

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy No. 11
General Subject: Public Works
Specific Subject: Maintenance of Private Facilities
Date Approved: November 17, 1975

PURPOSE

To establish a definitive statement on what the City will and will not maintain and under what conditions a revision will be considered.

RATIONALE

The City has the responsibility to operate and maintain street, water, and sewer facilities that are used and enjoyed by the general public once these facilities have initially been constructed under City specifications, standards and supervision by developers or by way of special assessment.

Facilities on private property are not serving the public at large and the City has no business maintaining private property or facilities.

Facilities not constructed to City standards, et cetera, will not adequately serve the public need and yet may require unusual maintenance at the expense of the general public.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City will not maintain any facility on private property unless the City has damaged the private facilities through its construction or maintenance operations, excluding normal usage such as: travel on private streets by fire trucks, garbage trucks, et cetera. Maintenance includes but is not limited to: 1. street patching, resurfacing, plowing, cleaning; 2. sewer or inlet cleaning, replacing, inspecting. 3. water leak repair, water main replacement, et cetera.

The City will consider maintenance of the above types of facilities only if both of two prerequisites are satisfied. Firstly, that the right-of-way is dedicated to the City or, that in the case of water or sewer facilities, an easement be conveyed and accepted by the City for such maintenance. Secondly that the facilities be evaluated at the expense of the petitioner and substandard installations be brought up to standard comparable to similar facilities owned and operated by the City, at the expense of the petitioner.