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8.01 DRAINAGE DITCHES WITHIN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. No person shall fill or obstruct any ditch or culvert alongside of any Town or public road, or underneath any such road with any dirt, stones or debris. No person shall cultivate, plow or remove soil from his land in such manner as to obstruct or fill any ditch along any Town road or public highway. No person shall enlarge a road drainage ditch without first obtaining a permit from the Town Board. Application for such permit shall be made to the Town Clerk. Before approving a permit to enlarge any road drainage ditch in the Town, the Town Board shall forward the permit application to all County and State agencies whose approval must be obtained before such work may commence.

8.02 HIGHWAY OPENINGS REGULATED. (1) PERMIT REQUIRED. No opening shall be made in any Town road or highway until a permit therefor has been applied for and issued by the Town Board. Applications for permits shall contain a description of the property involved, the location of such opening and the purpose for which the opening will be made. Such application shall be signed by the owner unless the work is not to be done by the owner in person, in which case the person engaged to perform the work shall sign the application and the permit shall be issued in his name.

(2) CASH BOND REQUIRED. Before a permit shall be issued under this section, the applicant shall furnish a cash bond to the Town in such amount as the Town Board shall determine to guarantee replacement of such highway in as good condition as before excavation was commenced.

(3) EXCAVATIONS. In the opening of any public highway, all paving and excavated material shall be removed with the least possible damage to the surrounding area and so placed as not to interfere with traffic or drainage. Such openings shall be closed with barricades and lanterns or flares shall be maintained upon the location during hours of darkness.

8.03 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL. (1) SIDEWALKS TO BE KEPT CLEAR. The owner or occupant of any lot or parcel shall within 24 hours remove all snow and ice which may have fallen or accumulated upon the sidewalk in front of such lot or parcel, provided when ice has so formed that it cannot be removed, the owner or occupant shall keep the same sprinkled with a material which will prevent the sidewalk from being dangerous to pedestrians. If the owner or occupant fails to comply with this subsection, the Town Board may cause the snow or ice to be removed or sprinkled as required in this subsection, the cost thereof to be assessed against the property as a special tax.

(2) DEPOSIT IN STREETS RESTRICTED. No person shall cause to be deposited snow from his premises onto the sidewalk abutting thereon or onto any road right-of-way in the Town without a permit therefor from the Town Board which may require payment of a fee sufficient to reimburse the Town for the cost of removing any snow so deposited.

8.05 PENALTY. Except as otherwise provided, any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in §25.04 of this General Code.