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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUG 31 1977

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNCIL POLICY
NO. 600-25 REGARDING UNDERGROUND CONVERSION
OF UTILITY LINES AT DEVELOPERS EXPENSE

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

That Council Policy No. 600-25 regarding underground con-
version of utility lines at developers expense be and is hereby
established as set forth in the form of Council Policy filed
in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. 760914.

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

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Assistant City Attorney

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Or. Dept.: PF&R Chairman

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BACKGROUND

The Municipal Code (Section 102.0404) requires that a development involving a subdivision of land must convert to an underground location all overhead electric utilities of less than 60,000 volts. The Code (Section 102.0413) does permit the Subdivision Board to waive this requirement where only a Parcel Map is involved and it also provides a procedure through which a developer may apply to the Council for relief from this conversion requirement for regular subdivision maps. While the basic requirement for converting overhead utility lines to underground locations is designed to improve the environment and thus enhance the quality of life for San Diego residents, it is recognized that under some circumstances there may be technical or financial reasons which justify waiving all or a part of the conversion requirements. ~~In this connection, the City is committed, whenever practical, to reversing or minimizing the trend towards increased housing costs.~~

PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Policy to establish guidelines which can be used by both the public and staff in determining the appropriateness of a request to waive utility conversion requirements.

POLICY

A. Each request to waive underground conversion requirements is to be considered in light of the peculiar circumstances involved in the case. ~~where-~~

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~~there are clearly identified public benefits that will result from a conversion;~~

A waiver may be denied even though it meets the general guidelines contained herein. Undergrounding of utility lines is presumed to be a public benefit. Therefore waivers will be granted only as exceptions to that principle.

B. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph A, above, it is the policy of the City Council to consider granting ~~grant~~ a waiver, in whole or in part, from the requirement to convert to an underground location all utilities within or adjacent to a subdivision when such conversion is determined to be impractical from a technical or financial standpoint, or would have minimal aesthetic impact upon the adjacent property.

C. Generally, waivers may be considered favorably ~~will be granted~~ if any of the following factors are found to exist:

1. The conversion involves a short span of overhead facility (say, less than 600 feet in length) and it has been determined that such conversion is not a part of a continuing effort to accomplish a total undergrounding within a specific street or area.

2. The facility to be converted is underbuilt on a 69KV or larger facility (which is not to be undergrounded) and does not require a substantial number of additional poles to support solely the facilities requested to be waived.

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3. The conversion would represent an isolated undergrounding with a minimum possibility of extension in the future.

4. The conversion involves a major street already proposed or scheduled as a utility company financed project (PUC 8209). In this situation, it may be appropriate to require construction of the substructure facilities but postpone the cable installation until the company financed project is initiated.

5. The conversion would involve either a substantial investment in temporary facilities (cable poles, temporary recircuiting, etc.) or involve a significant amount of work considered offsite to the development which is financing the conversion.

6. The conversion would involve an inordinate cost to the development. Such determination is to be made where practical ~~only~~ on the basis of cost estimates supplied or confirmed by the utility companies and should be considered with regard to the type of development, the aesthetic benefits, and relative costs if the facilities were to remain overhead. Generally, in residential projects, the conversion cost prorated to the entire development should not exceed 1% of the average sales price of the living units within the development.

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D. Requests for waiver submitted to the City Council will be considered by the Public Facilities and Recreation Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings. Any individual not satisfied with the decision of the Committee, may request the Rules Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee to place the waiver request on the Council's agenda under a Special Order of Business, in accordance with the Permanent Rules of the Council.

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