**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**041 Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation**

**ELEVATOR AND TRAMWAY SAFETY PROGRAM**

**Chapter 515: Tramways**

**Summary:** This Rule establishes specific requirements for tramways in addition to those established in 32 MRS, Chapter 133, and the national code specified in Chapter 511.

**1. New Installations; Alterations**

A. **Plans and Specifications.** Before a tramway is installed, the owner shall submit, or cause to be submitted, to the Chief Inspector:

(1) Detailed plans and specifications for approval in accordance with ANSI B77.1; and

(2) The completed form provided by the Chief Inspector for approval of plans and specifications, which must be accompanied by the fee set forth in Chapter 10, Section 5(16) of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, entitled *Establishment of License Fees*.

Before any ropeway modification of a tramway, the owner shall submit to the Chief Inspector:

(1) Detailed plans and/or specifications for approval, which must be accompanied by the fee set forth in Chapter 10, Section 5(16) of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, entitled *Establishment of License Fees*.

Before beginning any installation or ropeway modification, the owner shall comply with any request by the Chief Inspector for additional plans, specifications, or other information. If the Chief Inspector directs that a redesign is necessary, the owner shall follow the same procedure as that for a new installation.

B. **Owner’s Duty to Report on Progress.** During the construction of a tramway, the owner shall inform the Chief Inspector of the progress of construction, including the proposed schedule for construction and any changes to the schedule.

C. **Foundations and Anchorage.** The owner shall provide the Chief Inspector a minimum of 48 hours notice before pouring concrete and installing anchorage. All excavations for foundations and anchorage must be inspected by the Chief Inspector before any structures are installed. The owner shall take samples of concrete used in the construction of the tramway as directed by the Chief Engineer and send them to a laboratory designated by the Chief Inspector for analysis at the owner’s expense.

**2. Acceptance Tests**

Before any newly installed tramway or any newly altered existing tramway is placed in operation for the public, the Chief Inspector shall inspect and witness the acceptance test of the system.

**3. Initial Inspection Expenses**

The inspection of all excavations for foundations and anchorage, including pouring of concrete and installation of the ledge anchorage and any other preliminary inspection, constitute part of the initial inspection. Accordingly, the owner is responsible for their completion and cost.

*(Note: In 2013, statutory changes restructured the licensing and regulation of elevators and tramways by eliminating the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety and creating the Elevator and Tramway Safety Program, administered by the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.)*

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