



City of Sullivan Culvert Policy

Section 1: The cost of purchasing the initial driveway culvert will be the responsibility of the homeowner/taxpayer.

Section 2: The cost of replacing or resetting an existing driveway culvert will be the responsibility of the City of Sullivan, if the work is to be performed by the Sullivan Street Department. The Street Foreman shall determine the necessity of installing, replacing, or resetting a culvert. If it is his determination that a culvert does not need to be installed, replaced, or reset, the City will not be responsible for performing the work.

Section 3: If a homeowner or taxpayer prefers, he may install, replace, or reset a culvert at his own expense under the following conditions:

(a) A homeowner or taxpayer may install, replace or reset a culvert by himself according to the City's specification; or

(b) A homeowner or taxpayer may employ an individual or contractor to install, replace or reset a culvert according to the City's specifications.

Section 4: Notwithstanding the other provisions of this policy, the City of Sullivan will not be responsible for installing, replacing or resetting a culvert if the homeowner, taxpayer, his agents or assigns, cause the condition which necessitates that a culvert be installed, replaced or reset.

The intent of this section is to place responsibility on the homeowner if he causes his own need for work to be performed, and to place responsibility on the City if environmental or other uncontrollable factors cause the need for work to be performed. By way of example, and not limitation, a homeowner would be responsible for repairing or replacing a culvert if he ran over the end of it with a vehicle and closed off the end, or if he paved a large area and directed the run-off toward a culvert that was too small. The City would be responsible in such cases as rusted out culverts, or culverts that had risen due to frost action.

Section 5: All culverts shall have a minimum length of 24 feet and a maximum length of 36 feet, unless specific written approval to do otherwise is obtained from the Street Foreman. This approval will not be granted unless there are legitimate extenuating circumstances that make a different length preferable.

All culverts shall also be a minimum of 8 inches in diameter; the Street Foreman may require that a larger diameter culvert be installed if he deems it necessary. All culverts, regardless of who they are installed by, should be set in gravel of good quality, and designed so as to allow the free flow of water through them. The area around the mouths of the culvert should be rocked-up or graded such as to prevent soil erosion.

Section 6: A permit must be obtained from the City of Sullivan before any new culverts are installed.

Section 7: This policy is effective immediately upon signing, and replaces any other policies the City had in respect to driveway culverts.

Passed by the Sullivan City Council on August 10, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monte Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monte Johnson, City Clerk