

RESOLUTION NO. 205402 APR 20 1972

RESOLUTION AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 600-8
REGARDING UNDERGROUND CONVERSION OF UTILITY
LINES AT COMPANY EXPENSE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego,
as follows:

That Council Policy No. 600-8 regarding underground
conversion of utility lines at company expense be and is hereby
amended as set forth in the form of Council Policy filed in the
office of the City Clerk as Document No. 739702.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby
instructed to add the aforesaid to the Council Policy Manual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 194286 adopted
July 23, 1968, is hereby rescinded.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By DW Detisch
Donald W. Detisch, Deputy

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PROPOSED REVISION OF COUNCIL POLICY 600-8

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BACKGROUND

Underground conversion of utility lines may be required:

1. When the City Council determines that undergrounding of utilities is in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare and asserts its right to require conversion in the exercise of its police power;
2. When the City Council finds the existence of one or more of the conditions enumerated under the Public Utilities Commission Interim Order, Decision No. 73078 (Case No. 8209) ("A" part of appendices "D" and "E"). The conditions which may require undergrounding in the public rights-of-way are:
 - a. "Such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead distribution facilities;"
 - b. "Said street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;"
 - c. "Said street or road or right-of-way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public."

PURPOSE

To establish a policy for conversion of overhead utility lines to underground at utility company expense which recognizes the rights of the City to require such conversion and the programs of the utility companies to convert such overhead lines.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Council to:

1. Exercise the City's police powers to order the utility companies to convert overhead utilities to underground when it is in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, for example, where streets are being widened because of heavy vehicular traffic or for pedestrian safety and relocation of utilities in the right-of-way is required.

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2. In other circumstances, permit the utility companies to convert to underground under the Public Utilities Commission Interim Order, Decision No. 73078 (Case No. 8209), at a rate consistent with the intent of the order, and based on the findings utilizing the following criteria:
 - a. Major and collector streets carrying a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic which are being widened but which do not qualify for utility conversion under the City's police powers.
 - b. Streets located within or adjoining improved parks, or parks in the process of development.
 - c. Scenic highways or streets having vistas of scenic areas.
 - d. Major or collector streets which parallel or are visible from freeways or provide principal vehicular entries to the City, visitor facilities, or major scenic areas.
 - e. Other major and collector streets which carry a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic in the various communities. Special consideration will be given to projects where there is a high level of citizen interest in improving the surrounding area, especially where community plan implementation is involved.
 - f. Locations where undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead utilities.

Note: City staff will confer with the utility companies from the standpoint of engineering feasibility and costs of projects to insure optimum utilization of funds expended.

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3. Where property owners desire an underground conversion in situations other than those meeting one of the criteria for conversion at company expense, property owners are required to pay the cost of undergrounding, less those credits as set forth in the applicable company rules as approved by the Public Utilities Commission. The cost for such conversion work, inclusive of the conversion of the property owner's service, may be financed by the use of the appropriate assessment district proceedings.

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4. In situations that do meet the criteria for conversion as set out in Decision No. 73078 (Case No. 8209), but which are of low priority and not scheduled for current conversion, the City will make the findings required by Decision No. 73078 (Case No. 8209), and in agreement with the company and property owners, limit the company's share of financing to those excess costs related to the undergrounding of concentrated distribution facilities primarily serving areas outside the conversion district boundary. Such facilities must meet the criteria established under Paragraph 2.
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5. In any conversion project, the City shall exert its best efforts to ensure the use of Decision No. 73078 (Case No. 8209) funds for the undergrounding of distribution lines serving areas outside the conversion district boundary, to the end that residential areas are not unduly burdened by the expense of undergrounding such facilities.

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

EDWARD NIELSEN
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Edward Nielsen*, Deputy.

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