

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 278

An Act to amend and reenact § 56-257 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public service companies; manner of laying pipes.

[H 1489]

Approved March 19, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 56-257 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 56-257. Manner of laying pipes, etc.

Every corporation organized for any of the purposes enumerated in § 56-256, in laying any pipe or conduit in any of the public roads in the counties, or in any of the public parks, streets, avenues, or alleys in the cities or towns of this Commonwealth, to be used for the purposes of such company, shall lay the same at a distance of not less than three feet, if possible, from the outside of any water or gas pipe, or other pipe or conduit, already laid, except in cases where it shall be necessary that such pipes or conduits shall cross any water or gas pipe, or other pipe or conduit, and in such cases the pipes or conduits shall be at least twelve inches distant from the outside of any water or gas pipe, or other pipe or conduit, already laid install such pipe or conduit with minimum clearance as may be specified by the Commission but in no case to exceed three feet or, where said pipes or conduits cross, twelve inches from any other underground structure to allow proper maintenance and to protect against damage that might result from proximity to other structures.

In addition to the requirements of this section, each pipe or conduit shall be installed with sufficient clearance, or shall be insulated from any source of heat, so as to prevent the heat from impairing the serviceability of the pipe or conduit.