



City Council Report

Date: August 28, 2023
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish a Drainage Easement located at 7250 South Sossaman Road
Council District 6

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a drainage easement located at 7250 South Sossaman Road.

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 to the City of Mesa in document number 2022-0490375, records of Maricopa County, Arizona on June 7, 2022. The owner has requested that the drainage easement be extinguished to allow for relocation of a driveway on Pecos Road to the east. A new drainage easement was dedicated in document number 2023-0371476, records of Maricopa County, Arizona on July 17, 2023. Therefore, staff has determined the original drainage easement to be extinguished is no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the drainage easement. Choosing this alternative will result in the property owner not being able to relocate the driveway and further develop the property as planned.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this request is the \$750.00 processing fee paid by the owner.

Coordinated With

Development Services and Engineering Departments concur with this request.