

**From:** [Marc Heirshberg](#)  
**To:** [Mike Morasco](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [Yvonne Anaya](#); [Ashley Scott](#); [Jothi Beljan](#); [Beth Hughes-Ornelas](#); [Christopher Hassert](#); [Andrew Calhoun](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recorded City of Mesa Utility Service Agreement  
**Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025 5:30:11 PM

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Mr. Morasco:

**Re: Utility Service Agreement for water service to your property (Parcel No. 219-22-002G) in Maricopa County, Arizona**

I apologize for the delay in responding to your inquiry as I researched this matter further. As staff has explained and as outlined in the Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities, new private development is responsible for continuing/looping both water and sewer lines that have not been previously installed at that point in time in which construction of new development occurs. While the City through its capital improvement program ensures that the main (trunk) lines of both the water and sanitary sewer systems are installed as identified through its master planning process, smaller distribution lines become the responsibility of the private development at the time of construction as a requirement to connect to the City's main line(s). This is precisely the case in your situation where the City has previously installed both water and sewer in Sossaman. As you mention in your documentation below, as development has occurred around your parcel there are several property owners that have chosen to receive City services. Those property owners that are receiving City services, have also been required to extend those applicable lines along the frontage of their property at the time of construction.

As staff has explained, because the sewer line is already existing in Sossaman you are only being required to extend the water line along Palm Lane spanning across the south frontage of your lot to complete the final length of the waterline in this area. This last extension of the line will ensure that water stagnation does not occur as well as ensuring adequate flow and water pressures for all homeowners in the area with respect to normal daily consumption and firefighting needs.

While I appreciate your situation, as a former Councilmember, I am hopeful that you can appreciate the City's efforts to remain consistency in implementing City Code and not deviating for individual developments. The City maintains that by only requiring the extension of the water line along Palm Lane is fair and consistent to how other developments in the surrounding area have been previously treated.

As outlined in the City of Mesa's Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities Section 24A, that was signed in October of 2024, the required extension of a water main is not a requirement that can be modified or eliminated administratively.

If you would like to proceed with a "modification" request, or appeal of the Terms and Condition, you can submit such a request with documentation justifying the request to the City Council's Sustainability and Transportation Committee. I have copied the appropriate staff on this email to assist you with the documents required to submit for a formal appeal and the scheduling of the appeal before the Council's Sustainability and Transportation Committee. Should you wish to

pursue that avenue, please reply to all and the appropriate staff will contact you accordingly.

Sincerely,

**Marc Heirshberg**, CPRE  
Deputy City Manager | City of Mesa

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**From:** Mike Morasco <mkmosca22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 1:35 PM  
**To:** Marc Heirshberg <Marc.Heirshberg@mesaaz.gov>  
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Deputy CM Heirshberg,

We are forwarding the email that we had sent to you last month regarding our request to speak with you / meet with you regarding our petition for modification of Utilities Agreement as directed by Ms Beth Hughes-Ornales.

As you may have gathered, this discussion and audience is greatly needed on our part and we remain confident that a modification of the Utilities agreement is not only needed / warranted, but also very possible so that all parties benefit.

My wife Pam and I will be back in Mesa later this month, February 23rd-26th. We are also available at any time prior to this should your schedule better allow a phone or video conference.

From our perspective time is of the essence. We don't wish to take more of your time reiterating the information which can be found in the email chain attachment.

Unfortunately what is not included are the personal conversations we had with Mr. Omar Soto, as well as other reps of the Water Dept and Planning.

For point of clarification, my wife Pam and I are recent retirees, on Medicare and Social Security. We are building a small single home for our retirement, not a housing development. Our lot is literally the last one in the area that is available for development and able to enter into an agreement with the City of Mesa for Utilities/ Services. All of the other properties near us either already have basic water / waste water hook ups and agreements with Mesa (identical to our original request), or they are on wells and septic typical of Maricopa County properties. The City costly desire of a completely new 8" main and loop connection that does NOTHING for us on our property, appears to be falling on us solely vs all of the other homes / properties on our street or in our immediate area. A cost impossible for us to bare.

I have recently completed 14 years on the Escondido City Council here in California. I have been afforded the opportunity to work with City and County Management at all levels. It has been a phenomenal experience. I have also had the good fortune to assist constituents with nearly identical situations as we find ourselves in now with the City of Mesa. We know that you have the wherewithal to hear our pleading and to provide appropriate opinion and guidance. We are also pleased to see that Mesa has a Building Appeals Board and Planning Commission which could also potentially be routes that we could take. Ultimately, as I have experienced in Escondido, we believe that we could appeal to the City Council for our petition.

We had the good fortune to meet and get to know Mayor Giles as well as interact with members of his office. He was aware of our plans to build and relocate to Mesa as far back as two years. It is our great desire to retire there. Should a modification of the Agreement not occur, we could very well be caught without the funds necessary to complete our home. The current City ask is that fatal to us with our simple single family home project.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike & Pam Morasco

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760 484-6803

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mike Morasco <[mkmosca22@gmail.com](mailto:mkmosca22@gmail.com)>

**Date:** January 24, 2025 at 7:52:40 AM PST

**To:** [Marc.Heirshberg@mesaaz.gov](mailto:Marc.Heirshberg@mesaaz.gov)

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Mr. Heirshberg,

Please see the attached for your information and consideration. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet / speak with you at any time that would be of your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mike & Pam Morasco  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mike Morasco <[mkmosca22@gmail.com](mailto:mkmosca22@gmail.com)>  
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Ms Hughes-Ortega,

Thank you for your email and the time and effort spent to clarify the City's position, perspective and rationale for the specifics regarding the Utilities Use Agreement. We understand your reasoning and perspective, but as you may imagine, we have a different outlook regarding the feasibility of said requirements.

We also appreciate your providing us with the contact information for Deputy / Assistant City Manager Marc Heirshberg.

It will be our intention to reach out to him as well as any other City officials necessary to continue our request for consideration of this extremely important modification / correction to the utilities agreement.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Mike Morasco  
Former City Councilman  
District 4, Escondido CA

Pam Morasco  
Personnel Commissioner  
EUSD

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On Jan 21, 2025, at 5:22 PM, Beth Hughes-Ornelas  
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Please see attached -

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