

# TITLE 45

## Towns and cities

### CHAPTER 45-23.1

#### Mapped Streets

#### SECTION 45-23.1-1.1

**§ 45-23.1-1.1 Establishment or opening of streets not implied.** – (a) The placing of any street or street line upon the official map does not in and of itself constitute nor is it deemed to constitute the opening or establishment of any street or the taking or acceptance of any land for street purposes; provided, that in the town of North Kingstown, regularly performed maintenance by the town, upon any paved mapped street of at least forty feet (40') in width, for a period of not less than twenty (20) years, constitutes the opening or establishment of a street as a public way.

(b) For the purposes of this section the term "regularly performed maintenance" is construed to include snow plowing and salting and sanding operations, and any type of repair work regularly undertaken by the city or town.

History of Section.

(P.L. 1972, ch. 198, § 2; P.L. 1987, ch. 393, § 1.)

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#### **SECTION 45-23.1-2**

**§ 45-23.1-2 Additions and changes.** – (a) A city or town council is authorized and empowered to make, from time to time, additions to or modifications of the official map by placing on it the exterior lines of planned new streets or street extensions, widenings, narrowings, or vacations.

(b) No changes become effective until after a public hearing in relation to the changes, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard.

(c) At least ten (10) days' notice of a public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town.

(d) Before making additions or changes, the city or town council shall refer the matter to the plan commission for a report, but if the plan commission shall not make its report within forty-five (45) days of the reference, the necessity for the report may be deemed to be waived.

(e) The locating, widening, or closing, or the approval of the locating, widening, or closing of streets by the city or town, under provisions of law other than those contained in this chapter, are deemed to be changes or additions to the official map, and are subject to all the provisions of this chapter except provisions relating to public hearing and referral to the plan commission.

History of Section.

(P.L. 1962, ch. 89, § 1; P.L. 1972, ch. 198, § 1.)

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#### **SECTION 45-23.1-1**

**§ 45-23.1-1 Establishment of official maps.** – The city or town council of any city or town having a plan commission established pursuant to chapters 22 and 23 of this title or pursuant to any special act applicable to certain cities or towns, is authorized and empowered to establish an official map of the city or town identifying and showing the location of the streets of the city or town existing and established by law as public streets and the exterior lines of other streets deemed necessary by the city or town council for sound physical development. A public hearing in relation to the map shall precede the adoption, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least ten (10) days' notice of a public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town. Before adoption of the ordinance, the city or town council shall refer the matter to the plan commission for a report on the map, but if the plan commission does not make its report within forty-five (45) days of the reference, the necessity for the report may be deemed to be waived. The city or town council shall certify the fact of the establishment of an official map to the city or town recorder.

History of Section.

(P.L. 1962, ch. 89, § 1; P.L. 1972, ch. 198, § 1.)

# **TITLE 24**

## **Highways**

### **CHAPTER 24-2**

#### **Highways by Grant or Use**

#### **SECTION 24-2-10**

**§ 24-2-10 Liability of town for maintenance of highways.** – Nothing contained in § 24-2-9 shall be so construed as to render any town liable for the mending and repairing of any highway, unless the highway shall have been declared to be a public highway by the town council of the town wherein it lies.

History of Section.

(G.L. 1896, ch. 71, § 27; G.L. 1909, ch. 82, § 27; G.L. 1923, ch. 95, § 27; G.L. 1938, ch. 72, § 27; G.L. 1956, § 24-2-10.)

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#### **SECTION 24-2-8**

**§ 24-2-8 Acceptance and opening of highway on land specially granted.** – Except as otherwise provided by special act concerning particular cities and towns, whenever the owner of any land shall make a deed thereof to the town in which the land lies, for the especial purpose of being used and improved as a public highway, and the deed shall have been duly acknowledged and recorded, the land shall be thenceforward a public highway to all intents and purposes, and be liable to be opened by the town council of the town where the land shall lie, in the same manner as highways which are laid out by the town council; but no town shall be liable to repair a highway, until the town council thereof shall decree and order that the highway shall be repaired at the expense of the town.

History of Section.

(G.L. 1896, ch. 71, § 25; G.L. 1909, ch. 82, § 25; G.L. 1923, ch. 95, § 25; G.L. 1938, ch. 72, § 25; G.L. 1956, § 24-2-8.)

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### **CHAPTER 24-5**

#### **Maintenance of Town Highways**

#### **SECTION 24-5-14**

**§ 24-5-14 Snow and ice removal.** – The several towns shall provide by ordinance in a manner and under such penalties as they may deem expedient, for removing snow from the public highways so as to render the public highways passable with teams, sleds, and sleighs; but nothing contained in this chapter shall be so construed as to render any town or city liable for any injury to person or property caused by snow or ice obstructing any or any part of the highways therein, unless notice in writing of the existence of the particular obstruction shall have been given to the surveyor of highways within whose district the obstruction exists, at least twenty-four (24) hours before the injury was caused, and the town or surveyor shall not thereupon within twenty-four (24) hours of notification have commenced the removal of the obstruction, or caused any sidewalk which may have been obstructed by ice to be rendered passable, by spreading ashes or other like substances thereon. Whenever any highway is blocked up or encumbered with snow, the surveyor shall cause so much thereof to be removed or trod down as to render the highway passable.

History of Section.

(G.L. 1896, ch. 72, § 13; G.L. 1909, ch. 83, § 13; G.L. 1923, ch. 96, § 13; G.L. 1938, ch. 73, § 13; G.L. 1956, § 24-5-14.)