



# Updating the Utility Buy-In Program, Private Line Agreements

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# Purpose

- Responding to Development Communities request
  - Propose changes to Utility Buy In Program, Private Line Agreements
  - Assist Developers pay their fair share of public infrastructure
- Providing efficient infrastructure expansion of City of Mesa utility systems



# Current Utility Buy In Program, Private Line Agreements

- Since 1991
- Over 100 Agreements (six currently active)
- 10 Year Term
- Collected when service connection was made





# Proposed Changes

- Two Utility Buy In Program, Private Line Agreement types available:
  1. Buy In per Linear Foot - collected from properties adjacent to utility line
  2. Buy In by Service Area (SF/Acreage) available for mains on Arterial and/or Collector roads – collected from properties identified within the designated service area for the utility line
- 15 Year term
- Program fee of 0.5% shall be deducted from reimbursement amounts collected to cover City's administrative costs

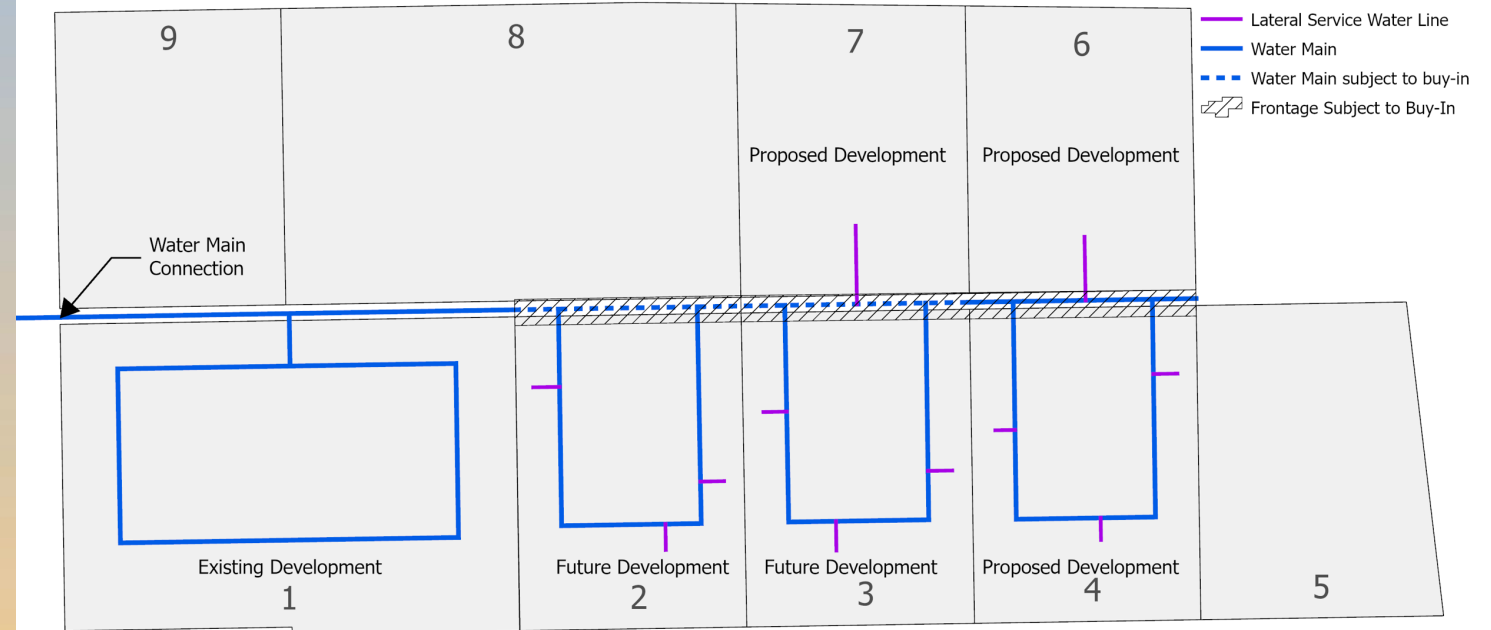


# Updated Per Linear Foot Buy-In

## Applicability

- ✓ Adjacent benefitting properties assessed when they develop
- ✓ Frontage LF (Linear Foot) x Buy-In unit cost per LF based on actual cost

### Current Buy-In

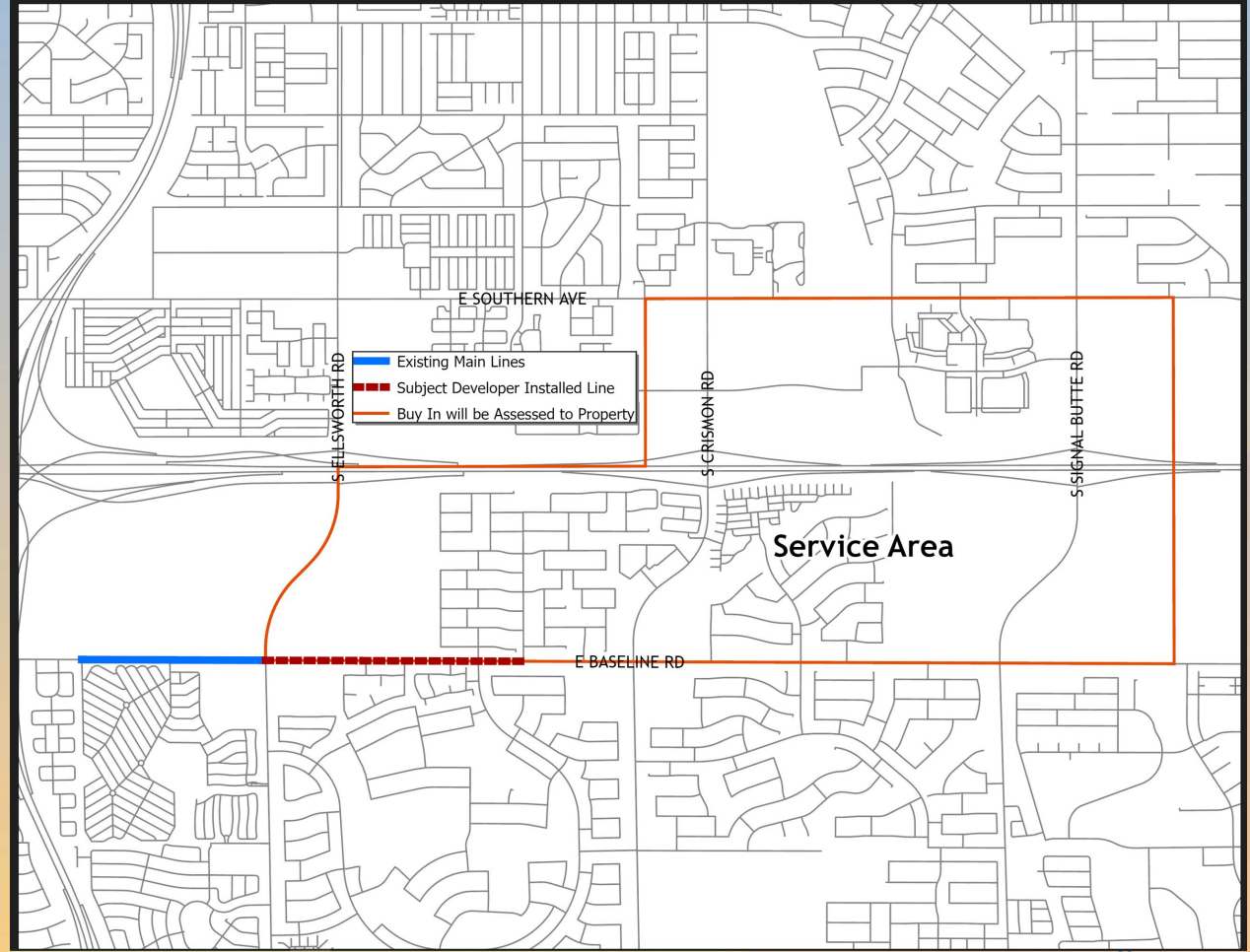




# Service Area Buy-In

## Applicability

- ✓ Line installed on Arterial and/or Collector Streets
- ✓ Benefitted properties beyond lines frontage are identified as within the Buy-In Service Area
- ✓ Water and/or Sewer reports submitted for Water Resources review/approval at developer's expense
- ✓ Acreage x Buy-In unit cost per Acre based on actual cost





# Administrative Fee

- ✓ Retaining 0.5% of total cost for administration
  - ✓ Collected at the time of subsequent developers' contributions
- ✓ Help facilitate efficient cost sharing process



# Surrounding Cities Comparison

## Phoenix

- Service Area or lot frontage (cost per linear foot) for water
- Service Area for sewer lines

## Gilbert

- Lot frontage for oversized water lines (cost per liner foot)
- Service area for oversized sewer lines

## Queen Creek

- Lot frontage for water lines (cost per linear foot)
- Service area for sewer lines





# Recommendation

- ✓ Establishment of a standardized framework for developers and the City of Mesa
- ✓ Equitable cost-sharing among stakeholders
- ✓ Support efficient infrastructure expansion for the City of Mesa



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