

Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition

Defined Limits Subcommittee

Legislative Language – Preliminary

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Geographical Limit:

“A Routine Notification (Ticket) shall/will be limited to one thousand three hundred and twenty (1,320) linear feet in length or one quarter (1/4) mile in scope. If excavator demonstrates the need for a ticket of larger scope that cannot be segmented into smaller contiguous locate requests the request shall/will be considered a ‘Progressive Project Ticket’.

(Definition to be moved to Glossary)

A ‘Progressive Project Ticket’ is defined as a locate request where active and/or ongoing excavation activities of an area larger than what is limited by a Routine Notification (Ticket) is set to occur gradually or in stages. A documentable method of communicating an accurate description of the planned work and a schedule of planned work activities shall be provided to all involved parties. **In order to allow sufficient time for utilities to respond, any unexpected changes to the excavation schedule will be communicated to the One Call and will require reference to the initial notification.**

Life of Ticket Limit:

A ticket will be valid for 30 calendar days from the date and time of notification to the One Call center as indicated on a the original locate request as long as the original markings are visible and continue to clearly identify the location and direction of underground facilities. If the original markings are not visible and clear, then the ticket will be considered no longer valid even if the 30 days has not expired.

For the purpose of continuing an excavation beyond the 30 calendar day life of a ticket, an excavator will be required the contact the One Call center requesting a new locate request with proper notification per section 3781.28(A) of the ORC

Revision to 3781.27(C)(2)(a):

Any Design Notification (Ticket) that requires physical markings as defined in section 3781.27 may require a mutually agreed upon marking schedule between all involved parties.

Definition of 'Ticket':

A ticket is defined as a communication tool used by the call center to inform interested parties of activity that may involve the underground infrastructure.

Tickets fall under 3 categories:

Routine Notification (Ticket) – A notice of intent to excavate that meets conditions as specified in section 3781.28(A) of the ORC

Emergency Notification (Ticket) – A notice of intent to excavate that meets conditions as specified in section 3781.25(V) of the ORC

Design Notification (Ticket) – A notice of intent to excavate that meets conditions as specified in section 3781.27 of the ORC

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