

CURRENT SOUTHLINGTON ORDINANCE

§ 364-21 Notification of police and fire departments.

The permittee pursuant to this article shall notify the Police Department and the Fire Department by calling the Police Department 24 hours prior to making any excavation that requires blocking more than 50% of the width of the street. If the excavation or other repair work planned shall cause the traffic in the highways of the Town to be reduced to one-way traffic, then the permittee during working hours shall be required to have at least one or more flagmen, as determined by the Town Engineer, to control such traffic while one-way traffic is in effect.

SOUTHINGTON POLICE COMMISSION REGARDING ROAD WORK WITHIN THE TOWN

• Sec. 364-21. - Traffic control at worksites near roadways.

(a) The Town of Southington shall require traffic control at all excavations, construction, non-construction projects, and repairs on public streets or utilities and adjacent to roadways when such work restricts or alters traffic flow or creates a traffic hazard.

This traffic control shall be provided by uniformed police officers when such work is:

(1) On any state highway located in Southington.

(2) In a designated school zone during school hours.

(3) On as designated by the Chief of Police where the work being performed would not allow the two-way flow of traffic to be maintained, including areas where traffic can only proceed in an alternating manner or must be detoured to another road.

(4) During hours of darkness.

(5) (a) On any other Town road, at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee, where the work would cause a significant traffic disruption or hazard to traffic control or public safety.

(b) Such traffic control uniformed officer(s) shall be authorized and assigned by the police department and the cost of said officers shall be charged directly to and paid by the permittee or company performing such work.

(c) Certain maintenance and engineering related activities shall be exempt from these requirements. Snow removal, landscaping trailers, sewer/catch basin inspections and repairs, survey work, installation of driveways/driveway aprons, and other work of a temporary nature that has minimal impact to the motoring public shall not require the services of a uniformed police officer. The Chief of Police shall be the final arbiter regarding exempted activity.

(d) Police officer traffic control instructions/duties, responsibilities at job sites shall be issued by the patrol division commander of the police department, with the approval of the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

(e) Public utilities or other entities responding to emergency situations that may threaten public safety must notify the police department immediately, and may utilize certified

traffic control personnel until a police officer arrives at the location of the emergency. If, during emergency or exigent circumstances, like storms, the on-duty shift commander feels that the use of on-duty police resources impacts the delivery of police services, the shift commander may assign an extra duty police officer to the location prior to the arrival of the utility company. If the on-duty shift commander determines a uniformed police officer should be assigned to the location for the purpose of traffic control and public safety, the public utility company or other entity shall be charged directly and shall pay the cost of such extra duty officer performing traffic control.

- (f) In addition to a traffic control officer, lighted Southington police vehicles shall also be required at all excavations, construction work and repairs on public streets, road closures and work performed adjacent to roadways during hours of darkness, defined for this purpose as between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The cost of the lighted police vehicle shall be charged directly to and paid by the permittee or company performing such work. The Chief of Police, or his designee, reserves the right to refuse the assignment of a Southington police vehicle based on the needs of the town and department.
- (g) Contractors and other municipalities for out-of-town job sites where Southington police officers are providing traffic control services in accordance with a reciprocity agreement may also request assignment of a lighted Southington police vehicle and shall be charged for and pay for said use.
- (h) The fee for use of a Southington police vehicle, as established by resolution of the Town Council is twenty-five dollars (\$50.00) per hour and may be amended by Council resolution.
- (i) Under circumstances or in locations, as defined in this section, that do not require a uniformed police officer, certified traffic control personnel shall be used. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor/permittee to ensure that personnel used for traffic control are properly certified and are being used solely for traffic control.
- (j) The Chief of Police may require a uniformed police officer(s) at any event that may require crowd control or movement of pedestrian traffic. This includes, but not limited to; sporting events, fairs, festivals, concerts, shows, parades, displays, theater events, and carnivals. The cost of this special duty officer shall be charged to and paid by the event organizer/sponsor.