express approval of the Borough Council.

SECTION 15. CONDITIONS FOR LAYING AND EXTENDING UTILITY LINES. No new water, sewer, steam or gas main or electric, telephone or other utility line shall hereafter be laid or in any of the streets of the Borough until the plan therefor shall have been first filed with the Borough Manager and such plan, and the exact location of such main or line, approved by him. The Borough Manager shall not approve the locating of any such main or line

at a depth of less than thirty inches (30") from the surface of the street unless he shall be convinced that locating the same at a depth of more than thirty inches (30") from the surface is impossible or impractical.

SECTION 16. PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE BY BOROUGH. Payment for all work done by the Borough under the provision of this Ordinance shall be made by the person made liable for such work by the terms of this Ordinance. The Borough shall send a bill for any such work to the person liable to pay for such work by certified mail to the last known mailing address of such person. The person liable for payment of such bill shall make payment to the Borough within THIRTY (30) DAYS, of that person's receipt of the bill. In the event that person fails to make full payment of the bill within THIRTY (30) DAYS, the Borough may proceed to collect the amount due in the manner provided by the terms of this Ordinance or other applicable law.

SECTION 17. PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00); and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days. Every day that a violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 18. APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to laying sidewalks or curbs.

SECTION 19. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are not consistent herewith are hereby repealed.

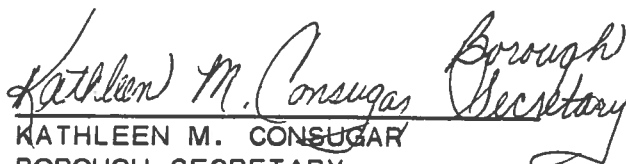
SECTION 20. SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not have been included herein.


SECTION 21. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 12TH day of MAY,
1999 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Orwigsburg,
Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly
assembled.

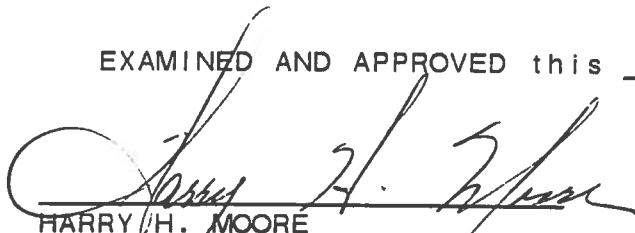
ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG


KATHLEEN M. CONSUGAR
BOROUGH SECRETARY
ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH


CHARLES J. STERNER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 12TH day of MAY, 1999.


HARRY H. MOORE
MAYOR OF ORWIGSBURG
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PERMIT FOR STREET EXCAVATION

Date _____ Permit# _____ Fee\$ _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address of Applicant _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Contractor _____

Address of Contractor _____

Phone Number _____

Reason for Street Excavation _____

Exact Location of Street Excavation _____

Approximate Size and Depth of Excavation _____

Proposed Date of Excavation _____

Estimated Date of Completion _____

I the undersigned agree to provide to the Borough of

Orwigsburg, proof of Workmans Compensation and Liability insurance. I also agree that all work shall be done in full compliance with Ordinance #201 and all ordinances of the Borough of Orwigsburg and the laws of the Commonwealth in relation thereto, and to well and truly save, defend and keep harmless the Borough from and indemnify it against any and all actions, suits, demands, payments, costs and charges for or by reason of the proposed opening or excavation, and all damages to persons or property resulting in any manner therefrom, or occurring in the prosecution of the work connected therewith, or from any other matter, cause or thing relating thereto.

By this agreement I also agree that upon completion of the street excavation project for which this permit is issued, to provide the Borough of Orwigsburg with an as built drawing showing the location and depth of all utility lines which have been installed.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Approval, Signature of Issuing Borough Official

Date