

CITY OF PACIFICA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXCAVATION AND OCCUPANCY IN CITY STREETS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY ENGINEER

AUTHORITY:

Permits are required pursuant to Chapter 2, Title 7 of the Pacifica Municipal Code for any work or occupancy done within the street right-of-way. The work which requires a permit includes excavations, pavement restoration, pole installation or relocation, wiring, traffic lane occupancy and other permanent or temporary occupancies.

PERMIT REQUIRED:

A permit, issued by the Engineering Division is required for all work and occupancies in the street right-of-way. The permittee is responsible for the work of all contractors and subcontractors performing work under the issued permit. Failure to secure the proper permit prior to all work and occupancy in the street right-of-way may result in the imposition of fines.

INSPECTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS:

All work is subject to inspection by the department. Notification, two days prior to the commencement of work, shall be provided to the department. Intermediate inspections for backfill or pavement restoration may be requested 24 hours in advance, or as arranged with the inspector. All work done without benefit of inspection shall be subject to rejection and removal.

AUTHORITY TO EXCAVATE:

Prior to obtaining any permit under Chapter 2, Title 7, the permittee shall receive authority to excavate from the department. Agencies and companies authorized to occupy the street right-of-way by franchise or other arrangement are authorized to obtain permits. Other parties shall obtain authority to excavate by providing proof of proper contractor's license, Pacifica business license, insurance and by posting all required bonds. After authority to excavate is granted to an agency, company or contractor upon compliance with the above items, they may apply for any required permits.

STANDARD DRAWINGS AND SPECS:

Unless otherwise provided, all work shall conform to the City of Pacifica Standard Drawings and the State of California Standard Specifications.

EMERGENCY WORK:

Nothing in these rules and regulations shall prevent any agency, company or contractor to occupy or excavate the street right-of-way in cases of emergency to protect life and property.

TIME FOR COMPLETION OF WORK AND HOURS OF WORK:

All work done under this ordinance shall be done between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (this includes preparatory and cleanup work) excluding weekends and holidays. Work may be done at other times with prior arrangement and approval of the City Engineer. This condition does not apply to emergency work.

PAVEMENT RESTORATION:

All excavations shall be properly restored at the completion of the excavation work. The permittee shall be responsible for maintaining the pavement above and adjacent to all excavations for the life of the street.

WORK IN NEWLY PAVED STREETS:

Permission to excavate in newly renovated streets will not be granted for three years after completion of street renovation. Utilities shall determine alternate methods of making necessary repairs to avoid excavating in newly renovated streets. Exceptions to the above are as follows:

- a. Emergency which endangers life or property.
- b. Interruption of essential utility service.
- c. Work that is mandated by city, state or federal legislation.
- d. Service for buildings where no other reasonable means of providing service exists.
- e. Other situations deemed necessary by the City Engineer or inspector.

BACKFILL REQUIREMENTS:

Trenches shall be backfilled with Intermediate Backfill Material and Class II aggregate base as per City Standard Drawings for Street Trenches and Storm Drain Construction. Backfill shall be compacted in six-inch lifts. Pavement and Class II aggregate base shall be restored using a "T Section" as per City of Pacifica Standard Drawings for Street Trenching and Storm Drain Construction.

Certification shall be required from an independent testing laboratory verifying that compaction meets requirements. The number of tests will be specified on the permit. The intent of these tests is to assure that pavement is properly restored. Tests will generally be required on all major excavations. The number of tests will increase if results are poor and decrease if good compaction is consistently obtained.

Trenches shall be backfilled with Intermediate Backfill Material and Class II aggregate base as per City Standards for Street Trenches and Storm Drain Construction, Standard Drawings 300 and 301. Backfill shall be compacted in six-inch lifts. Pavement and Class II aggregate base shall be restored using a T wearing surface consisting of a six-inch width on all sides of the trench and extending a minimum of 15 inches in depth as per City Standard Drawings 300 and 301. The permittee shall be responsible for the backfill for the life of the street.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

All work shall be subject to all laws and regulations related to safety on construction projects, including but not limited to Cal OSHA. Each permittee shall have all required permits from applicable agencies including the State Division of Industrial Safety. All work shall conform to the Underground Service Alert (USA) notification requirements.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AND STREET AND SIDEWALK CLOSURE:

Each permittee shall be responsible for proper traffic control to assure work site safety. The City Engineer may require a traffic control plan for approval prior to commencement of work in some cases. No street or sidewalk closure shall be allowed without prior approval of the City Engineer. The permittee shall provide adequate and accessible pedestrian traveled ways within the work site.

TEMPORARY PAVEMENT AND TRENCH PROTECTION:

All excavations shall be properly plated, barricaded and protected during the project. Temporary pavement shall be placed to provide an adequate riding surface over trenches and plates. Temporary pavement shall be replaced by permanent paving within two weeks after excavation unless additional time is granted by the City Engineer.

WORK ON OVERHEAD INFRASTRUCTURE:

The ordinance applies to all work on structures in the public right-of-way. Any work done on wiring, transformers or any other items which are attached to the poles requires a permit from this department.

HANDICAP RAMP CONSTRUCTION:

Handicap ramps, as shown on City Standard Drawing 105, shall be constructed where any portion of a curb return or at a legal pedestrian crosswalk or any portion of sidewalk in immediate contact with such curb is removed, except where there is an existing handicap ramp in the crosswalk.

PERMITTEE TO PROTECT RECEIVING WATERS:

The permittee shall be responsible to assure that all storm drains and receiving

waters are not subject to runoff from the work site. Proper construction practices shall be employed during the course of the work to protect receiving waters.

PROJECT SITE CLEANUP AND HOUSEKEEPING:

The permittee shall assure that the work is done in a clean and orderly manner. The site shall be clear of debris at the end of each workday and the site shall be cleaned of all construction-related debris at the completion of the work under the permit.

BOND AND DEPOSITS:

Each permittee shall post a bond to assure the work is completed in conformance with the permit requirements. Bonds shall not be released until all work is completed and accepted by City Engineer. The permittee shall pay any outstanding inspection fees prior to release of bonds or return of deposits.

Approved:



Scott Holmes
Public Works Director and City Engineer

5-24-00

Date