

ORDINANCE NO. 92

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ENGINEERING STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

TITLE: An Ordinance authorizing the Town of Plainfield's Director of Public Works/Town Engineer (DPW/TE) to promulgate certain engineering standards and specifications for the Town of Plainfield (Town); and prescribing penalties for the violation of its provisions.

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "Engineering Standards and Specifications Ordinance".

SECTION 2. The Director of Public Works/Town Engineer shall promulgate engineering standards and specifications to be used in the design, construction, repair or maintenance of, and any other work of a similar nature pertaining to public improvements, including proposed public improvements required by the Subdivision Regulations of the Planning and Zoning Commission. These standards and specifications shall also apply to those private improvements which are connected to or affect public improvements. Improvements include but are not limited to streets, driveway approaches, highways, sidewalks, drains, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and all associated appurtenances thereof, located within the Town of Plainfield.

SECTION 3. Any construction, repair, maintenance of or any other work of a similar nature pertaining to improvements for which the aforementioned engineering standards and specifications have been promulgated, shall conform to such standards and specifications.

SECTION 4. Such Engineering standards and specifications may be amended by a commission appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission shall be known as the Engineering Standards and Specifications Commission and shall consist of six (6) members with one (1) year terms. The members shall be a lawyer, an engineer, a contractor, a developer, the First Selectman and the Town's Director of Public Works/Town Engineer. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly. It is incumbent upon the user, prior to commencement of work on an improvement, to comply with the updated copy of the Engineering Standards and Specifications.

SECTION 5. Copies of such standards and specifications shall also be made available to the public by the Town Planning and Engineering Department at a cost established by that Department. The cost of a copy shall cover the cost of the publication of such copy.

SECTION 6. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.00 for each offense. If such offense continues for more than five (5) days, it shall constitute a new offense for each day it continues to exist thereafter. The Board of Selectmen as the authority to issue citations, and levy such fines and issue cease and desist order if fines are not paid within (30) days.

SECTION 7. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect or impair any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. The provisions of this Ordinance, and any standards and specifications enacted pursuant to the provisions thereof, shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the protection of public health, safety and general welfare of the Town of Plainfield. Whenever the requirements of this Ordinance or the standards and specifications enacted pursuant thereto are at variance with the requirements of any other lawfully adopted ordinances, rules, regulations or restrictions, such Ordinances, rules, regulations or restrictions which impose the highest standard shall control.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall become effective 15 days after publication in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of the Town of Plainfield.