

Management of Rights-of-Way Code of Ordinances Amending Chapter 49



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- The City coordinates infrastructure projects with private utility companies.
 - > Distributes plans and specifications during the design phase
 - Hosts monthly utility coordination meetings to discuss upcoming projects
 - Spends significant amounts to accurately locate third party utilities so that conflicts can be addressed during design.
- Current ordinance requires facility owners to review the City's Capital Improvement Program for future planning purposes.





- The following are examples of encountered project conflicts:
 - Reconstruction of Ayers Street
 - Rodd Field Road
 - ➢ Holly Road
 - Ennis Joslin to Rodd Field
 - Greenwood to Crosstown Expressway
 - Park Road 22 Bridge
 - Slough Road









- Promote better management of public rights-of-way (ROW).
- Establish reasonable expectations and requirements:
 - Submit a schedule
 - Relocate facilities within established timeframe
 - Keep contact information current with City
 - Establishes penalties
- State law requires private utility companies to relocate facilities located in public ROW to accommodate City infrastructure projects.





- Notify City Engineer with relocation schedule
- During Design Phase:
 - Within 45 days of City notification of utility conflict
 - Complete relocation within 120 days of date agreed in schedule
- During Construction Phase:
 - Within 5 days of City notification of utility conflict
 - Complete relocation within 30 days, unless granted extension for additional 30 days by City Engineer.





- Private utility companies are primarily responsible.
- If utility located in easement that existed before the public ROW, City is responsible for relocation costs.
 - Utility property interest pre-dates City's property interest
 - City reimburses utility expense after completion
- Electric utilities relocate at their own expense to permit widening or straightening of public ROW.
 - City pays relocation costs not required due to widening or straightening.



Penalties & Updates



- Establishes maximum \$500 penalty
 - Per day, every day of failure to comply
- Removes Chapter 55, Article XIV Telephone Ordinance Agreement
 - Expired in 1992
- City hosted meeting to present ordinance updates in Dec. 2020
 - AEP only interested party that presented comments
 - Minor revisions & final version distributed March 2021





Questions?