

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy No. 30
General Subject: Public Works
Specific Subject: Restoration of Backyard Private Property
Date Approved: April 18, 1994

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines concerning the extent to which the City will go in restoring private property upon which the City has had to enter in order to repair a City sewer or water main.

RATONALE

It is proper and appropriate that the City restore normal landscaping planted in the easement over or in the vicinity of City water and sewer mains located on private property when necessary excavation has disturbed the area. It is also proper and appropriate that restoration not be unlimited and not be unreasonable.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City will replace fences that it may have to remove in order to repair water/sewer mains or gain access thereto. The City will move sheds if reasonably possible to access the mains, but will not repair, rebuild, or replace sheds that may be damaged or not practically moveable.

The City will take reasonable caution by placing plywood on sod, to access the rear area and replace sod, bushes and trees destroyed with sod, bushes and trees in a type, size and species that are commonly available in this area. Maximum sizes for trees will be 3" diameter, evergreen 4' in height and bushes 36" in height. Trees and evergreen trees will be planted adjacent but not in the easement.

The City will not pay for permanent structures, patios, pools, sidewalks, driveways, paved parking areas, etc. that have been installed over the water/sewer mains in easements. In addition, the City may prohibit replacement of such structures in easements.

The City will replace the excavated material into the actual excavation and will not utilize special backfill material. Any temporary swell of material will not be removed.

Repairs to the sewer services will be the responsibility of the property owner from the building to and including the connection to the sewer main.

Repairs to the water service will be the responsibility of the property owner from the building to the curb stop valve.

Restoration of landscaping, repaving or related repairs to the services that are the property owner's responsibility will likewise be the responsibility of the property owner.