

## REVISED ORDINANCE

Sec. 24-29. - Traffic protection.

The following applies to construction, excavation, power line installation/repair, telephone line installation/repair, cable installation/repair and/or any other activity in which a public roadway is being excavated or obstructed. It shall be the duty of every permittee, construction company or utility company under this article to make certain that the security of the travelling public is safeguarded and its rights are not unreasonably curtailed. If any excavation or obstruction shall be left upon any highway at night it shall be marked by flares, lanterns, lights, flashing beacons or other warning devices approved by the Public Works Director or Chief of Police. engineer. If the work performed on or under the highway/roadway shall make the travelled portion dangerous for the movement of vehicles, ~~a watchman~~ or a sufficient number of flagmen or a police officer(s) shall be assigned by the permittee, construction company or utility company to direct traffic. The Chief of Police shall designate specific streets/roadways wherein it will be mandatory that such police traffic protection be secured. For other Streets/Roadways that are not determined to need mandatory police traffic protection, the determination as to whether or not police protection is required at such site for the activities described herein shall be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Chief of Police or in his/her absence, a respective designee. The cost of all watchmen, flagmen or police officers shall be the responsibility of the permittee, construction company or utility company. In the event the work of the permittee, construction company or utility company requires the closing of a public highway for any period of time, notice shall be given in writing to the police department and the director of public works or his/her designated representative twenty-four hours in advance, unless emergency circumstances exist. Any street/roadway that is required to be closed shall require police traffic protection for the duration of the closure, regardless of whether the street had a mandatory police traffic protection designation or not. The Chief of Police or Public Works Director may determine the need for closing the highway and may require the work or work method be so altered as to provide for traffic flow if the closing of the street is not acceptable. ~~The director or his agent shall provide written notice to the police and fire departments in advance of closing any public highway.~~ Any permittee, construction company or utility company who leaves an excavation in an unsafe condition or abandons a street opening shall be liable for all costs incurred by the city to correct such conditions.

These regulations shall not apply to construction/excavation being completed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation or the Ansonia Public Works Department. Those agencies shall be allowed to use their own flagmen as an option to direct traffic.

**NEW ORDINANCE**

Commencement for work for which a zoning permit is required prior to issuance of a zoning permit shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) each day that said work continues. Fees assessed under this section may be liened against the property upon which said work occurs. This ordinance shall take effect March 1, 2024 and shall not be applied retroactively to work commenced prior to that date.