



CITY OF LAFAYETTE

CONSTRUCTION POLICY

REMOVAL OF UTILITY & CONSTRUCTION IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS

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This policy applies to street and sidewalk markings used to identify the location of utility services under the Underground Service Alert program (USA) and construction related markings, including but not limited to horizontal and vertical grade markings, survey stationing, offsets, curb lines, and other layout lines.

STREET & SIDEWALK MARKINGS: The facilities shall not be marked more than 14 calendar days in advance of the work performed. The contractor must outline their excavation area by marking in white spray chalk and include their name or initials with white marks. The City will allow chalk-based marking products as an alternate to solvent-based markings. Marking of brick pavers or concrete shall be in chalk-based or other naturally weathering materials that allow removal as specified below, but contractors and utility companies are encouraged to avoid marking in these areas by using offset markings.

REMOVAL OF STREET & SIDEWALK MARKINGS: It is the responsibility of the permit holder to remove all utility identification and construction related markings after the completion of the work or as determined by the City Inspector and to the satisfaction of the City. *Permit holders are responsible for removal of any markings within two (2) months of the date the markings are no longer needed, or upon completion of the work, whichever is sooner.* The City will accept natural weathering of markings if the markings disappear within the two-month period. If the markings are in brick paver or concrete areas and if by natural weathering the markings still remain after two months, the contractor must replace the concrete or the brick pavers in-kind. The contractors and utility companies are encouraged to avoid marking in these areas by using offset markings.

COMPLIANCE WITH NPDES: Removal of markings shall comply with the federal, state and local requirements (see Lafayette Municipal Codes, Chapter 5-4) of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Control Board.

FAILURE TO REMOVE MARKINGS: Street and sidewalk markings not removed by the required time lines may be removed and the sidewalk or street repaired/replaced by the City at its discretion. The City will charge the permit holder a service fee equal to the actual costs of removal plus an administrative fee of 20% for removing the markings and making any repairs and/or replacements. This fee will include the cost to comply with NPDES.