

NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Resolution of the North Star Community Council in support of the ongoing program in Anchorage to place overhead utility lines underground.

WHEREAS, the North Star Community Council believes that residential neighborhoods within its service area be considered a high-priority for relocating utility lines underground and,

WHEREAS, many of the Council area neighborhoods are transitioning from mainly rental properties to owner occupied dwellings and utility undergrounding could result in beneficial aesthetic and public safety improvement to the homeowners in the area and,

WHEREAS, the undergrounding area to be considered the highest priority for the Council is known as Valley of the Moon – Arctic to Aurora, and is represented on the attached ML&P map and,

WHEREAS, current utility lines in sections the Valley of the Moon – Arctic to Aurora area are:

- Antiquated and unsightly
- Cut through property lines
- Dangerously low in areas
- Impede proper snow removal, and

WHEREAS, the Council service area includes many well-established homes with landscaping and other backyard investments and the Council prefers directional drilling undergrounding construction techniques over open trenching in order to minimize ground surface disturbance that may potentially damage mature trees and other landscaping investments, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Star Community Council supports ML&P taking steps to assess the Valley of the Moon – Arctic to Aurora area for inclusion and prioritization in its 5-year undergrounding program plan, with the following considerations:

That directional drilling is especially requested for undergrounding of utility lines running through the backyards of the block of residential homes between West 21st and West 22nd Avenues, and

That if directional drilling is not possible in the block of residential homes between West 21st and West 22nd Avenues, that this block be removed from high-priority consideration for undergrounding.

This resolution is ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF January, 2014.

By a vote of _____.

Signed,

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Andre Camara, North Star Community Council President

Copies to be sent to Mayor's Office, ML&P, and the Assembly.