

CITY OF DES MOINES

POLICY REGARDING UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATION

Est. March 23, 1999 (Rev. 8/31/05)

WHEREAS, consistent utility locations within the city are beneficial, and

WHEREAS, logical use of the limited right-of-way space is essential, especially in cases of substandard widths and steep slopes, and

WHEREAS, there are ever increasing demands on the underground right-of-way space for uses such as new telecommunications companies, and

WHEREAS, the City has a policy of undergrounding utilities where possible, and

WHEREAS, the City has a policy of installing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks where possible, and

WHEREAS, the City has a policy of having closed storm water collections systems where possible, and

WHEREAS, there are significant constraints on the slope and location of the storm water collections systems, and

WHEREAS, consistent, well-placed underground utilities promote ease of maintenance, increased safety, and ease of future improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, the City has a policy of prohibiting utility street cuts (except emergency repairs) to newly paved or overlaid street sections within five (5) years of pavement application, and

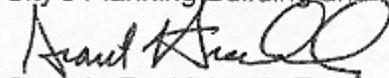
WHEREAS, this policy prevents relocation of newly installed utilities due to utility conflicts, and

WHEREAS, this policy is consistent with the Des Moines Municipal Code, Section 12.04.060;

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the following underground location policy shall be followed when reasonably possible:

1. The sanitary sewer main shall be located 5' from the center of the right-of-way, usually to the south on east/west rights-of-way and to the west on north/south rights-of-way.
2. The water mains shall be located 10' from the center of the right-of-way on the side opposite of the sanitary sewer main.
3. The closed storm water drainage collection facilities shall be located along the curb or expected future curb alignment.
4. Natural gas, electricity, telephone, cable, telecommunications, or similar utilities shall be located outside of the curb or ditch lines.

There may be cases where the above alignments will not work due to factors such as the terrain or conflicts with other utilities. In those situations, a written exception must be obtained from the City's Planning Building and Public Works Director.



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