



City Council Report

Date: August 24, 2015
To: City Council
Through: Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager
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Subject: Extinguish an 8-foot Public Utility Easement on Lot 303 of the Final Plat of "The Ranch – Unit Two."
Council District 3

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish an 8-foot Public Utility Easement on Lot 303 of Final Plat of "The Ranch – Unit Two", located south of the US 60 Freeway and east of 24th Street.

Background

Public utility easements (PUE) are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of public utilities on private property. When an easement is no longer needed, or conflicts with new development, the City Council may extinguish the easement to provide owners the ability to maximize the use of their property. To remove an easement from a property's title, City Council may approve a Resolution to extinguish the easement in accordance with provisions in the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Discussion

The PUE was dedicated on the Final Plat of "The Ranch – Unit Two", recorded August 17, 1978 in Book 202 of Maps, Page 33 of the records of Maricopa County, Arizona.

The property owner proposes to construct a small detached structure in the rear yard. The 8' PUE will conflict with the owner's future construction plans on the lot and has made a request to extinguish the PUE. There are no existing utilities in the PUE.

Staff has notified Engineering, Development Services, Energy Resources and Water Resources as well as Century Link, Cox Communications and SRP of this extinguishment request and have no objection to this request.

Alternatives

The alternative is to not extinguish the public utility easement. Choosing this alternative will result in the existing public utility easement hindering new construction.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this request is the \$500.00 processing fee paid by the applicant.

Coordinated With

The Engineering, Development Services, Energy Resources and Water Resources Departments, along with outside utility companies (Century Link, Cox Communications and SRP), concur with this request.