

**Advising Public
of Overhead Electrical Line Rebuilds****Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to give residential area landowners the choice, at their cost, of having existing overhead electric lines replaced with underground lines whenever the Electric, Light and Power Department finds it necessary to rebuild the overhead system within an area.

Policy Statement(s):

1. Where overhead electric lines exist, the standard type of supply system which the Electric, Light and Power Department is obligated to maintain from revenues derived through rates applied to electricity consumption is an overhead system.
2. Prior to commencing the rebuild of the overhead system within a residential area, each person registered or assessed as an owner of land abutting on the part of the street or place where the line is located shall be advised of the proposed rebuilt by the Electric, Light and Power Department by means of a mailed Information Notice.
3. Should the persons referred to in clause 2 above desire replacement of the overhead lines with underground lines, they shall, within 21 days from the date of the last delivery or mailing of the Information Notice, present City Council with a petition, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Taxation Act as currently amended, requesting the overhead lines be replaced with underground lines as a local improvement. If no such petition is received within the deadline specified, the Electric, Light and Power Department may proceed at any time thereafter with the proposed rebuilding of the overhead system within the area.
4. In the determination of the assessment rate to be incorporated into the Uniform Rate Bylaw for the local improvement, the estimated cost of rebuilding the overhead system, which is an Electric, Light and Power Department service obligation, shall be applied as a credit to the estimated cost of the local improvement.
5. The cost, if any, of replacing the overhead telephone and cable television lines shall be included in the estimated cost of the local improvement.

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6. The Electric, Light and Power Department's responsibility for the supply of material, labour, and equipment with respect to the local improvement is confined to public property only, with no responsibility for any facility changes or additions required on private property.
7. The terms and conditions under which the Electric, Light and Power Department will continue to provide electricity, upon completion of the local improvement on the public property, will be for the owner of the property receiving service to install the appropriate electrical service lines upon his property to connect to the Electric, Light and Power Department supply lines at the property line.
8. In the interests of retaining an orderly and efficient electric utility system which can be safely and properly operated and maintained, any local improvement project undertaken under the terms of this policy must include the entire area which is affected by the system rebuild project and not separate isolated sections only.

Scope/Application:

This policy does not apply to minor improvements to individual system components randomly spaced throughout the area.

Authority/Responsibility to Implement:

The City Manager will ensure the policy requirements are met and updated as required.

Document History:

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