



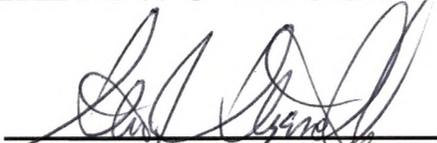
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**CITY OF AMESBURY  
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN**

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BILL No.

2018-074

**An Ordinance** An Ordinance to Promote Public Safety by Authorizing Membership in DigSafe, a non-profit clearinghouse to promote public safety, protect vital utility services, and to prevent harm to property and the environment cause by underground utility damage.

**Summary:** This measure authorizes Municipal membership in the DigSafe clearinghouse network to help prevent damage to public underground infrastructure.

Recent damages sustained by the public waterpipe system in certain neighborhoods have highlighted the need to have a preventative process in place to manage excavation projects on or impacting public lands and infrastructure.

Whereas, Amesbury has more than one-hundred miles of underground public infrastructure for water and sewer systems;

Whereas, DigSafe is a non-profit clearinghouse network that helps with notification about work projects that may impact public underground infrastructure; and

Whereas, DigSafe has noted that the City of Amesbury is not a member of the network and has not been notified of the approximate four-hundred (400) projects that occurred during the last year DigSafe has records for; and

Whereas, recent excavations by a public utility contractor working on Allenclair Drive damaged a municipal water line while excavating a hole to repair a gas line and the City was not aware of the excavation until after the fact;

**Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:**

Authorizes the Mayor to apply for general membership in the DigSafe system and direct the DPW to establish procedures to mark the location of public underground facilities upon notification and prior to work to help avoid damage to public infrastructure.