



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE Lateral Ordinance in the Eureka Municipal Code - 2024

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Jesse Willor, City Engineer

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Waive full reading, read by Title only and Introduce Bill No. 1041-C.S. City of Eureka Municipal Code amending section 50.209 of title v, chapter 50, Sewers, of the Eureka Municipal Code

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Financially Sound City Providing Effective Services

DISCUSSION

Overview

The proposed changes to Chapter 50 include a modification to Section 50.209 Exceptions.

Background

In 2019, the City adopted an ordinance (the Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance) making the property owner responsible for the maintenance of the lower lateral (from the property line to the street). The ordinance also included provisions that required evaluation and, if necessary, repair or replacement of sewer laterals in certain circumstances.

Since that time, issues have been identified that require revisions of the Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance to ensure that it is both workable to effective. This proposed change includes a change to the Exceptions section allowing the City Engineer to determine that repairs required by the ordinance may be postponed to later date.

The reason for this revision stems from complications or extenuating circumstances that arise with some laterals that are physically complex or situated in dynamic settings, such as Caltrans right-of-way. The ability to enter into an agreement with a property owner allows for more time to work out solutions for complex laterals or a lateral located in a challenging location.