



Town of Edinburgh

STREET, SIDEWALKS, AND STREET EXCAVATIONS

Effective November 12, 2019 the Town of Edinburgh approved Ordinance 2019-15 amending Chapter 96 Street and Sidewalks, Street Excavations to provide protections and security for the Town's public places. A copy of Ordinance 2019-15 is available upon request to review all requirements under this provision. A summary of the requirements of this ordinance is provided below:

BOND REQUIRED. The Town reserves the right to require anyone making street, sidewalks and street excavations to post a bond or other surety payable to the Town in such sum and to cover such length of time at the sole discretion of Town officials.

REGULATIONS.

Applications for a permit and posting bond for any project shall be made through the office of Clerk-Treasurer (812) 526-3511 and/or the office of the Building Commissioner (812) 314-5114.

The operation of excavating, or in any manner changing the surface of, any sidewalk, street, alley or other public place within the town, and the refilling and resurfacing of any excavation, shall be done under the supervision of the Street Superintendent. (812) 350-1921.

REPAIRS. All excavations in street shall be repaired according to the type of the existing surface as follows:

(1) Existing Asphalt surface:

- (a) Excavation shall be filled with thoroughly compacted sand to a depth not less than ten inches below finished grade;
- (b) Portland cement concrete with a 3,000-psi minimum shall be deposited on top of the sand fill to within one inch below finished grade;
- (c) After Portland cement concrete has cured for a minimum period of four days, asphaltic primer RC-3 shall be applied at a rate of 0.5 gallons per square yard;
- (d) A one-inch course of hot asphaltic concrete, Indiana State Highway Department, Type B shall be applied, thoroughly compacted and rolled. If the weather is unsuitable for properly applying hot asphaltic concrete for repairing the surface, a temporary patch may be applied consisting of asphalt coated aggregate (cold patch), provided that when suitable paving weather occurs, the temporary patching materials shall be removed and replaced with hot asphaltic concrete as specified above.

(2) Existing concrete surface:

- (a) Excavation shall be filled with thoroughly compacted sand to a depth not less than eight inches below finished grade;
- (b) Portland cement concrete with a 3000-psi minimum shall be placed in the remaining cavity and troweled with a wooden float to finish grade.

(3) Existing aggregate surface:

- (a) Excavation shall be filled with sand up to a depth not less than eight inches below finished grade;
- (b) The remaining depth shall be filled with crushed stone of the size required by the designated designee by Town Council or Street Superintendent.

(4) Existing earth surface: Excavation shall be filled with earth, and earth mounded above the excavation to a height above finished grade amounting to 10% of the depth of the excavation. After settling has occurred, earth shall be added or removed to level the fill with finished grade, and the surface restored to the same condition as existed before excavation was made.

(5) Exploratory drill holes shall be filled in the same manner as trench or pit excavations, except that when the holes are made in an existing earth surface, it shall be refilled with sand except under six inches of fill material, which shall be earth.

(6) Excavation under sidewalks shall be refilled with fully compacted sand to a level four inches below finished grade of the sidewalk in pedestrian traveled areas and six inches below finished grade of sidewalk in driveway areas. The sidewalk shall be replaced to the same as that removed and to a depth of four or six inches respectively in pedestrian and driveway areas. Sidewalk material shall be Portland cement concrete, air-entraining type, 3000 psi. strength, finished with a wooden flute and steel edging tool and scored to match adjacent sidewalk scoring.

STREET CUTS. All cuts made in the driving area of a street or alley shall be covered with steel plates and anchored safely to the paved surface until the cut is ready for traffic. Cold-patch type asphalt concrete shall be placed all around the plate to lessen any possible damage to the vehicles crossing the area. No more than ten calendar days shall elapse between the date the hole is first cut in the street right-of-way and the date on which the repair is complete and the patch is paved to finished grade and open to traffic.

RESURFACING OF ENTIRE STREET. Any utility company, contractor, or individual causing a total of five or more holes, a maximum of 3 feet, or a trench or trenches totaling 30 feet in length to be made in an average of 300 foot-long city block during one 12-month period shall be required to resurface the entire width of the street or alley for the full town block within the current paving season with a one-inch thickness of surface-type hot asphaltic concrete. The existing paved surface shall be tack coated before paving.

FAILURE OF REPAIRS.

- (A) If the place or places where the excavation and repairs are refilled or replaced under the provisions of the subchapter fall within the life of the street pavement or before the street is repaved by the town, the permittee shall, at his/her own expense within ten days after receipt of written notice from the Town of Edinburgh, refill and resurface it.
- (B) If the permittee fails to refill or resurface after the receipt of ten days written notice, the town shall make the necessary repairs and render a statement of charges to the permittee which statement shall be due and payable within 30 days after receipt of the statement.

COST. The entire expense of excavating, or in any manner changing, the surface of any sidewalk, street, curb, alley, or public place within the town shall be borne by the permittee. The town shall not be liable for any expenses incurred therefrom, nor for any injury or damages caused to any person or property.

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