



# City Council Report

**Date:** September 11, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager  
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**Subject:** Extinguish a 20-foot Public Utilities Easement  
located at 4425 South Mountain Road  
Council District 6

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a 20-foot public utilities easement located at 4425 South Mountain Road.

## Background

Public utilities easements (PUE's) 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 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 the easement in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code.

## Discussion

The 20-foot PUE requested for extinguishment was recorded November 12, 2008 in document 2008-0969488 of the records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The PUE was intended for a water line that was not built. The developer is requesting that the easement be extinguished to accommodate development of the vacant commercial property with the Bella Via Village Shops, a neighborhood retail center. New easements will be dedicated with the proposed development of the site.

## Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the requested easement. Choosing this alternative would result in the existing 20-foot PUE conflicting with the proposed development of the property.

**Fiscal Impact**

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

**Coordinated With**

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