

RESOLUTION NO. R- 253922

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Adopted on MAR 31 1981

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

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

That Council Policy No. 600-25 entitled, "UNDERGROUND CONVERSION OF UTILITY LINES AT DEVELOPER EXPENSE," be and is hereby amended as set forth in the Council Policy filed in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR-  
253922.

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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BACKGROUND

The Municipal Code stipulates that subdividers of land be required to convert to an underground location all overhead utility facilities within and adjacent to the subdivision. The code exempts from this requirement all utility facilities in excess of 60kv and subdivisions in agricultural zones or in single-family subdivisions of four lots or less. While the basic requirement for utility conversions is considered to be a public benefit through the improvement of the environment and the enhancement of the quality of life, it is recognized that there are circumstances where a waiver of the undergrounding requirement is appropriate.

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 the waiver request and the procedures to be followed.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Council to consider granting a waiver, in whole or in part, from the requirement to convert overhead utility facilities when such conversions are determined to be impractical from a technical or financial standpoint or would have minimal aesthetic impact. Each waiver request is to be considered in light of its particular circumstances and may be denied even though it meets one or more of the general guidelines contained herein.

IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES

- A. Requests for underground conversion waivers are to be considered by either the Subdivision Board or Planning Commission concurrently with the approval of the tentative map. Waiver requests submitted after the approval of the tentative map will be considered by the Subdivision Board. Waivers will be approved, conditionally approved or denied, and the decision can be appealed in accordance with provisions specified in the Municipal Code (Sec. 102.0404).
- B. Generally, waivers may be considered favorably if any of the following findings can be made.
  1. The conversion involves a short span of overhead facility (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 poles to support solely

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- the facilities requested to be waived.
3. The conversion would represent an isolated undergrounding with a minimum probability of extension in the future.
  4. The conversion involves a major street already scheduled as a utility company financed project (PUC 8209)
  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 on the basis of cost estimates supplied or confirmed by the utility companies or a utility consultant 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.
  7. The conversion is a requirement of a condo conversion permit of an existing development and the conversion would not represent a logical extension to an underground facility.
- C. In instances where waivers are granted and the subdivision is required to improve the street in which a future conversion is scheduled, the developer will be required to place the necessary substructures to accommodate the conversion within the limits of the improvement. Any request to waive this requirement should be accompanied by a statement of support from the appropriate utility companies.

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by the following vote:

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Dick Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR

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