

**32. ORDINANCE CONCERNING UNPROTECTED EXCAVATIONS
(NOVEMBER 7, 1949)**

Be it ordained by the Board of Mayor and Council of the City of Groton:

Section 1 – Every person owning land in fee simple or in possession thereof under lease or contract of sale who knowingly permits the existence on the premises of any presently used or abandoned shaft, pit, well, septic tank, cesspool, or other excavation dangerous to persons legally on the premises, or to minors, who fails to fill in, to cover or to fence the same securely, and to keep the same so protected, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred (100) dollars or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2 - This Ordinance is deemed necessary for public safety, inasmuch as these excavations are hazardous, especially to children, resulting many times in death or serious injury.

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