

RESOLUTION NO. 19-022

DECLARING CENTRAL AVENUE AS AN UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT, BETWEEN 2ND STREET AND FOUNTAIN AVENUE, UNDER PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC'S RULE 20A PROGRAM.

FINDINGS

1. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has authorized electric and telecommunication utilities to convert overhead utility lines and facilities to underground pursuant to Electric Rule 20.
2. Pursuant to certain criteria, CPUC rules allow participating cities and counties to establish legislation authorizing the creation of underground utility districts within which existing overhead electric distribution and telecommunication distribution and service facilities will be converted to underground.
3. The Director of Public Works for the City of Pacific Grove has consulted with the affected public utilities and such utilities have agreed that the proposed underground conversion district, designated the Central Avenue Underground Utility District, and more particularly described hereto and incorporated herein by reference, meets the criteria established by the rules of the CPUC, to wit,

That such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities, AND/OR

That the street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, AND/OR

That the street or road or right-of-way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public, AND/OR

That the street or road or right-of-way is considered an arterial street or major collector as defined in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research General Plan Guidelines.

4. Each year the City of Pacific Grove is notified by PG&E regarding the allocation of work credits for conversion of overhead electric distribution lines and facilities to underground, known as Rule 20A allocations.
5. The Director of Public Works for the City of Pacific Grove has consulted with PG&E and determined that the City has accumulated Rule 20A work credits.

6. The City of Pacific Grove and the affected utilities have agreed by letter that each utility shall complete the engineering of their respective portion of the Central Avenue Overhead to Underground Utility Conversion Project.
7. That the utility companies, cable television services and other affected services shall commence work on installation of underground facility installation in the Central Avenue Underground Utility District and that as each phase of the project is complete and ready for conversion from overhead to underground utility facilities, all fronting property owners shall be notified by first class letter, postage pre-paid, of the schedule for conversion of all utility service lines.
8. The electric utility shall use said underground conversion allowance allocation, up to a maximum amount of \$1500 per service entrance excluding permit fees, for the conversion of electric service panels to accept underground service in the Central Avenue Underground Utility District, and the City of Pacific Grove shall be financially responsible for any and all costs not covered by the electric utility for the installation and maintenance of the conduit and termination box located on, under or within any structure on the premises served.
9. That once all services have been converted from overhead to underground, the utility companies, cable television services and other affected services shall remove all poles (except as specified above) and associated overhead facilities in the Central Avenue Underground Utility District, within 6 months of completion of the undergrounding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE:

1. The Council determines that each of the Findings set forth above is true and correct, and by this reference incorporates those Findings as an integral part of this Resolution.
2. The Council authorizes Central Avenue as an undergrounding district, between 2nd Street and Fountain Avenue, under Pacific Gas and Electric's Rule 20a Program.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately following passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
this 17th day of July, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Peake, Councilmembers Amelio, Garfield, Huitt, McAdams, and Tomlinson.

NOES:

ABSENT: Councilmember Smith

APPROVED:

Bill Peake

BILL PEAKE, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Kandell

SANDRA KANDELL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Heidi Quinn Fox

DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney

