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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Works
From: Bernard Lenz – Utility Manager
Date: 10/01/2018
Subject: 5th and Mississippi St Water Mains

The Utility opposes granting an exception to Sec 46-26 in relation to this request. The purpose of this code section is to prevent this exact situation.

While there is a financial benefit to the current developer to install water mains across the back of these properties, the result of doing so is a long term burden on future owners and the Utility. As any maintenance work or replacement of these lines in the future will result in high costs and greater level of disturbance for the neighboring properties. These long laterals and clustered taps historically are a source of trouble in the city pipe network, with greater prevalence for leaks, breaks, damage, and failures.

Thank You