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To Whom It May Concern,

As of March 1, 2009 the State of Massachusetts has mandated that all municipalities are required by statute to have in place a new public safety regulation called “Jackie’s Law”. It is designed to prevent the general public from falling into an unattended trench and suffering injury or fatality.

To that end the City of Medford will begin requiring permits for every trench as is defined in this regulation. The City of Medford already has a Sidewalk Occupancy Permit Application in place for the crossing or occupying of city property. This new regulation is for trenches open on public or private property. If you live on a state road or are doing work on state property you must obtain a permit through Massachusetts Department of Public Works.

So, in addition to any building and/or sidewalk occupancy permits a contractor must obtain, the contractor is also required to obtain an Excavation & Trench Safety Permit. Applicants may be required to obtain a drain layers license in the City of Medford prior to granting of permit. The fee for this permit is \$150.00. All other permit fees are separate.

Please read the enclosed Notice of Regulation as presented by the State of Massachusetts, 520 CMR 14.00

If you have any questions please call either our DPW office at 781-393-2417 or our Engineering Department at 781-393-2475. For more information, please visit [www.mass.gov/dps](http://www.mass.gov/dps)

Thank You.

Cordially,

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Engineering Department