



# City Council Report

**Date:** January 24, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Marc Heirshberg, Deputy City Manager  
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**Subject:** Extinguish a portion of a 20-foot Public Utilities and Facilities Easement (PUFE) located at 1661 South Alma School Road  
Council District 3

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a portion of a 20-foot Public Utilities and Facilities Easement (PUFE) located at 1661 South Alma School Road.

## Background

Public utilities and facilities 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 portion of the PUFE being requested for extinguishment was recorded in document no. 1994-0200836, records of Maricopa County, Arizona, on March 11, 1994. The owner is requesting a portion of the PUFE be extinguished to accommodate construction of a new building. A new Public Utilities and Facilities Easement has been recorded in document no. 2021-0885343, records of Maricopa County, Arizona to accommodate the existing water line within the PUFE that is being relocated with this development. Staff has determined the portion of the PUFE is no longer needed.

## Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the PUFE. Choosing this alternative will result in the property owner not being able to construct the building as planned.

**Fiscal Impact**

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

**Coordinated With**

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