

Procedures for High Volume Excavators

DISCUSSION DRAFT

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1. Create a new class of “Qualified Professional Contractor”
 - a. Minimum qualifications:
 - i. Has generated a minimum of 400 outgoing tickets each year for prior two years
 1. approximately 1% of all contractors
 2. 72 of 6,300 one-call users in 2020
 - ii. Has a class A or higher public works license
 - iii. Has a negligent event-to-ticket ratio equal to no more than twice the national average
 1. National average was 1.99 incidents per 1,000 outbound tickets
 2. Would allow for 1 negligent incident for each 250 outbound tickets
 3. Will require definition of “negligent incident” – see item 2 below
 - iv. Certifies to training requirement established by Board
 - b. Would have to submit an application to Administrator
 - i. Include documentation of each qualification
 - ii. There might be a one-time application fee sufficient to cover costs of reviewing application
 - c. If approved by Administrator, classification would be good for 36 months, at which time they would need to reapply
 - i. Required to file annual report to ensure they are still qualified
 - ii. During review of annual report, Administrator could revoke if event-to-ticket ratio has risen or has lost public works license
2. Qualified Professional Contractor must comply with all precaution requirements:
 - a. Prior notice
 - b. Waiting for marking
 - c. Maintaining marks
 - d. Hand/Soft digging when required
 - e. Etc.
 - f. Failure to comply with these requirements would result in a negligent incident
3. Qualified Professional Contractor would be exempt from complaint process if non-life threatening damage occurs
 - a. No investigation procedure
 - b. No hearing
 - c. No civil penalty
4. Complaint process would still apply for negligent incidents or other violations of the code (see item 2) or if damage was life-threatening