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Date: December 10, 2008
To: Board of Selectmen
From: Frank Ramsbottom, Building Commissioner
Subject: Trench Permit Fees and Fines

Per MGL ch 82A and 521CMR 14:00 regarding trench safety regulations the Town of Acton has established the following policy.

- The Building Commissioner will be the permitting authority .
- The Building Commissioner will begin enforcement of the aforementioned regulations on January 2, 2009
- A nominal Fee of \$45 will be collected for processing each application.
- The Fine for failure to obtain a trench permit or starting work prior to the issuance of a trench permit is \$250
- In the event of an unattended unprotected trench the property owner and excavator of the trench will be fined a minimum of \$800 per day or fraction thereof plus (1) the cost to have a police detail provided by the Town of Acton to attend to the unsecured trench and (2) time, materials and equipment to secure the trench as the Town sees fit.
- In the event that the Town of Acton provides rescue services as the result of a trench, which does not meet the standards set forth by the aforementioned regulations, the property owner and excavator will pay all associated rescue costs (time, material & equipment).

Respectfully submitted, 

Frank Ramsbottom
Building Commissioner

