



Town of Palmer

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"The Town of Seven Railroads"

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August 8, 2022

Sponsor: Administration

Vote
Ordinance 2023-01

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PALMER TOWN COUNCIL

**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER TO
ADOPT A**

Temporary Repair to Private Ways

To move that the Council amend the Code of the Town of Palmer, Chapter 122, Streets and Sidewalks, by adding a new Article VI, Private Ways, as follows:

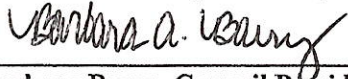
Article VI. Private Ways.

§122-15. Temporary Repairs to Private Ways.

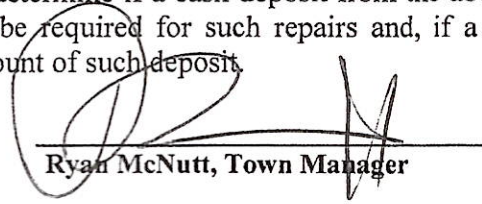
A. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, § 6N, the Town may make temporary repairs to private ways under the following conditions:

1. The type and extent of the repairs authorized by this ordinance shall be any and all repairs, including drainage work, necessary for safe and convenient travel by the public, up to and including work that would be required to make the private way suitable to be accepted as a public way.
2. The Town Manager may, in their discretion, authorize such repairs if required by public necessity.
3. Abutters to the private ways may, but are not required to, petition for such repairs.
4. Betterment charges may be assessed for the repairs, as determined by the Town Manager.

5. The Town shall not be liable in any manner or amount for any damages caused by such repairs.
6. Such repairs shall be performed only on ways that are open to public use.
7. The Town Manager shall determine if a cash deposit from the abutters to the private ways shall be required for such repairs and, if a cash deposit is required, the amount of such deposit.



Barbara Barry, Council President



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