

City Council Report

Date: May 20, 2019

To: City Council

Through: Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager

- From: Beth Huning, City Engineer Rob Kidder, Assistant City Engineer
- Subject: Extinguish a Public Utility Easement on Lot 4 of North Country Acres, located at 3323 North Chestnut Council District No. 1

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish the 3-foot public utility easement on the north side of Lot 4 of North Country Acres, located at 3323 North Chestnut.

Background

Public Utility Easements (PUE) are granted to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of 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 with the ability to fully utilize their property. To remove an easement from a property's title, City Council may approve a Resolution to extinguish the easements in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code.

Discussion

This 3-foot PUE was dedicated on October 9, 1978, in Book 205 of Maps, Page 47, records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The property owner is requesting that the PUE be extinguished to accommodate the construction of an attached garage which will extend across the existing easement. There are no utilities or infrastructure within the existing 3-foot PUE.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the PUE. Choosing this alternative will result in the PUE conflicting with the proposed construction of the attached garage by the home owner.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this request is the \$500.00 processing fee collected from the applicant.

Coordinated With

The Engineering, Planning and Development Services Departments along with outside utility companies concur with this request.