

**CHAPTER 33**

**STREET REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE I - DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED**

**33-1-1**     **DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.** There is hereby established a Department of the municipal government which shall be known as the **Street Department**. It shall embrace the Street Committee, the Street Superintendent and the employees. The City Engineer shall serve as ex-officio officer.

**33-1-2**     **COMMITTEE ON STREETS.** The City Council Standing Committee on Streets shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Street Department. It shall ascertain the needs and conditions thereof and shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and City Council.

**ARTICLE II - GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**33-2-1**     **UNDERMINING.** No person shall undermine in any manner, any street or any other ground or real estate situated in the City or belonging to any private person.

**33-2-2**     **OPEN DOORS.** No person shall open or allow to remain open, any door, any gate, or the grating of any vault belonging to the premises occupied by him, on any street, alley or sidewalk in the City for any purpose, except the taking in and removing goods; and any person allowing such grating to remain open shall warn passersby of the danger.

**33-2-3**     **REPAIRING SIDEWALKS, ETC.** Whenever any sidewalk, pavement, or cellar door on the same becomes worn out or out of repair, or is torn up or broken and uneven, it shall be the duty of the Street Superintendent to immediately report such fact to the Mayor or Street and Alley Committee, and upon verbal or written order from either of them, to give notice to the party owning the adjoining property to repair such sidewalk or cellar door without delay.

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**33-2-4**      **STAIRWAY - RAILING.** Steps or stairways leading into any building shall not extend from the wall of such building onto any pavement or sidewalk, and in such case, the person making or causing to be made such passage shall erect a railing on the side of the stairs toward the street to prevent persons from falling into the street.

**33-2-5**      **CLOSING STREET.** Whenever public safety or the improvement or repair of any street, alley or public place requires it, the Mayor may order any street, alley, or public place temporarily closed to traffic and the placing of signs indicating that the street, alley or public place is closed by order of the Mayor. Whenever such signs are so placed, no person shall ride or drive upon or cross such street, alley or public place, or in any manner, destroy, deface, or remove any such sign.

**33-2-6**      **SIGNS ACROSS STREET.** No person shall place any sign, advertisement or banner over any or across any street, alley or sidewalk in the City, unless he has written approval of the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-80-17)**

**33-2-7**      **VEHICLES AND SKATEBOARDS ON SIDEWALKS.** No person shall operate any skateboard or motor vehicle on or over any sidewalk, except in crossing the same to go into a yard or parking lot.

**33-2-8**      **DEPOSITS ON SIDEWALKS.** It shall be unlawful to deposit on any public sidewalk, any material which may be harmful to the pavement thereof, or any waste material, or any glass or other articles which might cause injury to persons, animals or property.

Merchandise or other articles may be deposited on sidewalks preparatory to delivery, provided that the usable width is not thereby reduced to less than **four (4) feet**; and provided that no such article shall remain on such walk for more than **thirty (30) minutes**.

**33-2-9**      **OBSTRUCTING STREET.**

(A)            It shall be unlawful to deposit any material on any street which may be harmful to the pavement thereof, or any waste material, or any grass clippings, or to cause a lawn mower to blow grass clippings onto a street or any other articles such as glass which may cause injury to any person, animal or property.

(B)            No person shall place or cause to be placed or erected on any public ground, or in any public street, alley or sidewalk in the City, any debris, materials, or obstruction, except as may be permitted by this Code.

(C)            No vending machines shall be allowed on the sidewalk in the uptown area which shall be anywhere in the 100 block North or South on Capitol Street or the 100 block East or West on Main Street.

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(D) It shall be the duty of the Police Department to exercise a vigilant supervision over such places and to notify any person found making such deposit or responsible for same to remove the offending matter at once. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-80-3) (Ord. No. 97-98-09; 01-12-98)**

**33-2-10 RAINWATER DRAINS.** It shall be unlawful to construct or permit the construction of any storm water drain or any drainage pipe in either a natural or man-made ditch without having first obtained a permit therefor. Applications for such permits shall be made to the City Clerk and shall be accompanied by a statement as to the purpose of such drainage pipe, the premises to be served and the specification of such pipe to be installed. Such application shall be referred to the Street Superintendent and no such permit shall be issued unless he shall have found that the City Code would be complied with by the installation of such storm water drain or drainage pipe and, that the installation of such storm water drain or drainage pipe would not interfere with, overload, obstruct or otherwise adversely affect the existing storm water drainage system within the City.

It shall be unlawful to construct or permit the construction of any storm water drain which discharges water onto any sidewalk in the City and it shall be unlawful to construct or permit the maintenance of any such drain which discharges into any public street or alley at a height greater than **eighteen (18) inches** above the ground or pavement.

**33-2-11 BUILDING MATERIALS IN STREET.** The Street Superintendent may move any obstruction on any street or sidewalk of the City, but before doing so, he shall notify the person responsible therefore to remove such obstruction within a reasonable time after being notified. Any person engaged in erecting a building or fence or improving any lot on such street may deposit materials thereon and contiguous to such length of time as may be necessary for the work. The obstruction shall not extend to more than **one-half (1/2)** of the width of the sidewalk, street, or alley adjacent to such improvement and the gutter shall always be left free and unobstructed. At night, such person shall keep an illuminated warning light on such material. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-80-3)**

**33-2-12 MERCHANDISE ON PUBLIC STREET.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use any street, sidewalk, or other public place as space for the display of goods or merchandise for sale; or to write or make any signs or advertisements on any such pavements, unless permission is granted by the City Council. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-80-3)**

**33-2-13**     **ENCROACHMENTS.** It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any building or structure which encroaches upon any public street or property.

**33-2-14**     **POSTING BILLS.** It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, paint, print or nail any handbill, sign, poster, advertisement or notice of any kind on any curbstone, flagstone, or any other portion or part of any sidewalk, or upon any tree, lamppost, utility pole, hydrant, or upon any private wall, door or gate without the consent, in writing, of the owner of such curbstone, flagstone, sidewalk, tree, lamppost, utility pole, hydrant, private wall, door or gate.

**33-2-15**     **SIGNS ON POLES.** No person shall nail, tack, paste, paint or fasten, or cause to be nailed, tacked, painted or fastened, any sign or any other foreign substance or material onto any telephone, telegraph, electric light, police and/or fire alarm pole or post, or any street or traffic sign located on any sidewalk, street, alley or public grounds or injure or deface any such pole or post.

**33-2-16**     **INJURY TO NEW PAVEMENTS.** It shall be unlawful to walk upon or drive any vehicle or animal upon or destroy any newly-laid sidewalk pavement while the same is guarded by a warning sign or barricade, or to knowingly injure any soft, newly-laid pavement.

**33-2-17**     **BARBED-WIRE FENCES.** It shall be unlawful to maintain or construct any fence composed in whole or in part of barbed wire, or with any similar material designed to cause injury to persons, or any wire charged with electrical current, anywhere within **three (3) feet** of any public street, sidewalk, alley, park or other public way or place unless such barbs or charged wire are at least **six (6) feet** above the level of such public place.

**33-2-18**     **BURNING ON PUBLIC STREETS.** It shall be unlawful for any person to burn any leaves, paper, rubbish or other substances upon any of the public streets, sidewalks or alleys in the City.

**ARTICLE III - TREES AND SHRUBS**

**33-3-1 PLANTING.** It shall be unlawful to plant any tree or bush in any public street or parkway or other public place without having first secured a permit therefore. Applications for such permits shall be made to the Street Superintendent and shall be referred by him to the City Council. All trees and shrubs so planted shall be placed subject to the directions and approval of the City Council.

**33-3-2 PLANTING TREES IN RIGHT-OF-WAY.** It shall be unlawful to plant any bushes, trees, shrubs or other plants on the right-of-way of any public street, including the space on the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the adjacent street pavement without the consent and approval of the City Council.

**33-3-3 REMOVAL.** It shall be unlawful to remove or cut down any tree or shrub or portion thereof in any street, parkway or other public place without having first secured a permit therefore. Applications for such permits shall be made to the Street Superintendent and shall be referred by him to the City Council before permission shall be granted.

**33-3-4 INJURY.** It shall be unlawful to injure any tree or shrub planted in such public place.

**33-3-5 ADVERTISEMENTS OR NOTICES.** It shall be unlawful to attach any sign, advertisement or notice to any tree or shrub in any street, parkway, or other public place.

**33-3-6 DANGEROUS TREES.** Any tree or shrub which overhangs any sidewalk, street or other public place in the Municipality at a height less than **eight (8) feet** or in such a way as to impede or interfere with traffic or travel on such public place shall be trimmed by the owner of the abutting premises or of the premises on which such tree or shrub grows so that the obstruction shall cease.

Any tree or limb of a tree which has become likely to fall on or across any public way or place shall be removed by the owner of the premises on which such tree grows or stands.

The Street Superintendent may, at the owner's expense, trim or remove any tree or shrub so that the obstruction or danger to traffic or passage shall be done away with.

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**33-3-7**      **WIRES.** It shall be unlawful to attach any wires or rope to any tree or shrub in any public street, parkway or other public place without the permission of the City Council.

Any person or company given the right to maintain the poles and wires in the streets, alleys, or other public places in the Municipality shall, in the absence of provision in the franchise concerning the subject, keep such wires and poles free from and away from any trees or shrubs in such places so far as may be possible and shall keep all such trees and shrubs properly trimmed, subject to the supervision of the Street Superintendent so that no injury shall be done either to the poles or wires or the shrubs and trees by their conduct.

**33-3-8**      **GAS PIPES.** Any person or company maintaining any gas pipe in the Municipality shall, in the absence of provision in the franchise concerning the subject, keep such pipes free from leaks so that no injury shall be done to any trees or shrubs.

ARTICLE IV - EXCAVATIONS

33-4-1 **PERMIT REQUIRED.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to tunnel under or to make any excavation in any street, alley or other public place in the City without having obtained a permit as is herein required or without complying with the provisions of this Article or in violation of or variance from the terms of any such permit.

33-4-2 **APPLICATIONS.** Applications for such permits shall be made to the Clerk and shall describe the location of the intended excavation or tunnel, the size thereof, the purpose therefor, and the person, firm or corporation doing the actual excavating work; and the name of the person, firm or corporation for whom or for which the work is being done, and it shall also contain an agreement that the applicant will comply with all ordinances and laws relating to the work to be done.

33-4-3 **FEES.** The fee for such permit(s) shall be as follows; however, the City Council may waive the fees in this Section:

- (A) Excavation in asphalt or Portland cement concrete pavement or surface \$5.00 per square foot
- (B) Excavation in brick pavement or surface \$5.00 per square foot
- (C) Excavation in oil treated street surface \$1.50 per square foot
- (D) Excavation in untreated or unimproved street or surface \$1.50 per square foot

33-4-4 **BOND.** No such permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has filed with the Clerk a bond in the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)**, conditioned to indemnify the City for any loss, liability or damage that may result or accrue from or because of the making, existence or manner of guarding or constructing any such tunnel or excavation. Such bond shall have as surety a corporation licensed to do business in the state as a surety company. The City Council may waive the bond provided for herein. **(Ord. No. 09-02; 07-21-09)**

33-4-5 **DEPOSIT.** No such permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has deposited with the Clerk a cash deposit in the sum of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** if no pavement is involved, and **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** if the excavation is a paved area, to insure the proper restoration of

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the ground and laying of the pavement, if any. From this deposit shall be deducted the expense to the City of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement and of making the refill if this is done by the City or at its expense and the balance shall be returned to the applicant without interest after the tunnel or excavation is completely refilled and the surface or pavement is restored. The City Council may waive the deposit in this Section.

**33-4-6**     **MANNER OF EXCAVATING.** It shall be unlawful to make any such excavation or tunnel in any way contrary to or at variance with the terms of the permit therefor. Proper bracing shall be maintained to prevent the collapse of adjoining ground; and in excavations, the excavation shall not have anywhere below the surface any portion which extends beyond the opening at the surface.

No injury shall be done to any pipes, cables or conduits in the making of such excavations or tunnels; and notice shall be given to the persons maintaining any such pipes, cables or conduits or to the City department or officer charged with the care thereof, which are or may be endangered or affected by the making of any such excavation or tunnel before such pipes, cables or conduits shall be disturbed. No unnecessary damage or injury shall be done to any tree, shrub or the roots thereof.

**33-4-7**     **SIDEWALKS.** If any sidewalk is blocked by any such work, a temporary sidewalk shall be constructed or provided which shall be safe for travel and convenient for users. The temporary sidewalk is subject to inspection by the Street Superintendent and shall not be open for use until approved by him.

**33-4-8**     **RESTORING SURFACE.** Any person, firm or corporation making any excavation or tunnel in or under any public street, alley or other public place in the City shall restore the surface to its original condition if there is no pavement there. Refills shall be properly tamped down, and any bracing in such tunnel or excavation shall be left in the ground. Any opening in a paved or improved portion of a street shall be repaired and the surface relaid by the applicant in compliance with the regulations of the City and under the supervision of the Street Superintendent.

**33-4-9**     **SUPERVISION.** The Street Superintendent shall, from time to time, inspect or cause to be inspected, all excavations and tunnels being made in or under any public street, alley or other place in the City to see to the enforcement of the provisions of this Code. Notice shall be given to him at least **ten (10) hours** before the work of refilling any such tunnel or excavation commences.



**33-4-10 TUNNELING.** It shall be unlawful to make any excavation in any portion of a street or sidewalk in the City which is paved with a concrete or asphalt paving. Where necessary, and where a proper permit has been secured, tunnels may be driven or excavated under any such pavement, provided that upon completion of the work involved, the tunnel shall be backfilled with compacted sand.

**33-4-11 PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND ROUTING OF TRAFFIC.** It shall be the duty of every person cutting or making an excavation in or upon any public place to place and maintain barriers and warning devices necessary for the safety of the general public.

(A) Barriers, warning signs, and lights shall conform to the requirements of all applicable provisions of this Code. Warning lights shall be electrical markers or flashers used to indicate a hazard to traffic from sunset of each day to sunrise of the next day.

(B) Electrical markers or flashers shall emit light at sufficient intensity and frequency to be visible at a reasonable distance for safety. Reflectors or reflecting material may be used to supplement, but not to replace light sources.

(C) The permittee shall take appropriate measures to assure that during the performance of the excavation work, traffic conditions as nearly normal as possible shall be maintained at all times so as to minimize inconvenience to the occupants of the adjoining property and to the general public. When traffic conditions permit, the Street Superintendent may, by written approval, permit the closing of streets and alleys to all traffic for a period of time prescribed by him if, in his opinion, it is necessary. Such written approval may require that the permittee give notification to various public agencies and to the general public. In such cases, such written approval shall not be valid until such notice is given.

(D) Warning signs shall be placed far enough in advance of the construction operation to alert traffic within a public street and cones or other approved devices shall be placed to channel traffic in accordance with the instructions of the Street Superintendent.

**33-4-12 CLEARANCE FOR VITAL STRUCTURES.** The excavation work shall be performed and conducted so as not to interfere with access to fire hydrants, fire stations, fire escapes, water gates, underground vaults, valve housing structures, and all other vital equipment as designated by the Street Superintendent.

**33-4-13 PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC.** The permittee shall maintain safe crossings for **two (2) lanes** of vehicle traffic at all street intersections where possible and safe crossing for pedestrians at intervals of not more than **three hundred (300) feet**. If any excavation is made across any public street, alley or sidewalk

adequate crossing shall be maintained for vehicles and for pedestrians. If the street is not wide enough to hold the excavated material without using part of the adjacent sidewalk, a passageway at least **one-half (1/2)** of the sidewalk width shall be maintained along such sidewalk line.

**33-4-14 RELOCATION AND PROTECTION OF UTILITIES.** The permittee shall not interfere with any existing facility without the written consent of the Street Superintendent and the owner of the facility. If it becomes necessary to relocate an existing facility, this shall be done by its owner. The facility owned by the City shall be moved to accommodate the permittee unless the cost of such work is borne by the permittee. The cost of moving privately-owned facilities shall be similarly borne by the permittee unless other arrangements are made with the person owning the facility. The permittee shall support and protect, by timbers or otherwise, all pipes, conduits, poles, wires or other apparatus which may be in any way affected by the excavation work, and do everything necessary to support, sustain and protect them under, over, along or across said work. The permittee shall secure approval of method of support and protection from the owner of the facility.

In case of any said pipes, conduits, poles, wires or apparatus should be damaged, and for this purpose, pipe coating or other encasement or devices are to be considered as part of a substructure, the permittee shall promptly notify the owner thereof. All damaged facilities shall be repaired by the agency or person owning them and the expense of such repairs shall be charged to the permittee. It is the intent of this Section that the permittee shall assume all liability for damage to facilities and any resulting damage or injury to anyone because of such facility damage and such assumption of liability is a contractual obligation of the permittee. The only exception will be such instances where damage is exclusively due to the negligence of the owning utility. The City shall not be made a party to any action because of this Section. The permittee shall inform itself as to the existence and location of all underground facilities and protect the same against damage.

**33-4-15 ABANDONMENT OF SUBSTRUCTURES.** Whenever the use of a substructure is abandoned, except the abandonment of service lines designed to serve single properties, the person owning, using, controlling, or having an interest therein shall, within **thirty (30) days** after such abandonment, file with the Street Superintendent a statement in writing giving in detail the location of the substructure so abandoned. If such abandoned substructure is in the way or subsequently becomes in the way of an installation of the City or any other public body, which installa-

tion is pursuant to a governmental function, the owner shall remove such abandoned substructure or pay the cost of its removal during the course of excavation for construction of the facility by the City or any other public body.

**33-4-16 PROTECTION OF ADJOINING PROPERTY.** The permittee shall, at all times, and at his or its own expense, preserve and protect from injury, any adjoining property by providing proper foundations and taking other measures suitable for the purpose. Where, in the protection of such property it is necessary to enter upon private property for the purpose of taking appropriate protective measures, the permittee shall obtain consent from the owner of such private property for such purpose and if he cannot obtain such consent, the Street Superintendent may authorize him to enter the private premises solely for the purpose of making the property safe.

At the permittee's own expense, all buildings, walls, fences, or other property likely to be damaged during the progress of the excavation work shall be shored up and protected, and the permittee shall be responsible for all damage to public or private property or highways resulting from failure to properly protect and carry out the work. Whenever it may be necessary for the permittee to trench through any lawn area, said area shall be reseeded or the sod shall be carefully cut and rolled and replaced after ditches have been backfilled as required in this Article. All construction and maintenance work shall be done in a manner calculated to leave the lawn area clean of earth and debris and in a condition as nearly as possible to that which existed before such work began. The permittee shall not remove, even temporarily, any trees or shrubs which exist in parking street areas without first obtaining the consent of the appropriate City department or official having supervision of such property.

**33-4-17 PLACEMENT OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL.** All material excavated from trenches and piled adjacent to the trench or in any street shall be piled and maintained in such a manner as to eliminate danger to those working in the trench, pedestrians or users of the streets, and so that as little inconvenience as possible is caused to those using streets and adjoining property. Where the confines of the area being excavated are too narrow to permit the piling of excavated material beside the trench, such as might be the case in a narrow alley, the Street Superintendent shall have the authority to require that the permittee haul the excavated material to a storage site and then rehaul it to the trench site at the time of backfilling. It shall be the permittee's responsibility to secure the necessary permission and make all necessary arrangements for all required storage and disposal sites.

All material excavated shall be laid compactly along the side of the trench and kept trimmed so as to cause as little incon-

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venience as reasonably possible to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, or as specified by the Street Superintendent. Whenever necessary, in order to expedite the flow of traffic or to abate the dirt or dust nuisance, toe boards or bins may be required by the Street Superintendent to prevent the spreading of dirt into traffic lanes.

**33-4-18**     **CLEAN-UP.** As the excavation work progresses, all streets shall be thoroughly cleaned of all rubbish, excess earth, rock and other debris resulting from such work. All clean-up operations at the location of such excavation shall be accomplished at the expense of the permittee and shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Street Superintendent. From time to time as may be ordered by the Street Superintendent and in any event, immediately after completion of the work, the permittee shall, at his or its own expense, clean up and remove all refuse and unused materials of any kind resulting from the work and upon failure to do so within **twenty-four (24) hours** after having been notified to do so by the Street Superintendent, said work may be done by the Superintendent and the cost thereof charged to the permittee and the permittee shall also be liable for the cost thereof under the surety bond provided hereunder.

**33-4-19**     **PROTECTION OF WATERCOURSES.** The permittee shall maintain all gutters free and unobstructed for the full depth of the adjacent curb and for at least **one (1) foot** in width from the face of such curb at the gutter line. Whenever a gutter crosses an intersecting street, an adequate waterway shall be provided and at all times maintained. The permittee shall make provisions to take care of all surplus water, muck, silt, slickings, or other run-off pumped from excavations or resulting from sluicing or other operations and shall be responsible for any damage resulting from its failure to so provide.

**33-4-20**     **BREAKING THROUGH PAVEMENT.**

(A)           Heavy duty pavement breakers may be prohibited by the Street Superintendent when the use endangers existing substructures or other property.

(B)           Saw cutting of Portland cement concrete may be required when the nature of the work or the condition of the street warrants. When required, the depth of the cut shall not be less than **one (1) inch** in depth; however, depths greater than **one (1) inch** may be required by the Street Superintendent when circumstances warrant. Saw cutting may be required by the Superintendent outside the limits of the excavation over cave-outs, overbreaks and small floating sections.

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(C) Approved cutting of bituminous pavement surface ahead of excavations may be required by the Street Superintendent to confine pavement damage to the limits of the trench.

(D) Sections of sidewalks shall be removed to the nearest score line or joint.

(E) Unstable pavement shall be removed over cave-outs and overbreaks and the subgrade shall be treated as the main trench.

(F) Pavement edges shall be trimmed to a vertical face and neatly aligned with the center line of the trench.

(G) Cutouts outside of the trench lines must be normal or parallel to the trench line.

(H) Boring or other methods to prevent cutting of new pavement may be required by the Street Superintendent.

(I) The permittee shall not be required to repair pavement damage existing prior to excavation unless his cut results in small floating sections that may be unstable, in which case, the permittee shall remove and pave the area.

**33-4-21 DEPTH OF STRUCTURES.** No person shall, without written permission of the Street Superintendent, install any substructure except manholes, vaults, valve casings, culverts, and catch basins at a vertical distance less than:

(A) **Streets. Twenty-four (24) inches** below the established flow line of the nearest gutter. If said flow line is not established, then the depth shall be at a minimum of **twenty-four (24) inches** below the surface of the nearest outermost edge of the traveled portion of the street.

(B) **Parkway.**

(1) The minimum depth of any substructure shall be **sixteen (16) inches** below established gutter grade when said substructure parallels the parkway.

(2) The minimum depth of any substructure shall be **twelve (12) inches** below the top of the established sidewalk or curb when such substructure is at right angles to the parkway.

(C) **Other Public Places.** The minimum depth of any substructure in any other public place shall be **twelve (12) inches** below the surface.

Nothing in this Section shall impose a duty upon the permittee to maintain said specifications as required herein upon subsequent changes of grade in the surface unless the grade in said substructure interferes with the maintenance of or travel on a public street.

**33-4-22 BACKFILLING.** Fine material, free from lumps and stone, selected from the soil shall be thoroughly compacted around and under the substructure to the upper level of such substructure. Above the upper level of the substructure, backfill material shall be placed to the subgrade of the pavement in lifts

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consistent with the type of soil involved and the degree of consolidation specified by the City Council. Broken pavement, large stones, roots and other debris shall not be used in the backfill.

The number and size of each lift shall be dependent upon the type of soil involved. Such backfill shall be done in a manner that will permit the restoration of the surface to a density condition not less than that existing prior to excavation unless otherwise specified. The Street Superintendent may require soil tests to be furnished by a recognized soil testing laboratory or registered professional engineer specializing in soil mechanics when, in his opinion, backfill for any excavation is not being adequately compacted. In order for the resurfacing to be permitted, such tests must show that the backfill material meets the minimum requirements as prescribed by the City Council. All expense of such tests shall be borne by the permittee.

**33-4-23 TRENCHES IN PIPE LAYING.** The maximum length of open trench permissible at any time shall be in accordance with existing codes and regulations.

**33-4-24 PROMPT COMPLETION OF WORK.** After an excavation is commenced, the permittee shall prosecute with diligence and expedition all excavation work covered by the excavation permit and shall promptly complete such work and restore the street to its original condition, or as near as may be so as not to obstruct the public place or travel thereon more than is reasonably necessary.

**33-4-25 URGENT WORK.** When traffic conditions, the safety or convenience of the traveling public or the public interest require that the excavation work be performed as emergency work, the Street Superintendent shall have full power to order, at the time the permit is granted, that a crew of men and adequate facilities be employed by the permittee **twenty-four (24) hours** a day to the end that such excavation work may be completed as soon as possible.

**33-4-26 EMERGENCY ACTION.** Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent the making of such excavations as may be necessary for the preservation of life or property or for the location of trouble in conduit or pipe, or for making repairs, provided that the person making such excavation shall apply to the Street Superintendent for such a permit on the first working day after such work is commenced.

**33-4-27 NOISE, DUST AND DEBRIS.** Each permittee shall conduct and carry out excavation work in such a manner as to avoid unnecessary inconvenience and annoyance to the general public and occupants of neighboring property. The permittee shall take appropriate measures to reduce to the fullest extent practicable

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in the performance of the excavation work, noise, dust and unsightly debris and between the hours of **10:00 P.M.** and **7:00 A.M.**, shall not use except in case of emergency as otherwise provided herein, any tool, appliance or equipment producing noise of sufficient volume to disturb the sleep or repose of occupants of the neighboring property.

**33-4-28**     **PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS.** Any monument 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 City shall not be removed or disturbed or caused to be removed or disturbed without first obtaining permission in writing from the City Council to do so. Permission to remove or disturb such monuments, reference points or bench marks shall only be granted upon condition that the person applying for such permission shall pay all expenses incident to the proper replacement of the monument by the City.

**33-4-29**     **INSPECTIONS.** The Street Superintendent shall make such inspections as are reasonably necessary in the enforcement of this Article. The Superintendent shall have the authority to promulgate and cause to be enforced such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to enforce and carry out the intent of this Article.

**33-4-30**     **LOCATION RECORDS.** Every public utility, after the enactment of this Article, shall maintain records showing the location of all of its underground facilities except relatively minor facilities which connect a particular premise or building to a facility serving more than one premise or building and except oil or gas-gathering or field lines. Every public utility shall maintain equipment which can locate such facilities in the field.

**33-4-31**     **LIABILITY OF PERSONS TO CITY FOR DAMAGE.** If any person violates any provision of this Code and any person or property in consequence thereof is injured or damaged, the person so guilty of such violation shall be liable to the City in relation thereto, and no prosecution or other proceeding by the City of such person for any penalty imposed for a violation shall constitute a bar to such action by the City for such damages.

**(See 65 ILCS Secs. 5/11-80-1 through 5/11-80-23)**

**ARTICLE V - STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

**33-5-1      SIDEWALKS.**

(A)      **Grade.** No sidewalk shall be built above or below the established grade of the City and in all cases where no grade is established, any person building a sidewalk shall build the same according to the instructions of the Street Superintendent and the City Council. No one shall build a sidewalk unless it consist of new construction. No one shall remove or destroy a sidewalk without replacing the same with a new sidewalk.

(B)      **Permit.** It shall be unlawful for any person to build, lay or construct any sidewalk along any property in the City or along any of the streets, alleys, or public highways thereon, without first obtaining permission from the Street Superintendent to do so.

(C)      **Cost to Owner.** If the funds are available and the City Council approves the request, the property owner shall pay the cost of the concrete and thereafter, the sidewalk shall be constructed by the City. The cost of construction shall not include any engineering fees; these shall be paid by the City.

(D)      **Subdivisions.** This Section is not applicable to new subdivisions.  
**(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-80-13)**

**33-5-2      CURBS AND GUTTERS.**

(A)      **Request in Writing.** Any person owning property within the City who desires to have new curbs and gutters constructed along the street adjoining his premises shall file a request with the Street Superintendent, giving the location of the property and the length of the curbs and gutters requested.

(B)      **Cost to Owner.** If the funds are available and the City Council approves the request, the property owner shall pay **one-half (1/2)** of the cost of the construction and thereafter, the curb and gutter will be constructed by the City. The cost of construction shall not include any engineering fees; these shall be paid by the City.

(C)      **Approval by City Council.** The approval of the request for construction of curbs and gutters by the City Council shall be dependent upon the approval of funds, priority of projects and continuity of construction for the best benefit of the City as determined by the City Council.

(D)      **Subdivisions.** This Section is not applicable to new subdivisions.  
**(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-80-11)**

**33-5-3      STORM SEWERS.**

(A)      **Description of Storm Water Sewers.** Storm water sewers shall be any pipe or sewer used for the carrying of surface drains, ground waters, roof leaders, or storm waters, rain waters, or other waters other than sanitary sewage.



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(B) **Supervision.** The Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Departments shall supervise all connections made to the public storm sewer system or excavations for the purposes of installing or repairing the same.

(C) **Permits.** Before any connection is made to the public storm water sewers, a permit shall be applied for and approved by the Superintendent or his designated representative.

(D) **Requirements: Use of Storm Water Sewers.** Where a storm water sewer is accessible in a street, alley or easement to a building or premises abutting thereon, the surface drains, ground waters, roof leaders, or storm waters shall be discharged into the storm water sewer unless otherwise authorized by the City. Under no conditions shall sanitary sewage or wastes or any substance other than surface waters, ground waters, roof waters or storm waters be permitted to flow into or be connected to the storm water sewer; and no sanitary sewer shall be connected to the storm water sewer system.

### ARTICLE VI - CULVERTS

**33-6-1** **OBSTRUCTION OF DRAIN OR STORM SEWER.** It shall be unlawful to obstruct any drain or storm sewer in any public street or property.

**33-6-2** **PERMIT FOR CULVERT.** It shall be unlawful to install any culvert or replace any culvert without first obtaining a permit from the City Clerk.

**33-6-3** **APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.** Any person desiring a permit to install or replace any culvert shall file an application therefor with the City Clerk upon a form to be provided for that purpose. The application and the permit issued pursuant thereto shall be on the same form which shall be substantially as outlined in **Appendix "A"** attached hereto.

**33-6-4** **TERMINATION OF PERMIT.** All such permits shall terminate upon the expiration of **one (1) year** following the date of issue.

**33-6-5**     **TYPE OF CULVERT.** Culverts shall be installed where driveways or walkways cross open ditches. The material used for the construction of the culverts shall be reinforced concrete, corrugated steel culvert pipe with a minimum wall thickness of **sixteen (16) gauge**, corrugated aluminum alloy culvert pipe with a minimum wall thickness of **sixteen (16) gauge**, asbestos cement storm drain pipe (**Class IV**), or of such other material as determined by the Street Department, depending upon the conditions existing. The culverts shall be of such size, installed at the grade and constructed with couplings as determined by the Street Superintendent. The person desiring the culvert shall purchase a culvert as provided herein and shall have it delivered on the site. The City shall install the culvert.

**33-6-6**     **COST OF INSTALLATION.** Any person installing or replacing a culvert shall, at his own expense, construct and install drainage inlet boxes in such form and manner as the Street Superintendent determines necessary depending on the conditions existing.

**33-6-7**     **BACKFILL COST.** Any person installing or replacing a culvert shall, at his own expense, provide and place such backfill material as the Street Superintendent determines necessary to complete the project.

**33-6-8**     **REPLACEMENT COST.** The expense of replacing any culvert shall be borne by the person making application for the permit to install the same.

## **ARTICLE VII - DRIVEWAYS**

**33-7-1**     **PERMITS REQUIRED.** No person shall construct a driveway for vehicles or animals across any sidewalk in the City without having first obtained a permit therefor.

Applications for such permits shall be made to the City Clerk and shall be accompanied by the fee required.

No permit for construction of a driveway for commercial use, or for the habitual use of other than the owner or occupant of the premises served shall be issued except upon the order of the City Clerk.

Also, no permit for the construction of a driveway leading into or from a state or federal highway shall be issued unless the applicant shall have first obtained a permit therefor from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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**33-7-2**     **FEE.**     The fee for all such construction shall be **One Dollar (\$1.00)**.

**33-7-3**     **GRADE SURFACE.**     No driveway shall be so constructed or graded as to leave a step, sharp depression or other obstruction in the sidewalk. The grade shall be as nearly as possible the same as that of the adjoining sidewalk. It shall be unlawful to have the surface finish of any driveway where the same crosses the sidewalk constructed of such materials as to render it slippery and hazardous to pedestrians, or to have the grade of such portion vary from the grade of the sidewalk or be other than level.

**33-7-4**     **SPECIFICATIONS.**     Driveways across sidewalks shall be constructed in compliance with the specifications required by the Street Superintendent.

**33-7-5**     **BREAKING CURB - BOND REQUIRED.**     Before a permit can be issued to break a curb in the City for the installation of a driveway or any other purpose, a bond or cash in the amount of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required to be posted with the City Clerk.

**33-7-6**     **REPAIR.**     It shall be the duty of the person maintaining the driveway to keep the same in good repair where it crosses the sidewalk and free from obstruction and openings.

## ARTICLE VIII - RESERVED

**ARTICLE IX - MOVING BUILDINGS**

**33-9-1**     **PERMIT REQUIRED.** It shall be unlawful for any person to move or cause to be moved, any building in, into, through, or from the City without first obtaining a permit therefor from the City Clerk. Such permit shall be known as a **"House Moving Permit"**.

**33-9-2**     **APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.** Any person desiring such a permit shall file with the City Clerk an application therefor in writing on a form to be furnished by the Street Superintendent for that purpose. Such application shall specify the following:

- (A)           The character and size of the building to be moved;
- (B)           The reason for such moving;
- (C)           The use, purpose and occupancy for which said building or structure is to be used;
- (D)           The location from which and to which said building is to be moved;
- (E)           A plot plan showing the proposed location of the building upon the property to which said building is to be moved, provided said location is in the City;
- (F)           The streets on, over or through which it is desired to move said building;
- (G)           Whether the building conforms to the Zoning Code or other applicable regulations in the location to which it is to be moved.

**33-9-3**     **INVESTIGATION.** Upon the filing of the application, the Street Superintendent shall cause the Zoning Administrator, or other authorized representative of the City, to investigate the building and report to him the results of such investigation, together with recommended action thereon.

**33-9-4**     **DENIAL OF PERMIT.** No person shall be issued to move any building or structure which, in the opinion of the Street Superintendent:

- (A)           Is so constructed or in such condition as to be dangerous;
- (B)           Is infested with pests or unsanitary;
- (C)           If it is a dwelling or habitation, is unfit for human habitation;
- (D)           Is so dilapidated, defective, unsightly, or in such a condition of deterioration or disrepair that its relocation at the proposed site would cause appreciable harm to or be materially detrimental to the property or improvements in the district within a radius of **one thousand (1,000) feet** from the proposed site;

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- (E) If the proposed use is prohibited by the Zoning laws of the City;
- (F) If the structure is of a type prohibited at the proposed location by any ordinance of the City; or
- (G) If the moving of the building or structure causes unreasonable damage to the trees, plants and/or shrubs on and along the public streets.

Provided, however, that if the condition of the building or structure, in the judgment of the Street Superintendent, admits of practicable and effective repair, the permit may be issued upon the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

**33-9-5 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PERMIT.** When a house moving permit is granted, such terms and conditions as may be deemed reasonable and proper may be imposed, including, but not limited to the public streets or other public property in the City on, over, or through which the building or structure shall be moved, and the requirements of changes, alterations, additions or repairs to be made to or upon the building or structure, to the end that the relocation thereof will not be materially detrimental or injurious to public safety or to public welfare or to the property and improvements, or either, in the district to which it is to be moved. Such terms and conditions shall be written upon the permit or appended in writing thereto.

**33-9-6 ESTIMATE OF COST AND DEPOSIT.** The applicant shall also deposit with the City Clerk a cash deposit sufficient to cover the cost to the City as estimated by the Street Superintendent of trimming, moving, removing or replanting of trees or shrubs, and of moving, removing and displacing any pole or other structure, supporting any wires, cables or other equipment belonging to the City or the cutting, displacing or changing the location of any wire, cable or other equipment upon said poles or structures belonging to the City.

**33-9-7 LIABILITY INSURANCE.** Every person moving a building in the City shall file with the City Clerk a liability insurance policy issued by the solvent corporation holding a certificate of authority to do insurance business in the State, which policy shall conform in all respects to the requirements of this Section.

In lieu of filing the insurance policy herein referred to, a certificate of insurance issued by an insurance corporation may be filed. The certificate must show that a policy meeting the requirements of this Section has been issued, and shall set forth the expiration date of said policy.

The liability policy required under this Section shall insure the person moving a building against loss from the liability imposed by law for injury to, or death of any person, or damage to any property growing out of the moving of such building to the amount or limit of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)** exclusive of interest and costs, on account of injury to or death of any **one (1) person**, of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** exclusive of interest and costs, on account of moving any **one (1) building** resulting in injury to or death of more than **one (1) person**, and of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for damage to property of others, resulting from moving any **one (1) building**.

**33-9-8 OWNER'S COMPLETION BOND OR SAVINGS AND LOAN CERTIFICATE AND SHARE.** Prior to the issuance of a permit to move a building, the owner or lessee of the property upon which the building is to be located shall file with the Zoning Administrator or other authorized representative of the City, a corporate surety bond, conditioned as follows:

That all of the work required to be done to complete the relocation, alteration and reconstruction of the building pursuant to the conditions of the permit shall be fully performed and completed within a reasonable time to be specified in the permit by the Zoning Administrator, or other authorized representative of the City. Such bond shall be in principal amount equal to the estimated cost of the work proposed to be done, plus **ten percent (10%)** thereof, and shall name the City as obligee, and shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney.

In lieu of furnishing such a corporate surety bond, the owner or lessee may post a cash deposit in the amount of said bond.

An extension of time for the completion may be granted in writing by the Zoning Administrator or other authorized representative of the City when, in his discretion, circumstances shall so justify, but no such extension shall release any surety or other security.

**33-9-9 CLEARANCE OF SITE AND SAFETY MEASURES REQUIRED.** Prior to the issuance of a permit to move a building, the owner or lessee of the property from which the building is to be moved shall file with the City Clerk a bond or other form of security in favor of the City, conditioned as follows:

(A) Before any work is started on a building or structure, the permittee or his authorized agent shall notify the appropriate utilities in order that all gas, water and oil pipelines that are to be disconnected from the building may be securely capped and sealed.

(B) Immediately, after the moving of any building or structure, the permittee or his authorized agent shall securely barricade all basement excavations and other holes or openings.

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(C) Within **ten (10) days** after the moving of any building or structure, the permittee or his authorized agent shall complete the following work:

- (1) Securely close and seal any sanitary piping located on the property.
- (2) Fill with dirt or sand any septic tanks or cesspools located on the property.
- (3) Fill any openings, excavations or basements remaining on the land with dirt or sand to street level or the natural level of adjoining property, unless otherwise directed by the Street Superintendent.
- (4) Remove any buried underground tanks formerly used for storage of flammable liquids.
- (5) Removal all refuse, debris and waste materials from the property.

The bond required by this Section shall be an amount equal to the cost of the work proposed to be done, as estimated by the Street Superintendent.

The bond may be in the form of a corporate surety bond, cash deposit, savings and loan certificate, or an instrument of credit.

An extension of time for completion of the work required by this Section may be granted by the Street Superintendent when, in his discretion, circumstances justify such an extension; but no such extension shall release any bond or other security furnished pursuant to this Section.

**33-9-10 INSPECTION FEE AND PERMIT FEE.** An inspection fee in the sum of **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)** shall be paid to the City Clerk upon filing of each application for a house moving permit.

A permit fee in the sum of **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)** shall be paid to the City Clerk upon the issuance of each house moving permit.

**33-9-11 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT.** The Street Superintendent shall approve the issuance of a house moving permit when all the necessary requirements and conditions of this Article have been complied with. It shall then be the duty of the City Clerk to issue the permit.

**33-9-12 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT.** The Street Superintendent, at any time, and for sufficient cause, may revoke or suspend any permit granted under this Article.

**33-9-13**     **CONTROL AND SUPERVISION.** Every building which is moved on, over, or through any public street, way or park in the City shall be under the control of the Street Superintendent and every such building shall be moved in a careful manner and the work shall be prosecuted with diligence and to the satisfaction and approval of the Street Superintendent. This Section in no way relieves the person having charge of the moving of any building of his obligation to furnish proper supervision.

**33-9-14**     **NOTICE REQUIRED.** Notice must be given to both the Street Department and the Police Department of the City by the person or his representative to whom the permit is issued not less than **forty-eight (48) hours** nor more than **seventy-two (72) hours** before the actual work of moving a building or structure is to commence.

**33-9-15**     **DEFAULT IN PERFORMANCE OF CONDITIONS.** Whenever a default has occurred in the performance of any term or condition of any permit, written notice thereof shall be given to the permittee by the Street Superintendent; said notice to state the work to be done, the estimated cost thereof, and the period of time deemed to be reasonably necessary to complete such work. After receipt of such notice, the permittee must, within the time therein specified, either cause the work to be done, or pay over to the City Clerk the estimated cost of doing the work, as set forth in the notice, plus **ten percent (10%)** of said estimated cost. Upon receipt of notice from the City Clerk that the permittee has deposited such money, the Street Superintendent shall cause the required work to be performed and completed.

If the permittee defaults, the City shall have the option in lieu of completing the work required to demolish the building or structure and to clear, clean and restore the site or sites.

**33-9-16**     **APPROVAL OF ROUTE.** The streets over which any building or structure is to be moved must be recommended by the Street Superintendent and the Chief of Police to the City Council for approval.

**33-9-17**     **OBSTRUCTING STREETS.** No person owning or having charge of the moving of any building into, on, over, through, or from any public streets, ways or parks in the City shall permit said building to remain in any one location on any such street, way or park for a period longer than **twenty-four (24) hours**, except by written permission obtained from the Chief of Police, or to obstruct traffic on any railroad.



**33-9-18**     **LIGHTS AND BARRICADES.** The person having charge of the moving of any structure shall maintain proper lights and barricades whenever such structure is on any public street, way or park during the hours of darkness.

**33-9-19**     **WIRES AND STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS.** In the event that the moving of any building for which a permit shall have been granted hereunder makes it necessary to move, remove or displace any pole or other structure supporting the wires, cables or other equipment of any public utility or of the City, or to cut, displace or change the location of any wire, cable or other equipment upon said pole or structure, the person to whom such permit has been granted, or his authorized representative, shall obtain permission in writing from the owner or owners of such pole, structure or wires, cables or other equipment thereon, and shall notify such owner or owners at least **seventy-two (72) hours** prior to the time that the moving of such building will necessitate the removal of such obstructions.

The person to whom the permit is granted shall not, at the expiration of said time of notice or at any time, cut, move or in any way disturb such public utility or City property; and such work shall be done only by the authorized workmen of the utility or the City, whichever is the owner.

The person to whom the permit is granted shall pay to the public utility, or to the City, as the case may be, any and all costs or expense for the removal, rearrangement or replacement of any pole or structural support of wires, cables or equipment thereon or of any damage to such property.

**33-9-20**     **TREES, PLANTS AND SHRUBS.** In the event that the moving of any building for which a permit shall have been granted hereunder makes it necessary to trim, move, remove or replant any tree, plant or shrub belonging to or under the control of the City, the person to whom such permit has been granted or his authorized representative shall notify the Street Superintendent at least **seventy-two (72) hours** prior to the time that the moving of such building will necessitate the removal of such obstructions.

The person to whom the permit is granted shall not, at the expiration of the time of notice, or at any time, trim, move, remove, replant, or otherwise disturb such trees, plants or shrubs; and such work shall be done only by the authorized workmen of the City unless otherwise approved and so ordered by the Street Superintendent.

The person to whom the permit is granted shall pay to the City, any and all costs or expenses for the trimming, moving, removing or replanting of any trees, plants or shrubs or of any damage thereto.

**33-9-21     REPAIRS TO PUBLIC PROPERTY.** In the event that the moving of any building for which a permit shall have been granted hereunder causes damage to the public streets or other public property, in addition to any other remedies the City may have, the Street Superintendent may cause such damage to be repaired and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the deposit required herein, or he may require the person to whom such a permit has been granted, or his authorized representative, upon written notification from the Street Superintendent to make all necessary repairs to such streets or property; provided, however, that should the person to whom the permit has been granted and to whom the notice has been given, or his authorized representative, fails to make the necessary repairs within the period of time designated in the written notice, the Street Superintendent may cause such necessary repairs to be made and the cost thereof deducted from the deposit required herein.

**33-9-22     REFUNDING OF DEPOSITS.** When the moving of any building for which a permit has been granted is completed, and all damage to public streets or other public property has been repaired to the satisfaction of the Street Superintendent, and all costs of repairing damages or performing other work as provided herein have been paid and the deposit as required by **Section 33-9-6**, or such portion thereof then remaining unused under the provisions of this Article, shall be refunded upon surrender of the deposit receipt representing the money so deposited. However, should the cost of repairing damages and/or performing other work, as in this Article provided, exceed the total amount of money deposited, the person to whom the permit was granted shall be held liable for the amount of damage and/or other costs which are in excess of the amount deposited. It shall be the duty of the City Clerk, upon receipt of the request from the Street Superintendent, to collect such part of the claim which is in excess of the deposit from the person to whom the permit was granted.