ORDINANCE NO. 00 - 379

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS ESTABLISHING THE GRANT ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF POLES AND OVERHEAD WIRES AND THE UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION OF WIRES AND FACILITIES FOR SUPPLYING ELECTRIC, COMMUNICATION, OR SIMILAR OR ASSOCIATED SERVICES

The City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Following notice and hearing thereon, it is hereby found that the public necessity, health, safety, and welfare require, and this Council hereby orders, the removal of poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structures from all public streets, alleys, and ways within the area of the City of Los Altos designated as the Grant Road Underground Utility District, as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part thereof by reference, and the underground installation therein of said wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication, or similar or associated service except as otherwise provided pursuant to Ordinance No. 67-12, adopted March 21, 1967. The above finding was made in part by reason of the extensive use of the streets in said District, and the heavy volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic thereon, and to eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead distribution facilities.

Section 2. The public streets, alleys, and ways, or portions thereof from which such poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structures must be removed and such underground installation made are all those within the area, excluding all transmission facilities of 60kV or higher and support pole(s), described on Exhibit "A". Said ability for use of the undergrounding portion of Grant Road Underground Utility District is expected to be July 31, 2001. All properties that are to receive underground service on or before that date. Said removal of poles, overhead wires, and associated overhead structures shall be completed no later than September 30, 2001.

Section 3. All such changes in the public streets, alleys, and ways are proposed to be made pursuant to, and at the same time as, the Grant Road Underground Utility District, and the cost of the work of conversion upon any lot or parcel of land within the proposed Underground Utility District will be borne by the City of Los Altos for residential properties and by the property owner for other properties. The right of entry granted by affected property owners for the performance of work necessary in connection with the construction of Grant Road Underground Utility District, authorizes the contractor, public utility or city, and their respective agents and employees to enter upon said lot or parcel for such purposes and waives any right of protest or objection with respect to the doing of such work of conversion.

Section 4. The utility which undertakes underground installation of its facilities shall use the underground conversion allocation computed pursuant to decision of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California for the purpose of providing to each premise

in the Grant Road Underground Utility District requiring it, a maximum of one hundred feet of individual electric service trenching and conductor (as well as backfill, paving and conduit, if required). Each other serving utility will provide service trenching and conductor in accordance with its tariffs on file with the California Public Utilities Commission or as required by its Franchise Agreement with the City. Each property owner in Grant Road Underground Utility District shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the conduit and termination box located on, under, or within any structure on the premises served.

Section 5. Within ten (10) days after passage of this Ordinance, the City Clerk shall notify all affected utilities and all persons owning real property within the Grant Road Underground Utility District of the adoption hereof by mailing a copy of this Ordinance, together with a copy of Ordinance No. 67-12, to the affected utilities and to affected property owners as such are shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County of Santa Clara.

Section 6. A summary of this ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code §36933.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the commencement of the thirtytirst (31) day after its passage and adoption.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Los Altos City Council held on January 11, 2000 and was thereafter passed and adopted on January 25, 2000 at a regular meeting of the Los Altos City Council held on that date, by the following roll call vote:

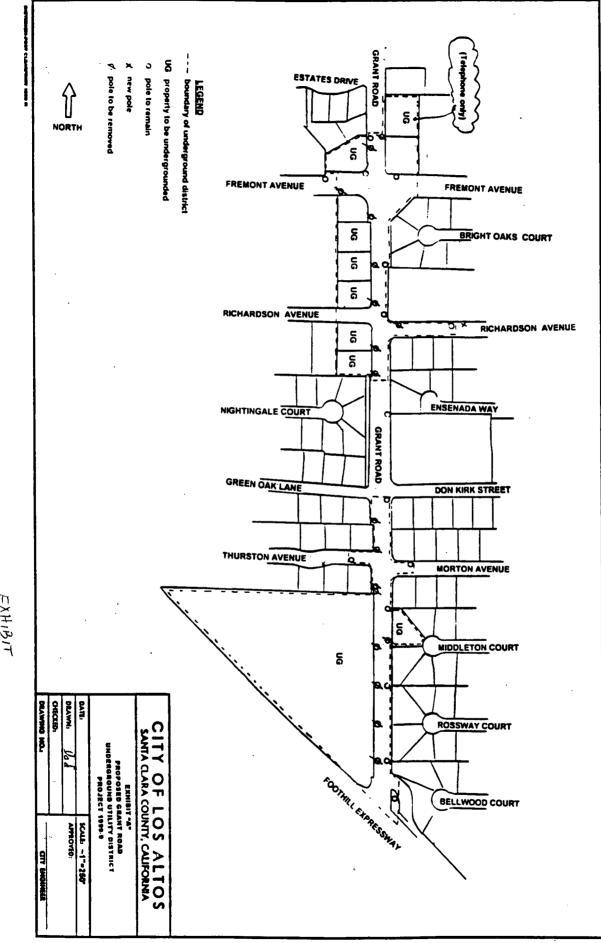
AYES: Mayor Moss, Councilmembers Becker, Casto, La Poll, Lear

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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