

**Exemption Subcommittee**  
Meeting Minutes

Conference Call  
July 30, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

**Participants:** Dave Berens, Kevin Schimming, Heidi Fought, Al Tonetti, Lawrence Hampton, Regan Noble, Scott Lucas, Mark Niehe, Bryan Bedel, Gilan Emam, Jeff Kursman, Alice Miller

**The purpose of this conference call:** Review and discuss proposed language regarding exemptions; review the “proposed exemptions list” created in 2017, and its subsequent additions, and decide whether to keep or discard each activity.

**Discussion:**

Alice opened the discussion by reminding committee members that it was determined during an earlier call that the list of exemptions would be referenced in the ORC – rather than having every item listed with in code itself. Alice also noted that the revised language would be sent to the group once crafted – using similar language to that used for the Universal Marking Standards.

**Committee’s review and outcome of “Proposed Exemptions List”:**

IMPORTANT NOTE: The exempt-from-calling OHIO811 activities listed below being performed within a public right-of-way when they do not require an excavation depth of more than 12 inches are being considered. However, some of these activities under certain circumstances may require excavation to a depth of more than 12 inches and as such would no longer be exempt from calling OHIO811.

Guide

- Keep on proposed excavation list
- ~~Delete from Excavation list~~
- More discussion is warranted by the Committee prior to a decision being made as to keep or delete from list.

Activities

1. Ditching – the cleaning of debris and sediment from open roadside drainage systems.
2. Road Resurfacing – grading and milling of asphalt road surface to prepare for resurfacing. This would not include signalized intersections where signal / environmental sensors may be present in the asphalt.
3. ~~Grading on private roads~~
4. Uncovering valve boxes, curb boxes, manhole covers, hand hole enclosures or similar utility components.
5. Facility component inspections and repairs, i.e., utility pole rot testing that requires the pole to be probed just below the ground surface.
6. Repair or replacement of utility pedestals or enclosures or pad-mounted utility equipment
7. Tilling for sowing of grass and wildflower coverings for erosion control or beautification purposes.
8. Signage – Placement of temporary signage

9. Placement of permanent utility markers, i.e., surface markers such as pavement markers, asphalt markers, soil markers, permanent pavement decals, etc.
10. Placement of temporary utility marking flags and survey markings, wooden lath stakes used for offset survey markers and boundary identification during construction
11. Replacing fence posts if replaced in existing location
12. Road Berms – includes setting berm and adjacent lawn repair
13. Curb / catch basin repair or replacement
14. Driveway drainage / culvert repair, replacement or installation
15. Mailbox repairs
16. Sidewalk repair, replacement or installation
17. Storm sewer repair or replacement
18. Pipe installation – Alice will check with OML – Mike is to follow-up.
19. ~~Groundline pole inspection~~ – Included above
20. ~~Wooden stakes~~

Next Steps: The Committee will review the items highlighted above during its next conference call, including information provided from OML on the proposed activity pipe installation.

**NOTE:**

After talking with others within the damage prevention industry I suggest we move the following items to the “revisit and discuss” list. I believe these activities warrant more discussion. It is better to thoroughly vet these items now, as a committee, rather than present a tenuous list during an OUDPC meeting. Please remember this is a working group and we have just reviewed the list once – working through this process may take a while – but they are important issues at-hand and well worth the work:

- 12) Road Berms – includes setting berm and adjacent lawn repair
- 13) Curb / catch basin repair or replacement
- 17) Storm sewer repair or replacement

Alice Miller, OHIO811 8/12/2019

Next Conference Call: Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By: Alice Miller, 8/1/2019