
ARTICLE 905
Poles, Wires and Conduits

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CROSS REFERENCES

City Engineer: Art. 131
Shade Tree Commission: Art. 167
Signs on Poles: Art. 906

905.01 DEFINITIONS

The word "pole" as hereinafter used in this Article shall be understood to mean each and every pole of any telegraph, telephone, street railway, electric or power company erected in the City of Franklin for the purpose of supporting wires or cables intended for the conveyance of electricity, or for the purpose of guying or otherwise supporting poles, and shall refer to no other pole. (Ord. 556, Sect. 1, Passed 5-1-16)

905.02 SERIAL NUMBERS REQUIRED

Every pole within six months of its erection shall have stamped or marked thereon a serial number with the name or initials of the company owning the same, in legible letters at least two inches high, and placed eight feet above the street level. (Ord. 556, Sect. 2, Passed 5-1-16)

905.03 POLES NOT TO INTERFERE WITH TRAFFIC

All poles hereafter erected on any street or highway in the City of Franklin shall be set or reset in such places as the City Engineer or his Assistant shall direct, subject, however, to appeal to Council, whose action thereon shall be final. No poles shall be set or reset without notice thereof being filed with the City Engineer or his Assistant at least one day in advance of such setting or resetting, and, at all times, poles shall be so placed to interfere as little as possible with the convenient use of the highways, streets and adjoining property. In setting or resetting poles along any street or highway, the company causing the work to be done shall restore said street or highway to good condition and maintain the same in such condition for one year thereafter. (Ord. 556, Sect. 3, Passed 5-1-16)

905.04 ABANDONED POLES

In case any pole is abandoned, all of such pole shall be removed by the company owning the same, and the street or highway left in good condition. Said work shall be done only under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Street Department. (Ord. 556, Sect. 3, Passed 5-1-16)

905.05 BRANCHES CANNOT BE CUT

All telegraph, telephone, street railway and electric or power companies, their agent or agents, or any person of them employed, or any other person whatsoever, are hereby prohibited from cutting the branches of any shade tree or destroying private property of any kind within the City for the purpose of extending or maintaining wires or cables, or for any purpose whatsoever, without the consent in writing of the Shade Tree Commission or the Superintendent of the Street Department where such trees are growing on any of the streets or highways of the City. (Ord. 556, Sect. 4, Passed 5-1-16)

905.06 LICENSES FOR POLES

No poles shall be erected or maintained in this City without a license therefor, issued by the City, when such poles are erected. The license fee for each pole of any telegraph, telephone, electric or power company shall be fifty cents (\$.50), to be collected by the City Clerk. No new pole shall be erected without first obtaining a license therefor. (Ord. 556, Sect. 5, Passed 5-1-16)

905.07 CITY ENGINEER TO INSPECT POLES

It shall be the duty of the City Engineer, or his Assistant, to make an inspection of all poles erected in the streets and highways of the City and to make a report in writing of the results of his inspection to Council, at their first meeting in May each year. Should any pole be found unsafe and/or dangerous, it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to notify the owner of said pole to remove or reset the same, and, unless the owner of said pole complies with the notice within ten days, the Street Department of the City shall remove said pole at the expense of the owner thereof. (Ord. 556, Sect. 7, Passed 5-1-16)

905.99 PENALTY

Any person or persons violating these provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction therefor before a Magistrate in the City of Franklin, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, and, in default of payment of the same with costs, shall be committed to the County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty days. (Ord. 556, Sect. 4, Passed 5-1-16)