UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

Section 4.300. General.

(.01) The City Council deems it reasonable and necessary in order to accomplish the orderly and desirable development of land within the corporate limits of the City, to require the underground installation of utilities in all new developments.

(.02) After the effective date of this Code, the approval of any development of land within the City will be upon the express condition that all new utility lines, including but not limited to those required for power, communication, street lighting, gas, cable television services and related facilities, shall be placed underground.

(.03) The construction of underground utilities shall be subject to the City's Public Works Standards and shall meet applicable requirements for erosion control and other environmental protection.

Section 4.310 Exceptions.

Section 4.300 of this Code shall not apply to surface-mounted transformers, surface-mounted connection boxes, wireless communication facilities, and meter cabinets and other appurtenances which are reasonably necessary to be placed above ground, or to temporary utility service facilities during construction, or to high capacity electric and communication feeder lines, or to utility transmission lines operating at 50,000 volts or more.

Section 4.320. Requirements.

(.01) The developer or subdivider shall be responsible for and make all necessary arrangements with the serving utility to provide the underground services (including cost of rearranging any existing overhead facilities). All such underground facilities as described shall be constructed in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Public Utility Commission of the State of Oregon relating to the installation and safety of underground lines, plant, system, equipment and apparatus.

(.02) The location of the buried facilities shall conform to standards supplied to the subdivider by the City. The City also reserves the right to approve location of all surface-mounted transformers.

(.03) Interior easements (back lot lines) will only be used for storm or sanitary sewers, and front easements will be used for other utilities unless different locations are approved by the City Engineer. Easements satisfactory to the serving utilities shall be provided by the developer and shall be set forth on the plat.