

Streets and Sidewalks
Chapter 21
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CHAPTER 21

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PART 1

Specifications for Construction of Roadways and Streets

§101. Initial Base.

Future roadways and streets within the Township of Slippery Rock shall be constructed with an initial base of 12 inches of No. 3 stone, thereafter six inches of crushed stone, thereafter three inches of blacktop base and thereafter, and finally, one-inch of blacktop weather coating. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §1)

§102. Crown.

Each street or roadway within the Township of Slippery Rock shall maintain a six-inch crown. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §2)

§103. Right-of-Way and Cartway.

Each street or roadway within the Township of Slippery Rock shall require a fifty-foot right-of-way as well as a twenty-foot cartway for said roadway or street in the Township. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §3)

§104. Driveway Entrance.

Any driveway entrance cut off of a Township roadway or street shall have placed along said entrance in the drainage berm cut a culvert pipe of not less than 15 inches in diameter which shall run the full width of said driveway cut and which shall further be required to be approved by the Township Supervisors or their agent, the Permit Officer. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §4; as amended by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§105. Conflict.

Should any other ordinance of the Township of Slippery Rock conflict with the terms of this Part then it shall be the more strict requirements as shall apply in the event of a conflict. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §5)

§106. Permit Required.

A permit shall be required for anyone constructing said roadway or driveway cut within the Township with said permit to be obtained from the Permit Officer. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §6; as amended by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§107. Affidavit to be Submitted to Road Foreman.

Each contractor who shall be named in the issued permit as performing work on the driveway cut or roadway or street construction shall be required to supply an affidavit to the Road Foreman, with said affidavit specifying the work performed and its specifications in detail. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §7)

§108. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 26, 9/24/1992, §8; as amended by Ord. 2/12/2002)

PART 2

Construction of Culverts or Drains

§201. Prohibited Construction or Maintenance.

No owner or occupier of any property in the Township of Slippery Rock may construct or maintain any culvert, driveway or drain which may endanger the highways of the Township. (Ord. 2, 6/21/1954, §1)

§202. Establishing of Regulations.

The Supervisors of the Township of Slippery Rock may establish regulations for the construction of culverts, driveways, drains and sewers as may be necessary and, may construct, repair, and maintain such culverts, driveways, drains and sewers, and assess the property owner for the cost of same. The property owner shall be given ten (10) days notice of a hearing concerning same. (Ord. 2, 6/21/1954, §2)

§203. Hearings.

If the Board of Supervisors, after said hearing, shall find that the owner's use of his land necessitates the construction, repair or maintenance of the sewer, drain or culvert, as the case may be, the Board of Supervisors may proceed with the construction, repair or maintenance and charge the owner for the cost of same. (Ord. 2, 6/21/1954, §3)

§204. Necessity of Construction.

The use of a driveway, artificial drainage or any other condition created by the owner of the land, which may cause damage to the highway shall justify the finding by the Board that the construction is necessary of the sewer drain or culvert is necessary. (Ord. 2, 6/21/1954, §4)

§205. Prohibited Drainage.

No owner or occupant of any property in the Township of Slippery Rock shall permit the drainage of any sewage or waste water into any public highway in the Township. (Ord. 2, 6/21/1954, §5)

§206. Enforcement.

The Board of Supervisors may enforce the provisions of this Part of law or in equity. The cost of any improvement charged to the owner of any property may be entered as a lien against said property as are other municipal liens. (Ord. 2, 6/21/1954, §6)

§207. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 2, 6/21/1954, §7; as amended by Ord. 2/12/2002)

PART 3

Street Excavations

§301. Definitions and Interpretation.

The following words, when used in this Part, shall have the 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 Part, 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 Township and established for the use of vehicles, but shall not include State highways.

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

In this Part, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

(Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§302. 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 Township without first securing a permit therefor, as hereinafter provided. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§303. Application for Permit.

Any person who shall desire to make any opening or excavation in any of the streets in the Township shall make application to the Township Permit Officer in writing for that purpose. Such application shall be made upon blanks to be furnished by the Township and shall set forth the name of the applicant, the exact location of the proposed opening or excavation, and the approximate size or 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 Township and the laws of the Commonwealth in relation thereto, and that the applicant shall well and truly save, defend and keep harmless the Township 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. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§304. Permit Fee.

Before any permit shall be issued to open or excavate any street in the Township the applicant shall pay a permit fee in the amount fixed according to a schedule established pursuant to resolution. When application shall be made to open or excavate any longitudinal opening or excavation in excess of ten (10) feet, before any permit shall be issued so to open or excavate, the applicant shall pay in addition to such minimum fee, an additional fee at the rate, for each one hundred (100) feet or fraction thereof to be opened or excavated upon such street, pursuant to the fee schedule. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§305. Issuance of Permits Restricted.

Permits shall be issued only to persons 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. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§306. 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 or depth thereof and the time within which the work for which the permit is granted to be completed. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§307. Permit Approval.

A permit may be issued to the applicant after all the requirements therefor have been filled. If the application is disapproved, written notice of disapproval together with reasons therefore shall be given to the applicant. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§308. 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, 73 P.S. §176 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. A partial list of utilities providing services in the Township and their office addresses may be obtained from the County Recorder of Deeds. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§309. Refilling of Opening or Excavation; Restoration of Surface; Responsibility for Defects Occurring Within Two (2) Years.

Any person who shall open or excavate any street in the Township 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 Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which are hereby adopted as specifications of the Township for restoration of surfaces of streets in the Township. 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 Township for the cost of all necessary repairs to the permanent paving. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§310. Responsibility of Permit Holder for Certain Work; Right of Township to Do Certain Work; Charges Therefore.

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 or which the permit has been issued at his or its expense, and all such work shall be subject to the provisions of this Part and to the supervision and approval of the Township Permit Officer, provided that the Township Permit Officer 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 done by the Township, in which event, the applicant shall pay the actual cost of the work performed by the Township. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§311. 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 (1) foot 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 (500) feet longitudinally shall be opened in any street at any one (1) 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 Township and permission therefore endorsed upon the permit. The backfilling of a tunnel excavation shall be made only in the presence of the Township Permit Officer or an inspector designated by him, and shall be done only in a method approved by him.
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 (8) inches in depth. Backfilling shall be placed to within ten (10) inches 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. On concrete base streets, such base shall be replaced with concrete and the minimum size of the opening or excavation shall be sixteen (16) square feet.
8. 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 Township 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.
9. The applicant shall notify the Township Permit Officer when the opening or excavation is ready for backfilling 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.
10. In the event that any work performed by or for a permit holder shall, in the opinion of the Township Permit Officer, 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 Township Permit Officer, the Township may proceed to correct such unsatisfactory work or complete any such work not completed, and charge the cost thereof, plus twenty percent (20%) to the applicant.

(Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§312. 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 all other provisions of this Part are fully complied with. 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 Township Permit Officer, after such notice as he shall deem necessary under the circumstances of the particular case, shall proceed to do 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. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord.

2/12/2002)

§313. 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, regulations and conditions as the Township may prescribe. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§314. Work Necessitating Opening or Excavation to be Done Prior to Street Improvement and Not Until Five (5) Years Thereafter; Exception.

The Township Permit Officer shall give timely notice to all persons owning property abutting on any street within the Township about to be paved or improved, and to all public utility companies operating in the Township, and all such persons 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 Township Permit Officer. New paving shall not be opened or excavated for a period of five (5) years after the completion thereof, except in case of emergency, the existence of which emergency and the necessity for the opening or excavating of such paving to be determined by the Township Permit Officer. If it is sought to excavate upon or open a sewer within five (5) years after the completion of the paving, the applicant shall make written application to the Board of Supervisors, and a permit for such opening shall be issued only after express approval of the Board of Supervisors. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§315. Permittee Responsibilities for Future Relocation of Work.

If at any time in the future the roadway is widened, reconstructed or the alignment or grades are changed, the permittee further agrees to change or relocate all or any part of the structures covered by this permit which interfere with the improvement of the roadway at its own cost and expense. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§316. 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 constructed, and no such existing main or line shall be extended, in any of the streets of the Township until the plan therefore shall have been first filed with the Township Permit Officer and such plan, and the exact location of such main or line, approved by him. The Township Permit Officer shall not approve the locating of any such main or line at a depth of less than thirty (30) inches from the surface of the street unless he shall be convinced that locating the same at a depth of more than thirty (30) inches from the surface is impossible or impractical. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§317. Bond Required.

No company, corporation or association shall dig up any street or alley without first giving to the Township a bond with some acceptable trust or surety company as surety in the sum determined by the schedule of fees, conditioned for the faithful performance of these provisions and also for any and all damages, claims, demands, suits, costs and counsel fees occasioned or arising from the digging up, opening or closing of said streets and alleys. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§318. Payment for Work Done by the Township.

Payment for all work done by the Township under the provisions hereof shall be made by the person made liable therefore under the provisions hereof within thirty (30) days after a bill therefore is sent to such person by the Township. Upon failure to pay such charges within such time, the same shall be collectible by the Township by an action in assumpsit or in the manner provided by law for the collection of municipal claims. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

§319. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 8, 6/11/1974; as revised by Ord. 2/12/2002)

Part 4

§401. PURPOSE

A. This Part is adopted and implemented to achieve the following general purposes and objectives:

- 1) To keep public sidewalks located within Slippery Rock Township right-of-way free and clear of obstructions; and
- 2) To provide for the protection and welfare of the general public.

§402. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Part the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Obstruction

Includes, but not be limited to, the following: signs, equipment, debris, trash, ice, snow, racks, vehicles, displays, fixtures, products, furniture, trees, plants, shrubbery, fences, and other similar objects.

Person

A person, partnership, corporation or other entity.

Public Sidewalk

A permanent walkway that parallels a street or highway located within the public road rights-of-way.

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§403. UNLAWFUL ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to keep all public sidewalks that abut property or properties that the person owns, rents, or leases free and clear of any and all obstructions.

§404. INSPECTIONS

Duly authorized representatives of Slippery Rock Township shall have the authority,

but shall not be obligated, to inspect such public sidewalks for the purposes of determining whether a safe walkway has been maintained.

§405. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- A. Slippery Rock Township shall have the power, through the Board of Supervisors, and/or other duly authorized personnel, to cite the abutting person should their public sidewalk not be in compliance with this ordinance.
- B. Any person violating any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day of violation shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.

(Ord. 4 of 2018, 8/27/18 Part 4)