

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK
COUNTY OF BERGEN**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 189 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS"**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 189 Article III "Excavations in Streets" be and the same is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

**Article III
Street Openings**

§ 189-9 Permit required.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation to tear up any of the road surfaces of, or make any excavation in, any of the public streets, avenues, highways or public places in the Township, for the purpose of constructing surface or subsurface improvements or for the purpose of laying, examining, replacing or repairing of gas mains, water mains, sewers, sewer connections, telephone conduits, electrical outlets, or for any other purpose, except and until the consent, permission and approval thereto, in writing, of the Township Administrator or the Township Clerk, after consultation and review by the Superintendent or Foreman, or his designee, of the Department of Public Works and/or the Township Engineer is first had and obtained.
- B. In case of an unforeseen circumstance or occurrence, the existence of which constitutes a clear and immediate danger to person and property, hereinafter referred to as "emergency," any utility (water, gas, electric, cable, telephone, sewer, etc.), resident, property owner or lessee shall not be required to provide the above information in advance of the work, but shall do so within 24 hours thereafter, provided that:
- (1) A true emergency exists and the person(s) doing the excavation notifies the Township Police Department; the Police Department shall log the emergency;
 - (2) An application for a permit is filed with the Township Clerk within 24 hours of the street opening or on the next business day, whichever is more practical;
 - (3) Said utility, resident, property owner or lessee makes the payment required by § 189-10; and
 - (4) The excavation is performed in accordance with the provisions of this article.

§ 189-10 Application.

- A. All applications for permits referred to in this article shall be made in writing to the Township Clerk at least five business days in advance of the proposed road opening, unless it is an emergency, and shall:
- (1) Specify the name and address of the individual, firm, corporation or utility for whose benefit the excavation is to be made.

- (2) Specify the name and address of the excavation, construction and/or restoration contractor(s).
 - (3) Identify specific location of the proposed excavation and the width, length and depth thereof.
 - (4) Confirm Township jurisdiction of the work area and provide a list of all federal, state, local governmental/quasi-governmental agencies having concurrent jurisdiction, and, if such agencies require approval, whether such approval has been obtained and provide copies thereof.
 - (5) Identify the type of road surface.
 - (6) Identify the location of any and all utilities, storm drains, sanitary sewers or sewer mains within 10 feet of the limits of the proposed opening.
 - (7) Identify excavation start date and expected duration and method of repair.
 - (8) Identify the applicable fees for the issuance of the permit as hereinafter provided, together with the charges as hereinafter set forth.
 - (9) Include a signed statement by the applicant agreeing to indemnify the Township and hold it harmless from and against any claim, liability, damage and/or expense, including any attorney fees, arising out of the granting of the permit or from any negligence or fault of such applicant, his servants or agents in connection with any of the excavation performed under or in connection with such permit.
- B. A nonrefundable fee of \$200 shall accompany every application to offset the cost of processing the application and inspection subsequent to the road repair.

§ 189-11 Deposits required; performance guarantee.

No permit shall be granted unless the sums hereinafter set forth shall be paid to the Township Clerk. These sums shall be held by the Township Clerk until 18 months after the completion of each improvement as a security deposit to guarantee the completion of the improvement and maintenance thereof for 18 months thereafter, pursuant to the terms of the application, in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the specifications and standards of the Township to the satisfaction of the Township Committee. Eighteen months after such completion, the Township shall return the deposit to the applicant, provided that the work has been properly completed and maintained. Upon failure to complete and maintain the improvement to the satisfaction of the Township, the Township may complete and maintain the improvement, using the moneys so deposited or so much thereof as is necessary for such purpose, returning the balance of the deposit, if any, to the applicant after 18 months from the date of completion. If the security deposit is insufficient to pay for the cost of remediating the work, the person or entity responsible shall be obligated to reimburse the Township for any excess costs which may be collected in accord with the Township Code.

§ 189-12 Insurance.

The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the Township Attorney or Risk Manager of insurance sufficient to indemnify and save harmless the Township, its officials, employees, agents and servants against and from all suits and costs of every kind and from all personal injury or property damage resulting from negligence or from any phase of operation performed under the permit.

§ 189-13 Amount of permit deposits.

The permit deposits shall be in the following amounts for each opening excavated, up to 100 square feet of

area disturbed:

- A. For openings on any road paved with concrete: \$750 plus \$7.50 per square foot over 100 square feet.
- B. For openings on any road paved with macadam: \$500 plus \$5 per square foot over 100 square feet.
- C. For openings on any unimproved road or unpaved portion of improved roads: \$250 plus \$2.50 per square foot over 100 square feet.
- D. Regulated utilities governed by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities pursuant to N.J.S.A. Title 48 are exempted from this section; refer to § 189-15, Utility road opening.

§ 189-14 Safeguards.

All excavations, earth, stone, lumber, pipe or other material shall be safely and securely barricaded and further guarded at night by at least two lights, one at each end of the excavation or material, and in any other manner as the Superintendent (or Foreman or his designee) of Public Works may deem necessary for the reasonable protection of the public from injury.

§ 189-14.1 Staging for excavation.

Not more than 1/2 of the trench shall be excavated at one time where the trench will run from one side of the pavement to the other, and the part so excavated shall immediately be backfilled under the supervision of and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Works.

§ 189-14.2 Manner of backfilling and restoration.

- A. The backfilling of the trench shall proceed in the following manner, namely: earth, sand, gravel or broken stone removed from the trench shall be replaced in layers not exceeding 12 inches in depth, and shall be properly compacted. The work of refilling shall continue in this manner until the material is brought up to within 24 inches of the finished pavement; any rocks larger than six inches in diameter shall be removed. The first layer shall be three-quarter-inch quarry-processed (QP) rock. The backfilling shall be continued until the top thereof, after being thoroughly compacted, shall be one inch higher than the pavement. No animal or vegetable matter or refuse shall be used or permitted in the backfill, and all refuse or surplus material from the trench shall be removed from the work area immediately after the trench has been excavated. After the fill has thoroughly settled, the road surface shall be restored to a like-new condition.
- B. The person or entity conducting this work shall remain responsible for the repair of the resurfaced repair work for a period of five years and shall repair same if required by the Superintendent of Public Works.
- C. Roadway restoration shall be in accord with the engineering details set forth in the Appendix which may be found at the end of this chapter.
- D. Any restoration of a trench or series of openings more than 15 linear feet shall include restoration in accord with the engineering details found in the Appendix as applicable and shall also include the milling and resurfacing of the roadway from curb to curb for the length of the opening.
- E. Any restoration of macadam which is not milled and paved shall be completed using infrared paving to ensure a smooth transition from the adjoining surface.

§ 189-14.3 Interference with gutter flow or traffic; permits.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place any stones, earth, ashes, lumber, pipe or other materials of any description whatsoever upon any road or street so as to interfere with the flow of water along the gutters or so as to interfere with traffic on the road or street. Any unlawful exercise of this privilege shall be deemed a violation of this section and be punishable by a fine of \$50 to \$200. Nothing herein shall apply to leaves or vegetative waste. The purpose of this section is to prevent construction-related material from obstructing or interfering with the flow of water.

§ 189-14.4 Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of the Township Superintendent of Public Works, Building Code Official, Property Maintenance Official, Township Police Department, or any other officer as the Township Committee may designate to ascertain whether permits have been issued covering each operation and to supervise all excavations, backfilling and restoration as provided herein.

§ 189-15 Utility road opening.

- A. All utilities registered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities under Title 48 which opens roads in the Township of South Hackensack shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$200 per opening. Said payment shall be sent to the Township Clerk within 24 hours of completion of the utility work related to the road opening.
- B. Roadways opened by utilities shall be returned to a like-new condition as set forth in § 189-14.2. Infrared heat paving shall be used to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Works, or his/her designee.
- C. Roadway material shall be of the same material as the roadway: e.g., concrete roads shall be repaired with concrete and asphalt with asphalt.
- D. Within 90 days of completion of all road opening repair, the Township shall advise the utility if the closing is satisfactory or not, and if not, a directive of corrective action shall be included. Repairs made subsequent to notice from the Township of unsatisfactory repairs shall be concluded within 30 days of notice. If repairs are not made within 30 days and/or the repair is not done to the satisfaction of the Township Superintendent of Public Works (or Foreman) or his/her designee, then the Township may cause the repair work to be done and use the escrow to pay for same. In such event, the utility shall replenish the escrow within 30 days of notice from the Township.
- E. All utilities servicing the Township of South Hackensack shall post a cash bond in the amount of \$2,500 with the Township Clerk to be held in a noninterest escrow account to be held in perpetuity to pay the cost of application fees and repair to road openings done in an unsatisfactory manner. If this bond is diminished by utilization for restoration or payment of application fees, the utility shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance of the cash bond to \$2,500 within 10 days of receipt of a notice of deficiency sent by the Township.

§ 189-16 Utility companies; disturbance of recently repaved or installed roads.

- A. Utility companies, including those engaged in the installation of gas, water and electric lines, shall report to the Department of Public Works, quarterly, their intentions, with regard to prospective work requiring future street openings in the community, for the purpose of coordinating such activity with pavement projects anticipated by the Township of South Hackensack.

- B. Except in the case of an emergency, the Township of South Hackensack shall have the right to schedule street openings with utilities companies in a manner which will create the least disturbance to pavement courses, in furtherance of which purpose the Township of South Hackensack shall provide to the utilities a schedule of expected street construction and resurfacing.
- C. In the event an applicant seeks to disturb a road which has been repaved or installed within the preceding five years, and the municipality shall have given notice of intent to repave by ordinance or actual notice to the applicant, the fees shall be doubled for the permit and bond. In addition, the applicant shall be required to repave the entire width of the road to achieve a cosmetic and surface match.

§ 189-17 Traffic control on private construction.

Any contractor or other employer requiring additional traffic management services on any project or event occurring in the Township of South Hackensack shall utilize the South Hackensack Police Department for such services.

§ 189-18 Violations and penalties.

A. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this article, or neglecting or refusing to comply with any of the terms or conditions hereof, shall, upon conviction, be liable as follows:

- (1) Failure to deposit a performance bond: the amount set forth in § 189-13 plus \$500.
- (2) Opening a roadway without a permit and/or failing to comply with the provisions for filing an application for emergency work within 24 hours of conducting the work or the first business day thereafter: the amount set forth in § 189-13 plus \$1,000.
- (3) Failure to restore any roadway as required: the amount set forth in § 189-13 plus \$500.

B. Each and every nonconformance of this article, or each day that any provision of this article shall have been violated, shall be construed as a separate and distinct violation thereof.

Section 2- Repealer/Saving Clause: All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency. If any portion of this ordinance is deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid the balance of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Introduction: February 13, 2020

Motion: Encarnacion

Second: Brugger

Roll Call Vote: Anzevino, Brugger, Cagas, Encarnacion & Perdomo

Adoption: March 12, 2020

Motion: Anzevino

Second: Brugger

Absent: Cagas

Roll Call Vote: Anzevino, Brugger, Encarnacion & Perdomo