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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Melissa Reynolds, P.E., MPA, CFM, City Engineer

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Unified Development Code Amendments
Drainage Easements

Date: May 3, 2022

City staff is proposing to amend section 4.3 of the Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding easements. The proposed update will restrict drainage easements in one- and two-family residential developments from crossing lot and property lines and require that drainage easements be placed in separate common area lots.

Drainage easements in one- and two-family residential developments are created to accommodate drainage from the development and to allow maintenance access to the drainage facilities for the development. Requiring that these easements be placed in separate common area lots will allow for unobstructed access for maintenance of the subdivision's drainage facilities and will help ensure that obstructions (fences, storage buildings, etc.) are not placed in the drainage easement.

Staff presented their recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 12, 2022. The Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

Staff is recommending approval of the proposed amendments to the UDC, Section 4.3 Easements and will be available to answer any questions at the May 3, 2022 City Council meeting.