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COUNCIL POLICY CITY OF CHULA VISTA			
SUBJECT: UTILITY TRENCH MORATORIUM POLICY	POLICY NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAGE
		585-02	June 5, 2012
ADOPTED BY: Resolution No. 2012-096		DATED: June 5, 2012	
<p><b><u>BACKGROUND</u></b></p> <p>Utility trenching in existing streets reduces the life of pavement. In order to reduce the impact of utility trenching, the City has adopted construction standards (CVCS 3 &amp; 4), which were last amended in January 2004. Chapter 12.16 of the Municipal Code also allows the Director of Public Works to require the person repaving the excavation to apply a seal coat at any time within two years of the time of repaving. City staff has informally required utility companies that excavate in recently repaved streets to meet higher standards in order to protect the City's street investment.</p> <p><b><u>PURPOSE</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to protect the integrity of City streets by implementing a trench cut moratorium to limit developers, utility companies, and City crews from digging trenches in newly paved or sealed streets, except under emergency circumstances.</p> <p>Public interest in the integrity, ride-ability and appearance of new street surfaces is significant. Citizens do not appreciate utility trench cuts conducted on newly resurfaced streets, and such trench cuts reduce the pavement life. However, in the event of an emergency or new development, it will occasionally be necessary to cut into a street that has been recently paved or repaved. The following formalizes the City's moratorium and establishes requirements for repairing trenches in newly paved and sealed public streets.</p> <p><b><u>REFERENCES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Greenbook), Section 306-1.5, "Trench Resurfacing"</li> <li>• Chula Vista Construction Standards, CVCS 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>• CVMC Chapter 12.16</li> </ul> <p><b><u>PROCEDURES</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Trench Cut Moratorium</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-year moratorium for streets receiving a sealcoat, such as a slurry seal or chip seal.</li> <li>3-year moratorium for newly constructed and reconstructed streets and for overlaid streets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Trench Repair Requirements for Streets under Moratorium</b> <p>The following trench repair requirements are in addition to those listed in CVCS 3 &amp; 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lateral trenches (perpendicular to the curb) – Extend T-cut grind and overlay limits to 3 feet beyond each side of the trench.</li> <li>• Longitudinal trenches (parallel to the curb) – Grind 1-1/2 inches minimum and place 1-1/2 inches minimum overlay over the entire lane that is impacted (regardless of the classification of the street).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>			

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-096

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE UTILITY TRENCH  
MORATORIUM POLICY

WHEREAS, utility trenches affect the appearance of City streets and reduce the life of the pavement; and

WHEREAS, in order to control the type and method of trenching for utilities, the City previously adopted Ordinance No. 1205, requiring that the street be restored to the condition it was in prior to the excavation. The City has also adopted Trench Backfill and Construction Standards, in order to extend the repair of pavement and base beyond the actual trench itself; and

WHEREAS, additional regulation is needed to address the impact that utility trench have on streets that have been recently constructed or rehabilitated in order to protect the City's investment; and

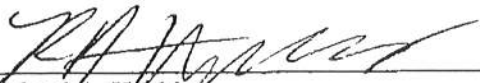
WHEREAS, the minimum moratorium period customarily required for trenching is one year for seal coats and three years for overlays, reconstruction and new streets. Trenching that is done during the moratorium period is required to meet more stringent requirements, as addressed in the proposed Utility Trench Moratorium Policy (Exhibit A); and

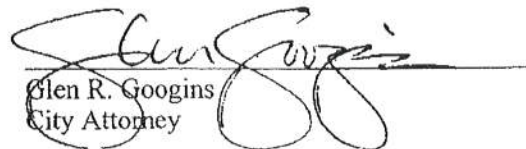
WHEREAS, the City has informally been requiring local utilities to comply with these policies. However, a formal Council policy is needed in order to provide specific guidelines that can be enforced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chula Vista adopts the Utility Trench Moratorium Policy.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

  
Richard A. Hopkins  
Director of Public Works

  
Glen R. Googins  
City Attorney

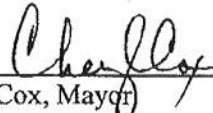
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PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, California, this 5th day of June 2012 by the following vote:

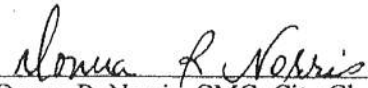
AYES: Councilmembers: Aguilar, Bensoussan, Castaneda, Ramirez and Cox

NAYS: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

  
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Cheryl Cox, Mayor


ATTEST:

  
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Donna R. Norris, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO    )  
CITY OF CHULA VISTA     )

I, Donna R. Norris, City Clerk of Chula Vista, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2012-096 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting of the Chula Vista City Council held on the 5th day of June 2012.

Executed this 5th day of June 2012.

  
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Donna R. Norris, CMC, City Clerk