



TOWN OF HOPKINTON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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APPLICATION FOR A

TRENCH PERMIT

Permit Fee: \$ 25.00

Paid: _____

Name of applicant: _____

Address of applicant: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Excavator (if different): _____

Address of Excavator: _____

Property Owner: _____

Owner Address: _____

Description of work: _____

Location where work will be performed: _____

Purpose of Trench: _____

DIG SAFE Number: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Excavator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Issued by: _____

Date: _____

Permit Number: _____

Issued on: _____

Permit Expiration Date: _____

APPLICATION FOR A TRENCH PERMIT

Insurance Policy No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name of Insurer: _____

Address of Insurer: _____

Name of Competent Person: _____
(as defined by 520 CMR 7.02)

MA. Hoisting License No.: _____

License Grade: _____ Expiration Date: _____

By signing this form, the applicant, owner and excavator all acknowledge and certify that they are familiar with, or before commencement of the work will become familiar with all laws and regulations applicable to work proposed, including OSHA regulations, GL c.82A, 520 CMR 7.00 et seq., and any applicable municipal ordinances, by-laws and regulations and they covenant and agree that all work done under this permit issued for such work will comply therewith in all respects and with the conditions set forth below:

Conditions:

The owner authorizes the applicant to apply for the permit and the excavator to undertake such work on the property of the owner, and also, for the duration of construction, authorizes persons duly appointed by the municipality to enter upon the property to monitor and inspect the work for conformity with the conditions attached hereto, and the laws and regulations governing such work.

The applicant, owner and excavator agree jointly and severally to reimburse the municipality for any and all costs and expenses incurred by the municipality in connection with this permit and the work conducted thereunder, including but not limited to enforcing the requirements of state law and conditions of this permit, inspections made to assure compliance therewith, and measures taken by the municipality to protect the public where the applicant, owner or excavator has failed to comply therewith, including police details and other remedial measures deemed necessary by the municipality.

The applicant, owner and excavator agree jointly and severally to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the municipality and all of its agents and employees from any and all liability, causes or action, costs, and expenses resulting from or arising out of any injury, death, loss or damage to any person or property during the work conducted under this permit.

CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO GL C.82A AND 520 CMR 7.00 ET SEQ. (as amended)

By signing this application, the applicant understands and agrees to comply with the following:

- 1.) No trench may be excavated unless the requirements of Sections 40 through 40D of Chapter 82, and any accompanying regulations, have been met and this permit is invalid unless and until said requirements have been complied with by the excavator applying for

the permit, including but not limited to, the establishment of a valid excavation number with the underground plant damage prevention system as said system is defined in Section 76D of Chapter 164 (DIG SAFE).

- 2.) Trenches may pose a significant health and safety hazard. Pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 82 of the General Laws, an excavator shall not leave any open trench unattended without first making every reasonable effort to eliminate any recognized safety hazard that may exist as a result of leaving said open trench unattended. Excavators should consult regulations promulgated by the Department of Public Safety in order to familiarize themselves with the recognized safety hazards associated with excavations and open trenches, and the procedures required or recommended by said department in order to make every reasonable effort to eliminate said safety hazards, which may include covering, barricading, or otherwise protecting open trenches from accidental entry.
- 3.) Persons engaging in any trenching operation shall familiarize themselves with the federal safety standards promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on excavations: 29 CFR 1926.650 et seq., entitled Subpart P: "Excavations".
- 4.) Excavators engaging in any trenching operation who utilize hoisting or other mechanical equipment subject to Chapter 146 shall only employ individuals licensed to operate said equipment by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to said chapter, and said permit must be presented to said licensed operator before any excavation is commenced.
- 5.) By applying for, accepting and signing this permit, the applicant hereby attests to the following:
 - A. That they have read and understand the regulations promulgated by the Department of Public Safety with regard to construction related excavations and trench safety,
 - B. That s/he has read and understands the federal safety standards promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on excavations, 29 CFR 1926.650 et Seq., entitled Subpart P "Excavations" as well as any other excavation requirements established by this municipality, and
 - C. That he is aware of and has, with regard to the proposed trench excavation on private property or proposed excavation of a city or town public way that forms the basis of the permit application, complied with the requirements of Sections 40 – 40D of Chapter 82A.
- 6.) This permit will be posted in plain view on the site of the trench.

**For additional information, please visit the Department of Public Safety website:
www.mass.gov/dps**