



City Council Report

Date: August 19, 2024
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish a portion of a 20-foot Public Utility and Facilities Easement located at 1330 South Sossaman Road
Council District 6

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a portion of a 20-foot Public Utility and Facilities Easement (PUFE) located at 1330 South Sossaman Road.

Background

Public Utility and Facilities Easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation of public utilities and/or public facilities 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, the 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 20-foot PUFE requested for extinguishment was dedicated and recorded in Document Number 2015-0938223, records of Maricopa County, Arizona, and shown on Lot 4 of the FINAL PLAT OF SOSSAMAN CENTER, recorded in Book 1250 of Maps, Page 37, records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The developer has requested the City extinguish a portion of the easement to allow for construction of a new automotive oil change facility. There are no existing utilities in the PUFE. A new Easement will be dedicated with the new development; Therefore, staff has determined the portion of the PUFE to be extinguished is no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the requested portion of the PUFE. Choosing this alternative will result in the property owner's not being able to develop the property as planned.

Fiscal Impact

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

Coordinated With

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