



# City Council Agenda Item Report

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**SUBJECT: HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS IN REGARD TO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS (SECTION 9.3 GENERAL STANDARDS RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS).**

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**1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

This is the required public hearing for a City initiated text amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC). This public hearing is being held in compliance with the requirements of the City of Buda's Unified Development Code as it relates to public hearings for amendments to such Code.

This amendment is in response to an emerging issue regarding deflection and separation in non-pressurized utility lines that rely on gravity to function properly. Many cities require specialized testing of sewer & stormwater lines to ensure proper sealing and slope to maintain appropriate flow as a condition of acceptance. The best practice for this utilizes cameras to examine the lines and joints.

**2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY**

The attached amendment incorporates this best practice of examining lines with cameras prior to accepting improvements. Approval of this change will better protect the City against accepting substandard utility lines, which is particularly important given the shrink/swell nature of soils in the area.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This is a cost familiar to and often borne by developers, particularly in smaller cities. Even in larger cities there is often a special inspection fee when this service is provided by the City.

**4. ACTION OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATION**

This is a public hearing to receive public comment on this matter. Action cannot be taken by the City Council at this time, but possible action will be considered under the associated regular agenda item, and more detail is provided in the staff report for that item.

**5. ENCLOSURES**

None