Chapter 8. Public Works

8.03. Driveway openings and culverts.

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(1) Permit required. No person shall construct a driveway connecting with any improved or unimproved street or alley in the Village without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Director of Inspection Services. Application for a permit must be made in writing upon forms furnished by the Village. Before any work is started, the contractor shall pay to the Village Clerk-Treasurer a permit and inspection fee of $30.

(2) Supervision. All such work shall be done under the jurisdiction of the Director of Inspection Services and in accordance with the ordinances of the Village and the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Director of Inspection Services.

(3) Where prohibited. Construction or maintenance of a driveway providing for ingress and egress to any Village traffic street is hereby prohibited unless other ingress and egress is not available.

(4) Culverts on unimproved streets. No driveway shall be constructed or maintained connecting with any unimproved street unless a suitable culvert is first installed across the ditch or swale of such unimproved street. Such culverts shall be constructed of steel pipe. The culvert shall have a cross section of not less than that of a twelve-inch pipe or such greater diameter as the Village Engineer may determine is necessary to carry the flow of water. The length of the culvert shall be 20 feet or such greater length as the Director of Public Works shall determine is necessary having in mind the width of the driveway and flow of water. The grade for such culverts shall be established by the Director of Public Works.

(5) Culvert installation and fees. Applicants for a permit shall be required to pay for the cost of the culvert. All culverts shall be installed by the property owner under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

(6) Culverts for existing driveways.

(a) Where the Director of Public Works determines that to provide for the flow of water a culvert for an existing driveway is required, the Director of Public Works shall notify in writing the property owner from whose property the driveway leads to the street that he will install a suitable culvert at the expense of such property owner after 10 days from the date of the notice.

(b) The property owner may appeal to the Village Board from such determination of the Director of Public Works at any time within the ten-day period. If the property owner fails to appeal within such time, the determination of the Director of Public Works shall become final.
(7) If the cost of installation of any culvert installed by the Village shall not be paid to the Village Clerk-Treasurer on or before December 1 in the year in which such culvert has been installed, the Director of Public Works shall certify the cost of the installation of the culvert to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, who shall enter the same on the tax roll as special taxes against the owner of the property to which the driveway leads and which benefits by the installation of the culvert, the same to be collected in all respects as are other Village taxes.