

Town of Sudbury

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELECTRIC COMPANIES

Adopted pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 164, Section 75. (Adopted 7/31/69, amended 8/23/99)

- 1. Any electric company, as defined in General Laws Chapter 164, Section 1, prior to constructing or installing within the Town any pole, tower or other structure to which it will attach wires or cables for the transmission of electricity or the foundations or footings for the same, including any excavation of earth, shall first obtain construction approval therefor in accordance with these regulations.
- 2. Plans for Electric Service
 - a. Electrical site plans for aboveground and underground service must be approved by the Wiring Inspector before construction starts.
 - b. No power shall be put into these lines until a final engineering plan of these wires is supplied to the Wiring Inspector.
- 3. Primary and secondary underground electricity shall run on the same side of the road with no exceptions.
- 4. Boston Edison shall install all primaries and secondaries in the public way. The conditions of the trenches shall be approved by the Wiring Inspector. If Edison has doubt, it may inform the Inspector and request re-inspection.
- 5. Secondary connections between aboveground and underground service areas shall be installed underground. Placement of additional pole(s) to reach subdivision or service area, whether for street crossing or otherwise, shall not be allowed unless otherwise approved by the Selectmen.
- 6. Road Crossings:
 - a. All underground road crossings shall be in conduit and shall be perpendicular to any water and gas pipes.
 - b. During the months of November through March, open trench installation of conduit is prohibited, and a jacking or boring method used instead.
- 7. Transformers shall be made of steel (not plastic).
- 8. Boston Edison shall be responsible for coordinating the transfer of wires from old to new poles and shall remove any redundant "double" poles within six months of the installation of a new replacement pole.
- 9. The Board of Selectmen shall conduct public hearings for installations in the public way as required by Massachusetts General Laws.
- 10. In considering the application, the Board of Selectmen shall determine that the location and construction or installation of the proposed structure and all

component parts thereof as proposed by the applicant do not adversely affect the health, safety, convenience or property of the inhabitants of the Town, and, if it shall determine that such structure would so adversely affect the inhabitants of the Town, it shall specify the aspects of the proposed construction that it has determined would cause such adverse effect and the changes it would require the applicant to make in order to obtain construction approval.

- 11. The Board of Selectmen shall approve or disapprove the application in writing and shall file same with the Sudbury Town Clerk, who shall record and forward it to the applicant in return for a fee for costs.
- 12. The Wiring Inspector is hereby designated as the agent of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of enforcing these regulations, and any decision of the Board of Selectmen hereunder.