



**Grant of a Public Utility Easement on City-owned Property Near 40th Street and Sleepy Ranch Road (Ordinance S-48937)**

Request the City Council to grant a public utility easement for consideration of one dollar and/or other valuable consideration, for installation of an electrical service line to a groundwater treatment system on City-owned property in the Arizona Public Service Company service area, and further ordering the Ordinance be recorded.

**Summary**

This public utility easement is more fully described in the legal description ("Easement Premises") recorded with the ordinance and will be granted to all public service corporations and telecommunication corporations (collectively "Grantee") providing utility service to the property located near 40th Street and Sleepy Ranch Road in perpetuity, so long as the Grantee uses the Easement Premises for the purposes herein specified; subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. Grantee is hereby granted the right to construct, reconstruct, replace, repair, operate and maintain utility facilities together with appurtenant fixtures for use in connection therewith (collectively "Grantee Facilities") to, through, across and beyond Grantor's property within the Easement Premises. Subject to the notice requirements provided in paragraph "I," Grantee shall at all times have the right of full and free ingress and egress to and along the Easement Premises for the purposes herein specified. Grantee acknowledges and accepts that Grantee shall share the Easement Premises with other Grantees and shall use such Easement Premises with other Grantees in accordance with and consistent with industry standards and customs for shared use. Grantor agrees to coordinate the location of Grantee's Facilities within the Easement Premises and to pay costs for relocation of Grantee's Facilities as provided in paragraph "F."
- B. Grantor shall not locate, erect or construct, or permit to be located or erected or constructed, any building or structure within the limits of the Easement Premises. However, Grantor reserves all other rights, interests, and uses of the Easement Premises that are not inconsistent with Grantee's easement rights herein conveyed and which do not interfere with or endanger any of the Grantee Facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantor shall not have the right to lower by more than one foot or raise by more than two feet the surface grade of Easement

Premises without the prior written consent by the Grantee whose facilities will be affected by the change of elevation.

- C. Grantee shall not have the right to use the Easement Premises to store gasoline or petroleum products, hazardous or toxic substances, or flammable materials; provided however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any material, equipment or substance contained in, or a part of, the Grantee Facilities, provided that Grantee must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in connection therewith. Additionally, the Easement Premises may not be used for the storage of construction-related materials or to park or store construction-related vehicles or equipment except on a temporary basis to construct, reconstruct, replace, repair, operate or maintain the Grantee Facilities.
- D. Grantor shall maintain an appropriate three-foot clear area around all edges of all equipment pads for Grantee Facilities in addition to a clear operational area that extends 12 feet immediately in front of all transformer or switching cabinet openings, within the Easement Premises. No obstruction, trees, shrubs, fixtures, or permanent structures shall be placed or permitted by Grantor within said areas. Grantee is hereby granted the right to trim, prune, cut, and clear away trees, brush, shrubs or other obstruction within said areas.
- E. Grantee shall exercise reasonable care to avoid damage to the Easement Premises and all improvements thereon and agrees that following any work or use by Grantee within the Easement Premises, the affected area, including without limitation, all pavement, landscaping, concrete, and other improvements permitted within the Easement Premises pursuant to this easement will be restored by Grantee to as close to original condition as is reasonably possible, at the expense of Grantee.
- F. Grantor reserves the right to require the relocation of Grantee Facilities to a new location within Grantor's property; provided however, that: 1) Grantor pays the entire cost of redesigning and relocating existing Grantee Facilities to the new location; and 2) Grantor provides Grantee with a new and substantially similar public utility easement at no cost to Grantee. After relocation of Grantee Facilities to the new easement area, Grantee shall abandon its rights to use the Easement Premises granted in this easement without cost or consequence to Grantor.
- G. Each public service corporation and telecommunication services corporation as a Grantee shall coordinate and work with other Grantees in the use of the Easement Premises. In the event that a third party or other Grantee requests the relocation of existing Grantee Facilities to a new location (whether or not) within the Easement Premises, the requesting party shall pay the entire cost of redesigning and relocating the existing Grantee Facilities.
- H. Grantee shall not have the right to transfer, convey or assign its interests in this easement to any individual, corporation or other entity without the prior written consent of Grantor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Grantee shall notify Grantor of any proposed transfer, conveyance or assignment of any

rights granted herein at address listed below.

- I. Except in emergencies or exigent circumstances such as service restoration, Grantee agrees to contact Grantor at least one business day prior to Grantee's entrance onto the Easement Premises where the Easement Premises are located:
  - 1) on a site that includes Aviation Department facilities;
  - 2) water and wastewater treatment facilities;
  - 3) Police Department headquarters located at 620 W. Washington St.;
  - 4) Fire Department headquarters located at 150 S. 12th St.;
  - 5) City Hall located at 200 W. Washington St.;
  - 6) City Court Building located at 300 W. Washington St.;
  - 7) Calvin C. Goode Building located at 251 W. Washington St.;
  - 8) Transit Operations Center located at 320 N. 1st Ave. or West Transit Facility located at 405 N. 79th Ave.;
  - or 9) in a secured or fenced area.

**Location**

Near 40th Street and Sleepy Ranch Road.  
Council District: 2

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton, Deputy City Manager Karen Peters and the Water Services and Finance departments.