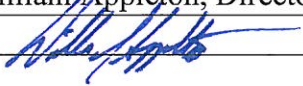



# City of SeaTac

## Policies and Procedures

<b>Policy Number:</b>	PW011
<b>Policy Name:</b>	Decommissioned utility infrastructure in ROW
<b>Department(s):</b>	Public Works
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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements regarding the decommissioning of buried utilities within the right-of-way (ROW); including but not limited to gas, electricity, cable, fiber optics, water, sewer and storm drainage/surface water.

**Policy:**

To minimize conflicts and liabilities associated with work in the ROW, all utility infrastructure within the ROW that is decommissioned and/or replaced shall be removed from the ROW unless a variance is approved by the Public Works Director. Removal of all decommissioned utilities from the ROW is the preferred option.

**Procedure:**

All infrastructure associated with decommissioned utilities in the ROW shall be removed within 6-months of being taken out of commission. Restoration of the ROW associated with the removal of decommissioned utilities is subject to Chapter 11.10 Right of Way Use Code and all sections contained therein.

All variance requests must be submitted to the Public Works Department in writing prior to decommissioning of infrastructure. The cost associated with the removal of decommissioned utilities within the ROW shall not be sufficient justification for the approval of a variance. Each variance request shall include:

1. Detailed drawing showing the utility to be abandoned both in plan and profile.
2. Material type and dimensions that are being decommissioned.
3. Type of backfill material to be used (if appropriate)
4. An explanation for why a variance is required

All approved variances allowing for utilities to be decommissioned and left in place are subject to, at minimum, the following conditions:

1. The owner of the utility shall be responsible for ensuring that any decommissioned infrastructure that remains buried in the ROW is locatable using methods approved by the Public Works Department and is shown on as-built plans as “decommissioned”.
2. All conduit/pipe 4-inches in diameter or greater shall be backfilled with inert material approved by the City.