

Town Of Hudson
Culvert Ordinance

Purpose

- 1: The Purpose of this ordinance is to protect Town owned roads from damage due to improperly sized and located drainage structures.
- 2: The accomplishment of this will protect and improve the condition of the roads within the Town of Hudson.

Applicability

- 1: This ordinance applies to any road, right of way or property owned by the Town of Hudson.

Authority and Administration

- 1: This ordinance is enacted in accordance with Title 30-A M.R.S.A. section 3301 et seq. and shall be known as Culvert Ordinance for the Town of Hudson. The Road Commissioner or his designee will administer this ordinance. The Road Commissioner shall appoint the designee in writing.

Conflict with other ordinances

- 1: Whenever the requirements of this ordinance are in conflict with any other lawfully adopted rule, regulation, ordinance, deed restriction, covenant or State Law, the most restrictive or that imposing the higher standard shall apply.

Severability

- 1: Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

Permits and fees

- 1: Permits are required. An application can be obtained at the town office during regular hours.
- 2: There is no fee required for a permit.

Responsibility

- 1: The initial culvert installation within the town's right of way is the responsibility of the property owner or his/her agent
- 2: Any costs associated with the initial installation are the responsibility of the property owner where the installation is to take place
- 3: The road commissioner or his designee will go to the site of the installation to determine the size of culvert needed. This information will be entered on the permit.
- 4: The Town of Hudson will only replace a culvert as part of a road rehabilitation project that requires the drainage system along the road to be repaired.
- 5: The Road Commissioner or his designee will determine if the culvert will be replaced or reset.

Culvert Sizes

- 4: The size of the culvert will be determined as follows. The Road Commissioner or his designee will check the size of any upstream drainage pipe, the slope of the surrounding property if it would contribute to the overall volume of water that will be carried by the culvert. If there is no additional load the new installation will not be required to be any larger than the upstream drainage pipe or the minimum. The minimum size of a culvert is 15 inches in diameter for a driveway. The minimum size of a culvert for a road-crossing culvert is 24 inches in diameter. The Road Commissioner or his designee will determine the length of the culvert based on the width of the driveway or road. The Road Commissioner or his designee's decision is final.

Installation specifications

- 1: The installation of any new culvert or the resetting of an existing culvert must be in accordance with the latest edition of the MDOT BMP for Erosion and sedimentation control.
- 2: The installation of any new culvert will follow the culvert manufacturer's installation instructions.
- 3: The resetting of an existing culvert will follow accepted construction practices if the manufacturer's instructions are not available.

Definitions

- 1: All wording in this ordinance has its usual and customary meaning as defined in any dictionary of conventional use