



MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
From: Andy Quittner, City Attorney *AQ*
Date: April 25, 2016
Re: Ordinance establishing a minimum depth to bury utility lines in right of way

City staff has begun investigating the existence of utility lines beneath the streets where the new asphalt zipper will be used. In that process the City has found some gas service lines that are only about 8 inches below the surface. These lines do not adhere to general codes (requiring a minimum of 12 inches) or sound utility practices.

In order to maintain safe working practices and protect the utility lines city staff recommends that in all city right-of-way utilities be installed at least 24 inches below the surface. At that depth the utilities should not be effected by city work, including compaction of base material. This standard will apply to all city streets, including new streets constructed within subdivisions in the City's ETJ that are governed by the Unified Development Code.