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Future or Dry Utility Lines

I. Purpose

This Standard Operating Procedure was created to provide guidance in regards to permitting 'future' or 'dry' utility lines on private property so customers can connect at a later time to sewer or water.

II. Policy

There are several areas of concern about installation on private property prior to a lateral being installed in the ROW as well as concerns about illegal connections. Some of those concerns are slope/grade, material, size, tracer wire, and location in relation to a lateral. CDD Management and the City's attorneys met and decided that we will not permit these installations.

To install a dry line that is not connected at either end to any utility does not require a permit per code. While no permit is required, we still want to advise customers of the concerns that exist and disclose that while a permit is not required, to use the line later does require a permit and there is typically no way for us to validate the things we need to during inspection.