

# **City Council Report**

**Date**: January 10, 2022

**To**: City Council

**Through**: Marc Heirshberg, Deputy City Manager

**From**: Beth Huning, City Engineer

Marc Ahlstrom, Assistant City Engineer

**Subject**: Extinguish a 3-foot Public Utilities Easement (PUE) located at 1305

North Avoca
Council District 5

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a 3-foot Public Utilities Easement (PUE) located at 1305 North Avoca.

## **Background**

Public utilities easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of public utilities 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 PUE being requested for extinguishment was recorded on Lot 148 of the Final Plat for Moondance Unit 2-B, recorded in Book 293 of Maps, Page 9, records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The owner is requesting the PUE be extinguished to accommodate the construction of a new storage shed. There are no existing utilities in the easement. Therefore, staff has determined the PUE is no longer needed.

#### **Alternatives**

An alternative is to not extinguish the PUE. Choosing this alternative will result in the property owner not being able to construct the new storage shed on the property as planned.

# **Fiscal Impact**

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

## **Coordinated With**

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