

ORDINANCE NO. 8. 2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE COLUMBUS STREET CUT ORDINANCE NO. 08-28**

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code 36-1-3 et. seq. confers upon units of government within the State of Indiana such powers as necessary or desirable to conduct the affairs of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code 36-4-6-18 authorizes the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana to pass such ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions as may be necessary and proper for the governmental unit to fulfill and satisfy the responsibilities and duties of said governmental unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana, has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to regulate the cutting and excavation in public streets and Rights of Way in the City of Columbus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA**, that the Street Cut Ordinance No. 08-28, Chapter 12.24 of the Columbus Municipal Code, is repealed and replaced as follows:

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## **12.24.010 Purpose.**

The City of Columbus (City) monitors all work conducted in the streets, alleys, and public Right of Way (ROW) through its street cut permitting process. This process allows coordination between the City and other utilities to maintain a record of street cuts and patches, and to identify specific city requirements.

## **12.24.020 Scope.**

### **A. Permit Required**

Any work within the ROW which disturbs the pavement, curb and/or gutter, driveway entrances, sidewalks, landscaping, or grassed areas, requires a permit. If ROW limits are in question, the applicant must confirm those limits with the Engineering Department. Work covered by this ordinance may include but is not limited to, utility main and/or lateral replacement and repair; valve and meter replacement or repair; hydroexcavation or other excavation methods used to identify location of underground public or private utility lines (potholing); installation of new underground mains or laterals, structures or accessories; splices, buried drops (under pavement or sidewalks); pole changes for height, accidents, etc.; cathodic protection; boxes and vault installations and jacking or boring under the ROW where disturbance within or crossing the ROW may occur.

Installation of new aerial facilities crossing within public ROW will require a permit to work within the public ROW (whether the new aerial facility is being attached to existing poles owned by the City or a third-party utility). In cases in which the existing utility poles are owned by a third-party utility, the Permittee shall provide written consent from the applicable utility granting permission of the new aerial facility installation with the permit application provided to the City.

Any utility work, excluding aerial installation within the ROW, that does not disturb or encroach on the ROW is exempt from the permitting requirements except to the extent that traffic detours or lane closures must be approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Permits shall be valid for 90 days from date of issuance. The City Engineer may extend the time for the completion of the work for which the permit was granted.

### **B. Exceptions**

1. Private irrigation systems are not permitted to be located within the public Right-of-Way (ROW). The City does not issue permits for private irrigation systems within the ROW and is not responsible for damage caused to irrigation systems placed within the ROW. This includes any work conducted by or for the City.
2. Excavations made under contract with or by order of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City through its proper officials, nor to construction of any private entrances, driveways or approaches connecting with any street in the City street system or the installation or replacement of sidewalks, or for the installation of landscaping.

### **12.24.030 Emergency Streets Cuts.**

The Engineering Department may, if the public safety requires immediate action, grant permission to make a necessary street cut or excavation before a permit is issued. Failure to receive approval from the Engineering Department for an emergency street cut shall result in assessment of a penalty as described in Section 12.24.140. Requests for an emergency street cut must be made by contacting the Engineering Department regardless of time of day, or day of the week. A detailed voicemail message must be left describing the need for an emergency street cut, the location, the name and phone number of the person or company making the request, and the name and contact information for the company who will perform the work. A permit application for the emergency street cut shall be submitted by 12:00 noon on the first work day following the emergency action.

### **12.24.040 Permit Requirements.**

Before work within the ROW is started, the necessary permit shall be obtained from the Engineering Department. Any contractor or person beginning work before being issued the proper permit will be subject to a penalty in accordance with Section 12.24.140.

Each permit application shall be presented to the Engineering Department for approval at least three days in advance of beginning the work. Said application shall indicate the estimated time or dates during which the work is to be completed, shall describe the estimated kind and dimension in feet and inches of the proposed work, together with the type of road surface, the nature of the opening to be made and the exact purpose of the proposed work. The permit application shall specifically describe the road, street, alley, sidewalk, curb, roadside ditch, right-of-way or public place where such work is to be done.

The City Engineer shall have the right to prescribe the method of the proposed cut, dig, trench, excavation, grade, tunnel, bore, pole installation, and the location and the time the proposed work shall be performed.

The Permittee receiving the permit is held responsible for the work performed, and the City will contact the Permittee for required adjustments or corrections regardless of whether the Permittee performed the work or subcontracted and assigned the work. The Permittee is solely responsible for the work performed.

A Permittee, prior to the commencement of work hereunder, shall obtain general liability coverage in effect from the effective date of the permit and until the applicable statute of limitations has run in an amount not less than One Million and no/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) ("Coverage Period"). Proof of General Liability Insurance shall be filed with the Engineering Department prior to or with the permit application. If a Permittee is using sub-contractors to complete the work specified in the permit, all such sub-contractors must meet the liability requirements as outlined herein.

### **12.24.050 Bond Provisions.**

- A. Whenever such permit application is approved, the Permittee shall be required to provide a bond to the City, with surety to be approved by the City Engineer. Said bond shall guarantee that the place where said work is to be done shall be restored to a condition (including any underground pipes, drains, conduits, or wires) and in the manner provided by the provisions of this chapter.
- B. Such bond shall be in the sum of:
  - 1. Five thousand dollars for each separate Right of Way disturbance which crosses any local road, local street, alley, sidewalk, curb, roadside ditch, ROW or other public place at an angle of not less than eighty degrees nor more than one hundred degrees, or for each excavation within the pavement not to exceed 25 square feet in area;
  - 2. Ten thousand dollars per block or parts thereof, for each separate Right of Way disturbance which parallels or crosses any road, street, alley, sidewalk, curb, roadside ditch, ROW or other public place at less than eighty degrees nor more than one hundred degrees or for each excavation within the pavement which exceeds 25 square feet in area.
  - 3. Fifteen thousand dollars per block or parts thereof, for each separate Right of Way disturbance which parallels or crosses any collector or arterial street or each excavation within the pavement.
  - 4. Five hundred dollars for each pole or handhole installed in City ROW.

#### **C. Blanket Bonds:**

Blanket Bonds shall be acceptable from Permittees that submit five or more permit applications per year. Blanket bonds shall be in an amount specified by the Engineering Department.

#### **D. Bond Exemptions**

Public utilities whose rates are regulated by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and municipal utilities may submit an indemnifying agreement acceptable to the Board of Public Works and Safety providing that the utility shall comply with all the terms and conditions of this chapter, with the exception of bonding requirements.

### **12.24.060 General Worksite Responsibilities.**

The Permittee or its subcontractors shall have a copy of the permit on the job site at all times. The Permittee shall be responsible for the condition of any ROW repairs. Pavement repairs shall be warranted for a period of three years following the acceptance of work and close-out of the permit. Should the condition of any pavement patch become such that additional pavement is in jeopardy of failure, the Permittee shall be held responsible for an area larger than the original repair. Other repairs (sidewalks, curb and gutter, trenches, etc.) shall be warranted for a period of three years following the acceptance of work.

The Permittee shall not park vehicles or equipment on trails or sidewalk. Any sidewalk or trail damaged by a Permittee or its contractor shall be replaced at Permittee's expense, regardless of when the damage occurred.

The Permittee is responsible for all maintenance of traffic operations, including, but not limited to, flaggers, signage, and detour routes. Lane or full street closures require prior approval of the Board of Public Works and Safety. All work involving sidewalk or trails shall include signage and detour routes for pedestrians. Maintenance of traffic plans, if required by the City Engineer, shall be submitted for approval with the permit application.

Permittees engaging in horizontal drilling, trenching, directional boring, or hand digging for installation of gas, telecom, or other underground lines are responsible for locating all utility lines within its work area, including private lines such as sanitary sewer laterals.

Construction crews performing the installation are required to locate the depths of each utility every 100 feet in the designated work area to prevent damage to other utilities. Locate flags are to stay in place until completion of construction, at which time the contractor is to remove the flags and dispose of them properly. The City does not maintain records of private utility lines (e.g. service lines), therefore it is the responsibility of the Permittee to ensure that service lines are located through appropriate means. This may include but is not limited to televising sanitary sewer mains to determine approximate location of sanitary sewer laterals, followed by hydroexcavation to pinpoint both location and depth. Damage to private utility lines shall be the responsibility of the Permittee to repair immediately upon receipt of notice from the City.

## **12.24.070 Excavation Standards.**

### **A. Rigid base pavements (concrete, asphalt on concrete base, asphalt on brick base)**

1. **Minimum Opening:** All excavated openings shall be a minimum of four feet as measured in any horizontal direction.
2. **Saw Cut:** All pavement cuts shall be saw cut in a straight and true manner, and shall be made at right angles or parallel to the pavement centerline. Saw cuts shall be made to the depth of the existing pavement section. Pavements less than five years old shall be cut only in emergencies or if no other alternative exists to make the utility repair, and only with prior approval by the City Engineer. If diagonal excavations or saw cuts are necessary, the Engineering Department shall mark the pavement and/or ROW indicating the limits of restoration required to close the permit.
3. **Backfill:** For asphalt pavements on concrete or brick base, all trenches, holes, and pits shall be backfilled to a depth 11.5 inches from the top of the existing pavement section. Backfill material is limited to flowable fill mixture in accordance with INDOT Standard Specifications (latest edition).

For concrete pavements, all trenches, holes, and pits shall be filled with a flowable fill mixture, in accordance with INDOT Standard Specifications (latest edition) Section 213, to a depth of six (6) inches from the top of the existing pavement section.

4. **Sizing of Surface Pavement Replacement (Restoration):** For asphalt pavements with a concrete or brick base, the existing pavement shall be milled 1.5 inches a minimum length of five feet in each direction (measured parallel to the road centerline) from the edges of the excavated opening or saw cut, with the width of the milled area being from the edge of the asphalt pavement to the centerline of the road. For utility cuts that cross the road centerline, the width of the milled area shall be the entire roadway width. For concrete pavement the existing

pavement shall be removed to a necessary size, not less than the minimum excavated opening of four feet. Where the line of cut would be less than five feet from an existing expansion or weakened plane joint, concrete or asphalt shall be removed to said joint.

5. Composite Pavement Replacement: For asphalt pavement on concrete or brick base, the work of final restoration of the paving surface shall consist of six inches of HMA base compacted in three-inch maximum lifts and four inches of HMA binder compacted in two-inch maximum lifts. A tack coat shall be applied between all pavement surfaces and new asphalt layers, including all vertical edges. The surface restoration of the pavement shall consist of 1.5 inches of HMA surface to match existing grade. Crack seal shall be placed along all edges of pavement restoration, including along curb and gutter boundaries. Surface asphalt shall be machine rolled and compacted to provide a smooth transition between the existing pavement and restoration pavement. Should the transition or surface repair be deemed unacceptable by the Engineering Department, the entire restoration area shall be milled and HMA Surface reinstalled at the direction of the Engineering Department.

For concrete pavement, the work of final restoration of the paving surface shall be performed by the Permittee by placing eight inches of INDOT Class A concrete to match existing grade. All concrete replacement, including base material, shall be high-early strength concrete and shall be returned to traffic as soon as its strength reaches 2,800 psi (three days at 50°F ambient temperature). Dowel bars shall be provided for all concrete patching. Bars shall be one inch minimum diameter, 18-inch length epoxy coated installed at one foot intervals along the limits of the restoration.

Pavement markings shall be restored where removed by work performed by the Permittee.

**B. Flexible Base Pavements (Asphalt with Stone Base):**

1. Minimum Opening: Any excavated opening shall be a minimum of four feet as measured in any horizontal direction.
2. Saw Cut: All pavement cuts shall be saw cut in a straight and true manner, and shall be made at right angles or parallel to the pavement centerline. Saw cuts shall be made to the depth of the existing pavement section and shall extend a minimum of 12 inches past the limits of excavation necessary for utility repair. Pavements less than five years old shall be cut only in emergencies or if no other alternative exists to make the utility repair, and only with prior approval by the City Engineer.

If diagonal excavations or saw cuts are necessary, the Engineering Department shall mark the pavement and/or ROW indicating the limits of restoration required to close the permit.

3. Backfill: All trenches, holes, and pits shall be filled to a depth 11.5 inches from the top of the existing pavement section. Such material is limited to flowable fill mixture in accordance with INDOT Standard Specifications (latest edition).
4. Sizing of Surface Pavement Replacement (Restoration): The existing pavement shall be milled 1.5 inches a minimum length of five feet in each direction

(measured parallel to the road centerline) from the edges of the excavated opening or saw cut, with the width of the milled area being from the edge of the asphalt pavement to the centerline of the road. For utility cuts that cross the road centerline, the width of the milled area shall be the entire roadway width.

5. Pavement Replacement: Final restoration of the paving surface shall consist of six inches of HMA base compacted in three-inch maximum lifts and four inches of HMA binder compacted in two-inch maximum lifts. A tack coat shall be applied between all pavement surfaces and new asphalt layers, including at saw cut joints. The surface restoration of the pavement shall consist of 1.5 inches of HMA surface to match existing grade. Crack seal shall be placed along all edges of pavement restoration, including saw cut joints and along curb and gutter boundaries. Surface asphalt shall be machine rolled and compacted to provide a smooth transition between the existing pavement and restoration pavement.
6. Should the transition or surface repair be deemed unacceptable by the Engineering Department, the entire restoration area shall be milled and HMA surface reinstalled at the direction of the Engineering Department. Where the milling limits for HMA surface replacement are less than five feet from an existing patch, and/or existing joint the asphalt milling limits shall be extended to include said patch. Pavement markings shall be restored where removed by work performed by the Permittee.

C. Brick Repairs

Repairs to brick streets and sidewalks shall be completed at the direction of the Engineering Department.

D. Replacing sidewalk, driveway and curb.

Whenever a part of a block, square or section of curb, sidewalk or driveway is broken or damaged by the person making any excavation or opening in or under any street, alley or public place, the entire block, said square or section shall be removed to the score, groove or saw cut line and replaced. Thickness of concrete driveway and sidewalk where driveway crossings are located shall be at least six inches thick.

E. Markings.

Limits of HMA surface repair for all street cuts shall be marked on its four corners with a white paint marking by the Engineering Department prior to milling. Failure by the Permittee to perform restoration to the extents marked will result in either the work being rejected and repeated, or the Permittee's bond being called.

F. Time limit to final restoration

Permanent restoration of the ROW shall be completed within 15 calendar days following completion of the work for which a permit is issued, unless said work is completed between November 15 and April 15; any work completed during November 15 to April 15 shall have the ROW permanently restored no later than April 30 following the completion of the work. The Permittee shall ensure final restoration occurs in a timely manner.

**12.24.080 Additional Restoration Requirements.**

- A. The Permittee shall contact the Engineering Department at least 48 hours prior to start of restoration for a pre-restoration inspection. If the Engineering Department finds that the pavement surfaces and adjacent surfaces to the street opening may be damaged where trenches are made parallel to the street, or where a number of cross trenches are laid in close proximity to one another, or where the equipment used might cause such damage, the City Engineer designee may require additional pavement removal and replacement, or milling and resurfacing throughout the limits of the work limits in such street.
  
- B. Restoration of areas such as lawns, roadside ditches, or other non-pavement areas shall be to at least the condition of the area prior to disturbance. Any excavation of soil within the ROW shall be backfilled from the base of the excavation to within 12 inches of the ground surface with flowable fill as specified in the INDOT Standard Specifications (latest edition.) The remainder of the excavation shall be filled with lightly compacted topsoil to the ground surface. Clods shall be one-half (1/2) inch diameter or less, and the ground surface shall be raked smooth. Rock or stone one-half (1/2) inch or greater in diameter shall be removed from the surface. The Permittee shall apply an appropriate seed mix for the location, and starter fertilizer at the appropriate rate for restoration areas that are at 5H: IV, or less. Erosion control blanket shall be installed a minimum of six inches past any disturbed areas (or to pavement or dissimilar surface) and stapled to the ground in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation. Sod shall be installed for all areas with a ground slope steeper than 5H:IV and in swales and ditches. Temporary restoration of non-pavement areas outside of the growing season shall be graded with mulch applied to minimize soil erosion.
  
- C. Any operation in the ROW not covered by the restoration specifications described in this ordinance shall be restored in accordance with instruction of the Engineering Department.
  
- D. In granting any permit, the Engineering Department may attach such other conditions thereto as may be reasonably necessary to prevent damage to public or private property or to prevent the operation from being conducted in a manner hazardous to life or property or in a manner likely to create a nuisance. Such conditions may include, but shall not be limited to:
  - 1. Restrictions as to the size and type of equipment commensurate with the work to be done;
  - 2. Designation of routes upon which materials may be transported;
  - 3. The place and manner of disposal of excavated materials;
  - 4. Limitations on when work may be performed such as holidays, weekends, during or City events;
  - 5. Requirements as to the laying of dust, the cleaning of streets, the prevention of noise, and other results offensive or injurious to the neighborhood, the general public, or any portion thereof; and
  - 6. Regulations as to the use of streets in the course of the work.

- E. The Permittee shall notify the Engineering Department in writing upon completion of all work accomplished under the provisions of the permit. The Engineering Department shall issue a certificate of final inspection and acceptance to each Permittee three years after the permanent restoration of the excavation has been made, provided that the work authorized by the permit has been performed according to the City specifications. Prior to the issuance of a certificate, Engineering Department shall make a full inspection of the restoration to determine whether the project complies with City specifications.
- F. If any settlement in a restored area occurs within three years from the date of completion of the permanent restoration, the Permittee shall repair the settlement within 14 days from receiving notice from the Engineering Department. Failure by the Permittee to correct the settlement shall result in the City correcting the settlement. Any expense incurred by the City to correct such settlement shall be reimbursed by the Permittee to the City, or recovered from the posted bond, unless the Permittee submits proof satisfactory to the Engineering Department that the settlement was not due to defective backfilling.
- G. In no case shall any opening made by a Permittee be considered in the charge of the City, or any of its officers or employees, and no officer or employee is authorized in any way to take or assume any jurisdiction over any such opening, except in the exercise of police power, when it is necessary to protect life and property.

#### **12.24.090 Trenching**

At no time shall more than 200 linear feet of trench be opened and remain not backfilled (i.e. active work area). Work areas where trenching operations have not yet occurred, and work areas that have been backfilled, must be made passable for safe vehicular and pedestrian traffic at all times. Exceptions may only be allowed by the Engineering Department.

#### **12.24.100 Temporary Coverings.**

All cuts, trenches, holes, and pits shall be covered or protected while work is not being performed. Acceptable temporary coverings include:

- A. Granular, or flowable fill, backfill material capped with bituminous patching mixture conforming to INDOT Standard Specification (latest edition);
- B. Metal plating that substantially covers the trench and allows for normal travel of traffic. Metal plating shall be anchored to prevent movement of the plate under traffic loads. At no time should a trench be temporarily backfilled with only a granular material.

All trenches or excavations within the ROW shall be backfilled with flowable fill to within 12 inches of the ground or pavement surface within 48 hours of completion of work for which a permit is issued, regardless of season. Any temporary granular backfill placed in the trench or excavation shall be removed to within six inches of the top of the utility lines prior to placement of flowable fill. If flowable fill placement is completed during the period November 15 to April 15, pavement restoration shall be considered temporary and will consist of bituminous patching mixture (cold patch) conforming to INDOT Standard Specifications (latest edition) as specified

by the Engineering Department. Temporary trench covers and/or pavement shall be properly maintained by the Permittee until a permanent trench cover and/or pavement is placed.

#### **12.24.110 Inspection and As-Builts.**

- A. Inspections: In all cases, the Permittee for a street cut shall notify the Engineering Department at least 24 hours prior to when the work will commence so a pre-construction inspection can be made. All street cuts require inspections by the Engineering Department prior to backfill. Permittee shall notify Engineering Department upon temporary and permanent completion of ROW restoration. Permittee is to notify the Engineering Department 24 hours after completion of construction for final inspection.
- B. As-Builts: Prior to scheduling inspection of completion of work, the Permittee shall provide as-builts to the City which shall include:
  - 1. Exact depths and location of new placed product.
  - 2. A photo of each cut prior to the placement of backfill material.
  - 3. AutoCAD or GIS Based Map Files

#### **12.24.120 Utility Maintenance and Line Pollution.**

- A. This section applies to the initial installation as authorized by the permit issued to the Permittee and the service provider in regard to on-going maintenance of their facilities located in the public ROW.
- B. Cables and conduit installation, placement and storage are required to follow all federal, state, and local guidelines.
- C. Aerial cables are to be properly secured overhead and are not to hang loose or be placed at ground level. Cables that are abandoned or inactive are to be removed and cables are to be properly disposed of.
- D. Cables transitioning from overhead to underground are to be secured within the proper utility pole riser guards, there should be no loose cables hanging.
- E. Conduits rising out of the ground at a utility pole are to be fastened to the bottom of the utility pole and not dangling or swaying.
- F. Conduit rising out of the ground that is not secured at a utility pole or in a structure is not to lay loose on the ground. Proper barriers must be placed around the conduit to prevent potential hazards. Permittee and/or service provider must schedule conduit to be placed in proper facilities within 14 days.
- G. Structures including buried hand holes and vaults, are to be installed at grade. Structures are to be in working condition. If structures are damaged, they must be repaired or replaced immediately. Damaged structures are a safety hazard and can potentially cause harm. Upon receiving notification, the Permittee and/or service provider is to secure the structure and place proper barriers around the structure to prevent harm to the public. Permittee and/or service provider must schedule structure to be replaced or removed within 14 days.

- H. Vertical structures including, but not limited to, pedestals, cable housing units, line markers, and cabinets that are damaged and inoperable must be replaced or removed. Permittee and/or service provider is to secure the structure and place proper barriers around the structure to prevent harm to the public. Permittee and/or service provider must schedule structure to be replaced or removed within 14 days.
- I. A line pollution violation is classified as noncompliance with any of the above requirements outlined in this subsection or any damaged, abandoned, loose, improperly secured cables, conduit, and utility structures within public ROW.
- J. Line pollution violations will be issued to the Permittee if the violation is associated with work included in their open permit. Once the permit has passed final inspection and has been closed, a line pollution violation will be issued to the service provider.

#### **12.24.130 Enforcement.**

- A. Whenever the Engineering Department has reason to believe that a violation of any provision of this chapter, or a rule or regulation issued pursuant thereto, has occurred, it may cause a written notice to be served upon the alleged violator or violators. The notice shall specify the provisions of the chapter, rule or regulation alleged to be violated, and the facts alleged to constitute a violation thereof, and may order that the necessary corrective action be taken within a reasonable time. Any such order shall become final unless, no later than five days after the date such order is served, the person or persons warned may request in writing a hearing before the City of Columbus Board of Public Works and Safety. In lieu of such order the Engineering Department may require that the alleged violator or violators appear before the Board of Works and Public Safety for a hearing at a time and place specified in the notice, to answer the charges complained of, or the Engineering Department may initiate appropriate action for the recovery of penalty pursuant to Section 12.24.140 of this chapter.
- B. After any hearing held pursuant to subsection A above, the Board of Public Works and safety shall affirm, modify or rescind the Engineering Department's Order or issue an appropriate order or orders for the prevention, abatement or control of the violation involved. Such order shall prescribe the date or dates by which the violation or violations shall cease and may prescribe timetables for necessary action in preventing or abating the violation or violations.
- C. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent the Engineering Department from making efforts to obtain voluntary compliance through warning, conference or any other appropriate means.

#### **12.24.140 Penalties.**

- A. Responsible Party: Violations will be issued to the Permittee if the violation is associated with work included in their open permit. Once the permit has passed final inspection and has been closed, a violation will be issued to the service provider.
- B. Line Pollution Violation: Any person, firm, corporation, Permittee or service provider violating any provision classified as line pollution is responsible for a civil infraction and is subject to a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per offense per day the line pollution

violation is outstanding passed the date of compliance requested by the City, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

- C. General ROW Violation: Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance, excluding line pollution violations, is responsible for a civil infraction, subject to a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense
- D. Deposit and Administration of Money from Fines: All money received by the Finance Department from violators of all sections of this chapter shall be deposited in the general fund of the City of Columbus, all in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana.
- E. Collection of Penalties: If the fines are not paid within 10 days of receiving a statement, the City may commence a court action to recover the fines and penalties under IC 34-28-5-1(b), to be read together with IC 34-6-2-86(1)(B) and IC 13-21-3-12(a)(4).

### **12.24.150 Definitions.**

**Block** - a five hundred foot long section of street or a section of street between two intersections whichever is shorter.

**Engineering Department** – The City Engineer of the City, a staff member of the Engineering Department for the City, or a designee.

**Permittee** - The person who holds a valid permit under this chapter, including an agent of, employee of, or other person acting on behalf of, a permittee.

### **12.24.160 Effective Date of Ordinance.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Columbus and approval by the Mayor of the City of Columbus.

I hereby certify that the foregoing within and attached ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana, at a meeting thereof held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of ~~April~~ May 2025, by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Chris Bartels (District 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elaine Hilber (District 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jerone Wood (District 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frank Miller (District 4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Anderson (District 5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Foyst (District 6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josh Burnett (Councilor at Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Dell (Councilor at Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grace Kestler (Councilor at Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



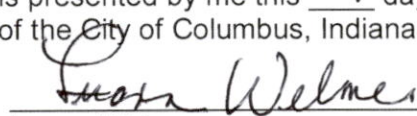
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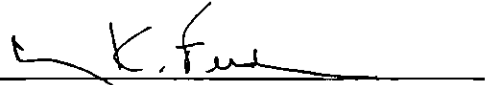
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Luann Welmer  
Clerk of the City of Columbus, Indiana

The foregoing within and attached ordinance passed by the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of ~~April~~ May 2025, is presented by me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M, to the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Indiana.



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Luann Welmer  
Clerk of the Common Council

The foregoing within and attached ordinance passed by the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of ~~April~~ 2025, is approved by me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of ~~April~~ May 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. May



Mary K. Ferdon, Mayor  
City of Columbus