

ORDINANCE NO. 4892

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CHAPTER 15.260 “SUBDIVISIONS” AND AMENDING SECTION 15.260.070 OF THE ELLENSBURG CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Clean Energy Transformation Act (“CETA”), chapter 19.405 of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”), commits Washington to an electricity supply free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Climate Commitment Act (“CCA”), chapter 70A.45 RCW, establishes a comprehensive program to reduce carbon pollution and achieve greenhouse gas limits set in state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ellensburg requires housing developers to extend natural gas distribution infrastructure in subdivisions as a mechanism to continue promulgating energy choices to its current and future customers; and

WHEREAS, continuing extension of natural gas utility mains throughout subdivisions can be accomplished at minimal cost in comparison to other utility costs; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Utility Advisory Committee recommended eliminating requirement for developers to extend natural gas mains in subdivisions at its June 16, 2022 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 15.260.070 of the Ellensburg City Code, as last amended by Section 1 of Ordinance 4656, is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.260.070 Preliminary subdivision – Required minimum improvement standards.

A. Public Works Improvements. In order to meet the public interest, the following minimum public works improvements shall be required and shall be constructed in accordance with the public works development standards and other city utility standards:

1. Installation of concrete curbs and gutters according to the public works development standards;
2. Construction of streets in accordance with the public works development standards;
3. Installation of monuments and monument cases in accordance with the public works development standards;

4. Installation of storm drainage system including inlet, pipe, manholes, detention or retention facilities if deemed necessary, all in accordance with the public works development standards;
 5. Installation of iron pipe or reinforcing rods at the corners of all lots, plots or tracts in accordance with the public works development standards;
 6. Construction of sidewalks on abutting sides of all public streets in accordance with the public works development standards; and
 7. Installation of water and sewer mains, water service lines and side sewers to serve each lot platted in accordance with the public works development standards.
- B. Public Utility Improvements. In order to meet the public interest, the following minimum public electric utility improvements, and public natural gas utility improvements, if applicable, shall be required to be constructed within the subdivision and shall be constructed in accordance with the public works development standards and the public works and utilities department development standards:
1. Installation of underground ducts, manholes and vaults to accommodate the electrical distribution system within the subdivision; and
 - ~~2. Trenching and installation of all necessary public facilities for natural gas distribution within the subdivision; and~~
 - ~~32. Communication and television signal service facilities with ducting provided for communication and television service at the right-of-way crossings through a minimum two-inch PVC duct type unless otherwise required by the city based on recommendation from the respective utility. [Ord. 4804 § 1, 2018; Ord. 4656 § 1 (Exh. O2), 2013.]~~

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of this ordinance.

Section 3. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 1st day of August, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Kellum
MAYOR
Beth Leedle
CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

CITY ATTORNEY

Publish: 8-4-22

I, Beth Leader, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 4892 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance of like number as the same was passed by said Council, and that Ordinance No. 4892 was published as required by law.

BETH LEADER
