

City Council Report

Date: March 15, 2021

To: City Council

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Subject: Extinguish a portion of a Public Utilities and Facilities Easement located at

5149 South Inspirian Parkway

Council District 6

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a portion of a public utilities and facilities easement (PUFE) recorded on the Map of Dedication Eastmark – Phase 1, in Book 1117 of Maps, Page 47, records of Maricopa County, Arizona, located at 5149 South Inspirian Parkway.

Background

Public utilities and facilities easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of public utilities and other facilities on private property. When an easement is no longer needed, or conflicts with new development, the City Council may extinguish the easements 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 portion of the PUFE being requested for extinguishment was dedicated on the Map of Dedication Eastmark – Phase 1, in Book 1117 of Maps, Page 47, records of Maricopa County, Arizona, on June 26, 2012, for a proposed driveway. The development plan has since changed, and the owner is requesting the extinguishment to accommodate the new development of Steadfast Farm at Eastmark. The west 14-feet of the PUFE will remain parallel to Inspirian Parkway right-of-way. All outside utilities were contacted and there are no existing utilities or infrastructure located in the PUFE being extinguished. Staff has determined the PUFE is no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative would be to not extinguish the requested easement. Choosing this alternative would result in the existing easement conflicting with the owner's new development plans for Steadfast Farm at Eastmark.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this request is the \$750.00 processing fee collected from the applicant.

Coordinated With

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