

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 1-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 330 OF THE CODE OF THE  
CITY OF NORTHFIELD GOVERNING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield regulates streets and roads in the City of Northfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council for the City of Northfield believes that it would be in the best interests of the City of Northfield to amend the Code governing streets and sidewalks in a manner consistent herewith; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 330 of the Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows (new text is underlined; deleted text is ~~stricken~~):

Chapter 330. Streets and Sidewalks

Article I – Sidewalk Construction and Repair – No change.

Article II – Excavations in Streets

§ 330-10 - § 330-12 – No Change.

§ 330-13 Application information; fees.

A. – C.(1)(a) – (f) – No Change.

(2) A fee of \$500 shall be paid to the City Clerk, c/o the City Engineer, prior to the issuance of the permit for the opening of any asphalt or other street surface. Of this \$500, \$200 is for the application fee and \$300 is for the inspection fee. If said area to be opened, disturbed or undermined exceeds six square yards, the additional yardage shall be classified as "excess yardage" and an additional fee shall be due and payable by the applicant for all yardage in excess of six square yards at a rate of \$15 per square yard.

(3) The area to be opened, disturbed or undermined by the applicant shall be reviewed, measured, ~~and~~ determined and inspected by the office of the City Engineer.

(4) Inspection will be performed by the City Engineer. Inspection is required for installation of new and replacement of existing underground utility mains (i.e. water, gas, cable, telephone, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, etc.). An inspection fee deposit shall be paid by the applicant to the City Clerk. The amount of the deposit shall be as determined by the City Engineer in accordance with the City Engineer's contract with the City of Northfield.

(5) Applications shall also be required for the installation of utility poles and related construction work within the street right of limits. Permit applications and accompanying sketches must be submitted for approval; the permit fee may be waived at the discretion of the City Engineer if the intended work is not adversely impacting upon the existing improvements.

§ 330-14 - Openings by public utilities; written notice required. – No Change.

§ 330-15 - Newly paved streets.

No permit shall be issued for any street opening which would disturb the pavement of any road having been entirely constructed, reconstructed or overlaid by the City of Northfield or its agents or contractor(s) until a period of five years after the completion of said construction, reconstruction or overlay, except in the event of an emergency or hardship as described below. The five-year period as articulated herein shall be calculated from December 31 of the year in which said road was constructed, reconstructed or overlaid and run five years thereafter.

A. Emergency opening. In the event that an entity shall be required to open a street and/or roadway as a result of an emergency, said emergency opening shall be reviewed by the City Engineer, and if the City Engineer shall determine that no such emergency existed, then the entity so opening the street and/or roadway shall have a fine imposed upon such entity in the amount of ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500 for the first nonemergency opening, a fine of ~~\$7,500~~ \$5,000 for a second nonemergency opening, and a fine of \$10,000 for a third and any subsequent nonemergency openings.

B. Hardship condition. In the event that a property owner has a hardship condition which requires a street opening permit to be issued contrary to § 330-15A above, the City of Northfield, in its sole and absolute discretion, may grant relief if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) – (7) – No Change.

C. Roadway Restoration

(1) In the event that an emergency or hardship requires the opening of a roadway that has been resurfaced by the City or its agents or contractor(s) during the previous five years, a full-width restoration will be required. The restoration will consist of six-inch dense graded aggregate base course, and a six-inch bituminous stabilized base course, Mix I-2, brought to existing grade, within the excavated area. A full-width, curb-to-curb milling two inches in depth to extend 20 feet beyond the limit of excavations will be performed after proper settlement in the trench area. The allowable time for the settlement shall be 45 days unless otherwise directed by the City Engineer. The final surface course shall be a two-inch bituminous concrete surface course, Mix I-5. See detail at end of chapter.

(2) No Change.

D. Partial Restoration. In the event that an opening is required in a roadway that has been partially resurfaced by the City, its agents, contractors and/or other utility companies, then, in the sole and absolute discretion of the City, a minimal opening may be allowed subject to the following:

(1) Full width restoration to a minimum of 30' on each side of the opening in compliance with the standards set forth in Section C(1) above.

(2) if an opening is needed in a newly paved intersection, the entire intersection must be restored as set forth in Section C(1) above. The limit of said restoration shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the City, upon the advice and recommendation of the City Engineer

§ 330-16 - § 330-42 – No Change.

REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEVERABILITY: If any portion of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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Mary Canesi, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Erland Chau  
Mayor

The above Ordinance was passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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