

ARTICLE 917
Underground Conduits

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CROSS REFERENCES

Underground wires required - see 3rd Class §2403(50)
(53 P. S. §37403(50))
Poles and wires - see S.U. & P.S. Art. 915
Installation underground in new subdivisions - see P. & Z. 1397.06
National Electrical Code - see BLDG. & HSG. Art. 1709

917.01 DISTRICTS CREATED.

The following portions of the City are hereby defined as districts in which all electric light, electric power, telephone and telegraph wires and cables for the conveyance of electrical energy for any purpose shall be placed underground in conduits:

- (a) All that portion of George Street between the east and west building lines thereof, and extending from a point twenty-five feet north of Gas Avenue to the south building line of Princess Street.
- (b) All that portion of Market Street between the north and south building lines thereof and extending from the east end of the bridge crossing Codorus Creek to the east building line of Queen Street.
- (c) All that portion of what is known as Continental Square, between the building lines as presently constituted. (Ord. 77-1964 §1; Ord. 64-1965 §1.)

917.02 UNDERGROUND CONDUITS REQUIRED; INTERSECTING STREETS.

All electric light, electric power, telephone and telegraph wires and cables for the conveyance of electrical energy for any purpose, in the districts defined in Section 917.01 shall be placed underground. No poles or supports therefore shall be allowed to remain, or be, or be constructed on any portion of the streets or sidewalks in such districts, except ornamental standards for the support of street illumination and supports for traffic control devices. It is not the intention of this article to require the removal of overhead electric

light, electric power, telephone or telegraph wires and cables, in intersecting streets where such wires or cables cross the streets herein enumerated, except that poles for the support of such overhead wires or cables shall not be erected, maintained or used within the districts defined in Section 917.01. (Ord. 77-1964 §2.)

917.03 CITY EXCEPTION.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this article to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the Department of Public Works to erect, maintain or use overhead electrical wires and cables, span wires and traffic signs, and signals at any location in the streets of the City. (Ord. 77- 1964 § 3.)

917.04 SUSPENSION IN EMERGENCIES.

The Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor, may during any emergency caused by fire, flood, earthquake, lightning, wind storm, ice storm, war casualty, civil disorder, any act of God, or similar catastrophe suspend any or all of the provisions of this article for the duration of such emergency and for such reasonable time thereafter as may be necessary to permit restoration of normal service and removal of any temporary wires, cables and supporting poles. (Ord. 77-1964 §4.)

917.05 REMOVAL OF POLES.

All existing poles and overhead wires and cables, excepting those in intersecting streets as provided in Section 917.02 shall be removed within six months after the effective date of this section. No poles, wires or cables shall be constructed or placed in violation of any of the provisions of this article at any time after the effective date of this section. (Ord. 77-1964 §5.)

917.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than ten days (10 days). A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 1-2009. Passed 1-6-09.)