

ORDINANCE NO. 97-07

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Cornersville, Tennessee ("Board") finds that the drainage of surface water from roofs, ground, paved surfaces and other real estate improvements has caused and will continue to cause flooding and overloading of culverts under private drives, roads, parking areas, etc. Such flooding and overloading has caused and will continue to cause significant damage and inconvenience to property owners and Town residents. The backup of surface water, in addition to other damage, creates a safety hazard to property and Town residents. The Board further finds it essential to the maintenance of health, safety and general welfare of the Town's residents to control such flooding and overloading; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that significant surface water, flooding and overloading is caused by property owners and users of private drives, roads, parking areas, etc. have not installed and maintained adequate culverts or constructed and maintained proper drainage ditches to permit free and unobstructed flow of surface water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

1) Owners and users of private driveways, roads, parking areas, etc. shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of culverts adequate to permit the free and unobstructed flow of surface water under private drives, roads, parking areas, etc.

2) Owners and users of property upon which drainage ditches are located shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of drainage ditches to permit the free and unobstructed flow of surface water.

3) Property owners and users are prohibited from placing or permitting to remain any item in a drainage ditch which would interfere with or restrict the flow of surface water.

4) As used herein:

"Culvert" means any method, structure, item, or configuration used to permit the passage of surface water under a private drive, road, parking area, etc.

"Drainage Ditch" means any trench, channel, cut, fur, groove, rut or track used, or suitable for use to carry or drain surface water on property to or from culverts or property.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage on third reading.

Passed first reading this 3RD day of April, 1997.

Mary Ann Peters
MAYOR

Lynn Manning
RECORDER

Passed second reading this 1st day of May, 1997.

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Passed third reading this 5th day of June, 1997.

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