



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Council Session

Item G-22

**#2023-57 - Approving Addition to the Fee Schedule for Joint
Trenching Installations**

Staff Contact: Patrick Brown

Council Agenda Memo

From: Patrick Brown, Finance Director
Laura McAloon, City Attorney

Meeting: February 28, 2023

Subject: Addition of Fee regarding Joint Trench Installations

Presenter(s): Patrick Brown, Finance Director

Background

The Utilities Department has historically allowed telecommunication companies to jointly occupy its trenches in the case of new infrastructure. Due to increased interest from multiple companies in utilizing this process, it has become necessary for the Utilities Department to assess a joint trench occupation fee to cover added logistical requirements in addition to assessing private entities a prorated portion of the excavation and backfilling expenses.

To facilitate this process change, and in correspondence with a Joint Trench Occupation Agreement being signed by each interested party, it is necessary to add a cost per lineal foot to the City Fee Schedule.

Discussion

To facilitate this process change, and in correspondence with a Joint Trench Occupation Agreement being signed by each interested party, it is necessary to add a “Joint Trench Fee” of \$2.40 per lineal foot to the City Fee Schedule.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council revise the City Fee Schedule to add a “Joint Trench Fee” of \$2.40 per lineal foot.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the fee schedule revision to allow for the Joint Trench Fee.

RESOLUTION 2023-57

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand to place new telecommunication infrastructure in Utility trenches; and

WHEREAS, there currently is no approved fee for joint trench sharing on the City's Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, as the Utilities Department has identified a cost of \$2.40 per lineal foot as an acceptable joint trench fee to recover costs associated with allowing private companies to utilize its trenches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the fee schedule be revised to add a Joint Trench Fee of \$2.40 per lineal foot for joint trench sharing.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 28, 2023.

Roger Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
February 24, 2023	▣ City Attorney