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Action on Ordinance No. 958 – Waiving Council
Rule of Procedure 3.6 and Amending Shoreline
Municipal Code Section 13.20.040 to Except
Temporary Construction Power from the City’s
Undergrounding Requirement

March 7, 2022



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- Council discussed required electrical utility undergrounding in the 145th Subarea last week
- Overhead temporary construction power identified as an issue
- Allowance of overhead temporary construction power will address development concerns in the 145th Subarea and throughout City

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- Adds new Subsection E to SMC 13.20.040 that allows overhead temporary electrical service for construction
- Applies Citywide and to all development projects
- Requires disconnection and removal when project is connected to permanent electrical service or prior to Certificate of Occupancy

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- Narrow allowance for overhead temporary construction power to specific area of the City:
 - 145th and 185th light rail station subareas
 - MUR-70' Zone

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- Recommendation for immediate action given development community needs for construction power
- Waive Council Rule of Procedure 3.6 requiring three readings of Ordinances
- Council Rule of Procedure 6.1.B – public comment to follow staff presentation



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Staff recommends that the City Council waive Council Rule of Procedure 3.6 and adopt Ordinance No. 958 amending SMC Section 13.20.040 to except temporary construction power from the City's undergrounding requirement.



Amendatory Motion – 145 and 185 Street Station Subareas

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I move to amend Ordinance No. 958 by amending Subsection E in Section 1 of this Ordinance to read as follows: “Temporary electrical service for construction in the 145th and 185th Street Station Subareas. Overhead temporary electrical service for construction is a means of supplying electricity aboveground during the construction phase of a project. Overhead temporary electrical service for construction is allowed in the 145th and 185th Street Station Subareas of the City and this temporary electrical service must be disconnected and removed when the project is connected to permanent electrical service or prior to Certificate of Occupancy, whichever occurs sooner.”

Amendatory Motion – MUR-70' Zone

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I move to amend Ordinance No. 958 by amending Subsection E in Section 1 of this Ordinance to read as follows: “Temporary electrical service for construction in the MUR-70' Zone. Overhead temporary electrical service for construction is a means of supplying electricity aboveground during the construction phase of a project. Overhead temporary electrical service for construction is allowed in the MUR-70' of the City and this temporary electrical service must be disconnected and removed when the project is connected to permanent electrical service or prior to Certificate of Occupancy, whichever occurs sooner.”

