Ordinance Regarding Notice from Utilities to Township Prior to Conducting Operations in Town Road Right of Way

WHEREAS, various utilities such as phone, electric, and cable television use the right of ways of town roads for underground cables, and
WHEREAS, these utilities frequently subcontract the actual work to subcontractors who bury the cables in erratic ways; and
WHEREAS, the proliferation of these unmarked cables under township road right-of-ways presents difficulties and safety concerns in maintaining and repair roads - -

THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN OF DULUTH ORDAINS:

No person, partnership, corporation, governmental body, firm, association, cooperative or other legal entity shall:

1. Bury or cause to be buried any line, wire, or cable along, in, or under any Town of Duluth road right of way without first notifying the road supervisor for the Town of Duluth of the proposed work and obtaining written approval from the road supervisor for the work; or
2. Shall bury or cause to be buried any line, wire, or cable along, in, or under any Town of Duluth road right of way except in the places and subject to the restrictions imposed by the Town of Duluth road supervisor.

A violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $500.00, plus costs of prosecution.


Richard A. Bakke
Chairman, Town of Duluth

ATTEST:
Dorothy Blomquist
Town Clerk