

writing, and a permit for such work obtained from the Director of Public Works pursuant to Section 15-102 of the Anne Arundel County Code.

Section 12-1719.

(a) All transmission and distribution structures, lines and equipment erected by the franchisee within the County shall be so located as to cause minimum interference with the proper use of streets, alleys and other public ways and places, and to cause minimum interference with the rights or reasonable convenience of property owners who adjoin any of the said streets, alleys, or other public ways and places. Any opening or obstruction in the streets or other public places, made by the franchisee in the course of its operations, shall be guarded and protected at all times by the placement of adequate barriers, fences or boardings, the bounds of which, during periods of dusk and darkness, shall be clearly designated by warning lights.

(b) In case of any disturbance of pavement, sidewalk, driveway or other surfacing, the franchisee shall, at its own cost and expense and in a manner approved by the County, replace and restore all paving, sidewalk, driveway or surface of any street or alley disturbed, in as good condition as before said work was commenced, and shall maintain the restoration in an approved condition.

(c) In event that at any time during the period of this franchise the County shall lawfully elect to alter, or change the grade of, any street, alley or other public way, the franchisee upon reasonable notice by the County, shall remove, relay, and relocate its poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes and other telephone fixtures at its own expense.

(d) The franchisee shall not place new poles or other fixtures where the same will interfere with any gas, electric or telephone fixture, water hydrant or main, and all such poles or other fixtures placed in any street shall, where practicable, be placed at the outer edge of the sidewalk and inside the curb line, and those placed in alleys shall be placed close to the line of the lot abutting on said alley, and then in such a manner as not to interfere with the usual travel on said streets, alleys and public ways.

(e) The franchisee shall, upon the request of any person holding a building moving permit, temporarily raise or lower its wires to permit the moving of buildings. The expense of such temporary removal, raising or lowering of wires shall be paid by the person requesting the same, and the franchisee shall have the authority to require such payment in advance. The franchisee shall be given not less than forty-eight (48) hours advance notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

(f) The franchisee shall have the authority to trim trees upon and overhanging streets, alleys, sidewalks and public places of the County so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires and cables of the franchisee, all trimming to be done at the expense of the franchisee.