



City Council Report

Date: December 4, 2023
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish a Portion of a Drainage Easement located at 8312 East Sienna Circle
Council District 5

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a portion of a drainage easement located at 8312 East Sienna Circle.

Background

Drainage easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the retention of storm water drainage from the public rights-of-way 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 (abandon) the easement in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code, Title 9, Chapter 10.

Discussion

The drainage easement requested for extinguishment was dedicated on Lot 133, the Final Plat of Walking Stick at Las Sendas, recorded in Book 560 of Maps, Page 27, records of Maricopa County, Arizona and shown on lot 133 of the Final Plat of Walking Stick at Las Sendas Amended, recorded in Book 566 Page 25 of Maricopa County, Arizona. The owner has requested a portion of the drainage easement be extinguished to allow for a single-family home to be built on the property. The owner has received written approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers to re-route the existing wash during the building process, and dedication of a new drainage easement is required. Therefore, staff has determined that the portion of the original drainage easement requested for extinguishment is no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish a portion of the drainage easement. Choosing this alternative will result in the property owner not being able to build a single-family home and further develop the property as planned.

Fiscal Impact

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

Coordinated With

The Development Services and Engineering Departments concur with this request.