

CITY OF PEORIA

OPEN TRENCH POLICY

1. The maximum allowable length of open trench within the rights-of-way for any street classified as an arterial, collector or residential and currently accommodating vehicular traffic, shall be approved by the City Engineer or their designee.
2. There will be no maximum length of open trench for water line installation provided the trench is no deeper than 5-feet and it is internal to a development/project. See item #1 of this policy for restrictions of open trench on an existing City street.
3. The maximum length of open trench for sanitary sewer installation internal to a development project will be restricted to 1320 L.F. unless the following conditions listed below are met.
 - A. Contractor shall provide a security guard on site seven days a week.
 - B. If development is located within two City blocks of a school the site shall be secured with a chain link fence.
 - C. Signs, barricades and physical barriers are provided as directed by the City Engineer or their designee.

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4. Any excavated area shall be considered open trench until all ABC for pavement replacement has been placed and compacted.
5. There will be no maximum length of open trench for dry utility installation internal to a development provided the trench is no deeper than 5' and it is internal to a development/project (see restrictions above for restrictions of open trench on existing City streets).
6. The maximum length of open trench for storm drain installation internal to a development project will be restricted to 1,000 feet unless the following conditions listed below are met.
 - A. Contractor shall provide a security guard on site seven days a week.
 - B. If development is located within two City blocks of a school the site shall be secured with a chain link fence.
 - C. Signs, barricades, and physical barriers are provided as directed by the City Engineer or his designee.

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7. Trench shoring shall be in accordance with the Construction Standard for Excavations (29 CFR 1926.650-652) Subpart P promulgated by the Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health.
8. Signs, barricades and physical barriers shall be provided as directed by the City Engineer or their designee.
9. In the interest of public safety, the City Engineer or their designee may make changes or additions to this policy.