

**File of the
Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**

Ordinance No. 5855

SESSION 2024

Bill No. 4

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Introduced by: James Edinger – February 13, 2024
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Enacted by Council: February 28, 2024
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**AN ORDINANCE: AMENDING LANGUAGE IN CHAPTER 515.16 – REFILLING
EXCAVATIONS**

THE CITY OF EASTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amending language change in chapter 515.16 which would allow the City Engineer to approve certain non-emergency street excavations during the moratorium period. Existing and proposed changes attached.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days following adoption by Council.

Signed the 28th day of February, 2023

ATTEST: Karen Rosamil
City Clerk

Scott M. Jr
Mayor

Proposed Ordinance Language:

§ 515-16 Refilling excavations.

[Amended 1-25-1989 by Ord. No. 3003; 11-13-2019 by Ord. No. 5691]

A.

All persons opening or digging any of the streets of the City for any purpose whatever shall refill the same in the following manner: Spaces excavated for but not occupied by structures shall be backfilled with suitable material as approved by the City Engineer. All standing water shall be removed prior to backfill. Backfill material shall be placed in uniform horizontal layers of not more than a loose four-inch depth for full width of the cross section. Each layer is to be thoroughly compacted by adequate tamping. This procedure shall be followed from the bottom of the excavation until the excavation is solidly filled to street level. Frozen material shall not be used for backfill at any time. Surfacing material, other than earth, removed for trench excavation shall not be used for backfill and shall be removed from the site. All excavations shall be backfilled within a reasonable time allowed for the work to be performed. The City Engineer shall notify the permittee when such sufficient time has elapsed. No permit shall be issued for the opening or digging up of any street in the City between December 1 of any year and March 1 the following year for any purpose other than for repairing leaking or damaged water, gas pipe, sewer or drain damage or other specific emergencies and then only with the consent unless approved by -the City Engineer.