

CHAPTER 53: SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES

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§ 53.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings ascribed to them respectively.

(A) "ENTERING MANHOLE." The act of removal of a manhole cover and entrance for any purpose.

(B) "MANHOLE." An underground cavity containing public utility facilities with access to same accomplished by the removal of a manhole cover at street, sidewalk, or ground level.

(C) "PUBLIC UTILITY." Any company, concern, or individual in the communication, electricity, gas, water, or stem heat distribution business. (Ord. passed 2-13-68)

§ 53.02 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT.

(A) No public utility employee shall remove a manhole cover and enter the manhole for any purpose without another employee or a public officer guarding the manhole.

(B) No public utility supervisor shall order an employee to open and enter an unguarded manhole, nor at a time or place when a rope or life line is not attached to the person entering the manhole. (Ord. passed 2-13-68)

§ 53.03 ENFORCEMENT.

Any public officer who finds a violation of any provisions of this chapter shall obtain all necessary information and order the cessation of the work operation until the provisions of this chapter are in compliance.

§ 53.99 PENALTY.

Any public utility supervisor or employee violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days, or both, each violation thereof being treated as a separate offense. (Ord. passed 2-13-68)