

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	February 5, 2024
Action Required:	Public Hearing and Approval of Ordinance (First Reading)
Presenter:	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities
Staff Contacts:	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities
Title:	Release Natural Gas Easement – Hyland Park Subdivision

Background

In 2019 the City acquired a natural gas line easement from Highland Park Investments, LLC. The easement is located within Belluno Lane and Belluno Court in the Hyland Park Subdivision in Albemarle County. The Virginia Department of Transportation is now prepared to accept these roads into the state highway system.

Discussion

The attached ordinance proposes to quitclaim the existing natural gas easement in order for the Virginia Department of Transportation to formally accept these roads into the highway maintenance system. The natural gas facilities will continue to be owned and maintained by the City even after the easement is quitclaimed to the state. The City of Charlottesville's natural gas facilities are required to remain in their present locations, and if any of the streets cease to be part of the Virginia Department of Transportation highway system, the gas line easement in that street will revert back to the City.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This supports City Council's vision and contributes to the Strategic Outcome Area of Organizational Excellence.

Community Engagement

In accordance with Va. Code Sec. 15.2-1800, a public hearing is required to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed conveyance of a property interest. Notice of the public hearing was advertised in the local newspaper at least 7 days in advance of the public hearing.

Budgetary Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of the attached ordinance and quitclaim deed. .

Alternatives

If the ordinance is not approved, the Virginia Department of Transportation will not accept the roadways into its road maintenance system.

Attachments

1. ORD - Gas Line Easements Hyland Park Subdivision
2. Deed of Quitclaim - Hyland Park Subdivision
3. Hyland Park Subdivison Plat