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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Woodbridge as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Demolition of buildings — See Ch. 183.
 Drainage — See Ch. 208.
 Hawking and peddling — See Ch. 258.

Stormwater management — See Ch. 370.
 Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 397.

ARTICLE I Excavations

[Adopted 9-17-2007, effective 10-18-2007 (Ch. 4, Art. XXI, of the 1983 Code)]

§ 375-1. Prior notice required.

- A. For all excavation, construction, destruction, or repair on or of any public street, highway, road, or sidewalk, or upon land adjacent to any public street, highway, road or sidewalk which causes or may cause a hazard to vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, or to public safety, advanced written notice shall be given, on forms provided, to the Chief of Police or his/her agent, a minimum of 24 hours prior to work being commenced, except in the case of an emergency. In the case of an emergency, the Chief of Police or his/her agent shall be notified by telephone of the location and extent of the emergency, prior to work being commenced.

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- B. For all utility work pertaining to the installation, removal or updating of any utility, including, but not limited to, electric, telephone, cable, or fiber optic lines and structural supports thereof, which causes or may cause a hazard to vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, or to public safety, advanced written notice shall be given on forms provided, to the Chief of Police or his/her agent, a minimum of 24 hours prior to work being commenced, except in the case of an emergency. In the case of an emergency, the Chief of Police or his/her agent shall be notified by phone of the location and extent of the emergency, prior to work being commenced.

§ 375-2. Responsibilities of person performing work.

The organization or person performing the work (hereinafter the "applicant") shall safeguard the security of the general public, protect the public from injury or harm, and ensure that public rights are not unreasonably curtailed under this section.

§ 375-3. Determination of hazard.

The hazard of the work or potential thereof shall be determined by the Chief of Police or his/her agent. Such circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, the effect on traffic patterns and flow of traffic at time and place the work is to be performed as well as the general interest in traffic control and public safety.

§ 375-4. Police and traffic control officers and flaggers.

- A. If the location and extent of work is such that the Chief of Police or his/her agent believes that a uniformed police officer(s) is required, such uniformed police officer(s) shall be provided at the expense of the applicant. Where such uniformed police officer(s) provides services to more than one applicant, each applicant shall be responsible proportionately for such expense. If such conditions exist at the close of the working day, a watchman and a sufficient number of traffic control persons shall be employed and assigned by the applicant to direct traffic at night. The work shall be planned to avoid such conditions whenever possible.
- B. If no regular member of the Woodbridge Police Department is available, the applicant shall provide a trained flagger, equipped with a reflective vest. The trained flagger's sole responsibility shall be to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic at all times that such work causes or may cause a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic. When such a trained flagger is not provided to the work site and when a hazard or potential hazard exists to vehicular or pedestrian traffic, any regular member of the Woodbridge Police Department is authorized to suspend further activities at such site until such site can be made safe by adequate police protection or utilization of a trained flagger.

§ 375-5. Safety measures.

Any applicant making any opening or excavation in a right-of-way shall establish and maintain protective safety measures at any such opening or excavation. The applicant shall be responsible for the costs of the protective safety measures.

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§ 375-6. Traffic and pedestrian conditions.

The applicant shall take appropriate measures to assure that during the performance of the work traffic and pedestrian conditions can be maintained as near to normal as possible at all times, so as to minimize inconvenience to the occupants of adjoining property and to the general public.

§ 375-7. Traffic control during emergencies.

Public utility companies or any other entity responding to an emergency situation that poses an imminent threat to public safety may utilize a traffic control person until a police officer arrives at the location to take over traffic control duties.

§ 375-8. Use of marked patrol vehicle.

The applicant may also request a marked patrol vehicle to provide for increased awareness to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The cost of such marked patrol vehicle shall be determined by the Town of Woodbridge. The ability to provide such a marked patrol vehicle will be based on the discretion of the Chief of Police or his/her agent.

§ 375-9. Penalties for offenses. ¹

Every person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for each violation, and each day of the continuance of said violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

§ 375-10. Interpretation.

In the event of any questions as to the interpretation of any part of this article, the decision of the Chief of Police or his designee shall be final.

ARTICLE II

Scenic Roads

[Adopted 12-2-2008, effective 1-2-2009]

§ 375-11. Statement of purpose.

The purpose of this article is to help preserve Woodbridge's rural character and beauty by enabling the Town to preserve its scenic rural roads, consistent with safe travel. Woodbridge's rural roads are an important part of its history and an essential component of its rural character. They provide recreational opportunities for those who travel along them, by whatever means, enjoying the scenery along the way.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. I, General Provisions, Art. II).