

A BILL TO CREATE A RESOLUTION ENTITLED:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-90-5 AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED FORMAL WRITTEN POLICY CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF ENTRANCE CULVERTS AND DITCH WALKWAYS."

WHEREAS, the use of ditches for drainage in the City of Centralia has led to the need for culverts to provide access from streets and alleys to adjacent property; and,

WHEREAS, many of the entrance culverts and ditch walkways now in place are old, ineffective, or not in conformance with current City standards, and in several instances have created obstacles to proper drainage; and

WHEREAS, the City needs, from time to time, to correct such drainage problems, and desires that repair work be accomplished efficiently and expenses be assessed in a consistent and rational manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri, hereby adopts the following amended formal written policy concerning the maintenance, repair, or replacement of entrance culverts and ditch walkways:

CENTRALIA POLICY

No. 8 (Amended 10/98)

MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR REPLACEMENT OF
ENTRANCE CULVERTS AND DITCH WALKWAYS

An entrance culvert is a culvert pipe which has been installed in a City street or alley right-of-way to provide an entrance to adjacent private property.

When an entrance culvert is damaged or blocked to the extent that the City Administrator or the Administrative Assistant/Public Works determines that maintenance or repair is necessary, City employees may conduct such maintenance or repair whenever the City's schedule and finances allow. Prior notification to the property owner is not necessary in such cases.

When an entrance culvert becomes deteriorated to the extent that it blocks or is an impediment to normal drainage and when the culvert cannot, in the estimation of the City, be reasonably repaired to adequate capacity, the City shall notify the owner of the adjacent property of the problem. The City shall inform the owner that the culvert will be removed, and the owner may allow the open ditch to be reestablished at the necessary grade or the owner may elect to supply, at his expense, a replacement culvert pipe. Said culvert pipe shall conform to the standards of adopted City policy and will be installed by the City. Except for emergencies, the City shall provide the owner a reasonable length of time to procure the replacement pipe. The City shall also arrange with the owner for a time when the work may be accomplished with a minimum of inconvenience.

When the City determines that adequate drainage requires that the grade for a ditch be altered, the City may find it necessary to adjust the elevation of existing entrance culverts. The City shall perform such labor and provide such necessary materials at its own expense and according to current City specifications.

If concrete headwalls or a concrete or asphalt driveway has been installed by the property owner above an entrance culvert and the culvert is deteriorated so as to require replacement, the property owner shall pay for the cost of material necessary to replace the concrete or asphalt. If the culvert pipe is to be relocated because of a vertical or horizontal change in ditch line, the expense of replacing concrete or asphalt shall be the City's.

If the owner is unable to pay for any required materials at the time of construction, then the owner may execute an agreement with the City. This agreement would authorized the City to provide the materials and be reimbursed by the owner within a period of six months. Any unpaid debt would be considered a lien against the property.

There are in place in the City walkways, bridges or similar structures which do not incorporate a culvert pipe but are intended for pedestrian access across a ditch to the adjoining property. When such a structure is deteriorated or damaged or as to block proper drainage, the City may, at its discretion, remove the structure. Demolition materials shall be given to the adjacent property owner or disposed of as the owner directs. Any repair or replacement of such a structure is totally at the adjacent property owner's expense.

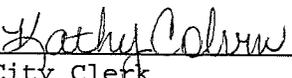
This policy does not apply in the instances of major construction projects involving street reconstruction or the installation of curb and gutter or large sections of stormsewer.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of October, 1998.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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