



To: Town Council
From: Madison Harris
Date: August 16, 2024
Agenda Item: Resolution 46 - Series 2024 - 362-366 Taylor Avenue - Request for Exemption from Sec. 16-17-110 - Underground utilities

REQUEST:

Review Resolution 46 - Series 2024 and make a decision to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request by the owner of 362 and 366 Taylor Avenue to be granted exemption from Sec. 16-17-110 - Underground utilities.

INTRODUCTION:

The owner/developer of 362-366 Taylor Avenue would like to request exemption from Sec. 16-17-110 - Underground utilities for the duration of infrastructure work.

ANALYSIS:

Sec. 16-17-110 - Underground utilities states the following: *"Except as otherwise approved by the Town Council, all wires, cables or other equipment for the distribution of electric energy and telecommunications signals, with the exception of transformers, meters, junction boxes and similar equipment, shall be placed underground. Where developments are approved along or with crossing existing overhead power and communication facilities, energy and telecommunications may be obtained from these existing facilities. The service connections to these facilities shall be placed underground unless otherwise approved by the Town Council due to economic, engineering or aesthetic reasons. Utility easements and right-of-way shall be provided as part of the development."*

The Applicant is requesting an exemption from Sec. 16-17-110, as otherwise he would need to trench 60 feet to the nearest pole to pull power from. Per the Applicant's email: **"I believe I meet the spirit and intent of section 16-17-110** because i have removed overhead connection lines to my building and i am not reinstalling it. Currently, any new or existing home on Taylor has to somehow obtain new or replacement electrical service from existing overhead lines- whether its an existing pole or a new pole seems immaterial. No existing poles are near my property- the closest is 60ft, the other is 100 ft away. In addition, the proposed 20' tall new new pole is not itself an overhead line or distribution equipment, but is rather a support for a conduit from the overhead line to the ground, where underground burial of electric service to the duplex will begin. "

COMMUNITY INPUT:

Ongoing.

BUDGET / STAFF IMPACT: TBD

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

PRACTICE FAIR, TRANSPARENT AND COMMUNICATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ATTACHMENTS:

- Email from Karl Krueger dated August 7, 2024
- Attachments from Applicant
 - Taylor Avenue Electrical Photo Survey 8-2-24
 - Existing Pole between 386 & 382 Taylor
 - Existing Pole between 352 & 342 Taylor
 - Previous Electrical Connection to 362 Taylor 20ft Above Grade
 - 362&366 Taylor Proposed Pole with Conduit from Overhead Lines
 - 18 ft Snow Rake Scale
 - Temp Supply from Overhead Supply
- Resolution 46 - Series 2024