SUBJECT: Utility Junction Boxes

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BACKGROUND

This policy statement addresses the placement of utility junction boxes within new residential subdivisions.

PURPOSE

To provide aesthetically pleasing residential developments in the City of Shawnee relating to the placement of utility junction boxes.

PROCEDURES

New Residential Subdivisions

Junction boxes and utility meters placed on residential properties providing public utilities shall be placed in the utility easement provided in the rear yard or side yard, except where due to topography or natural features, such placement is not practical. The City acknowledges there may be instances where due to public safety concerns, a neighborhood service transformer must be occasionally placed in a front yard location.

In the event a transformer must be placed in the front yard, the developer shall provide screening to minimize the visual impact of the transformer on the neighborhood. Transformers and junction boxes shall be placed in the rear yard of lots with double frontage. These structures shall also be screened by the developer using landscape screens from the street. All junction boxes should be a color that blends in with natural vegetation.

To achieve this policy the developer or property owner is discouraged from providing utility easements in the front yard on plats, and shall notify public utilities that junction boxes and transformers shall be placed in the rear and side utility easements, when contracting with those utilities or service.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy shall take effect immediately for use by the Shawnee Planning Commission their review of preliminary plats for the location of public utilities.

APPROVAL AND REVISION DATES

April 15, 1991
April 14, 1992
September 25, 2006
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## POLICY STATEMENT

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## OTHER REFERENCE

- Planning Commission minutes, April 15, 1991
- City Council minutes, April 14, 1992
- City Council minutes, March 25, 2002
- Public Works & Safety Committee meeting April 22, 2003, Agenda Item 5
- City Council Minutes April 28, 2003, Agenda Item 14d
- City Council Minutes September 25, 2006, Agenda Item 17c

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