

RESOLUTION NO. XXX

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ACCOUTABILITY OF UTILITY COMPANIES TO THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND ITS CITIZENS REGARDING THE DISRUPTION OF STREETS FOR UTILITY REPAIRS AND MAINTAINENCE

WHEREAS, streets function as the circulatory system of any City; and

WHEREAS, much of the City's utility infrastructure are under ground, making it necessary for utility companies to cut into our streets to make repairs and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, utility cuts into the pavement of our City's streets result in both direct costs to the public and indirect costs; and

WHEREAS, direct costs include the degradation of streets owned and maintained by the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, indirect costs include impacts on traffic flow caused by lane, alley and entire street closures, dangerous excavation equipment operating in front of residential homes, as well as obstruction and temporary elimination of parking and; and

WHEREAS, utility companies who cut into our City streets have an obligation to the City of St Louis and its residents to do so in a timely, respectful and manner that is least disruptive as possible; and

WHEREAS, the public perception is often that there is much room to improve the communication with residents regarding the timing of street disruptions, duration of disruption and quality of resulting repair work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen hold a hearing requesting all utilities with underground infrastructure within City limits come before the Streets, Traffic and Refuse to discuss current and future construction plans.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis City St. Louis City Streets Department explore policies to improve the system by which the City approves street closure permits and present its findings and recommendations to the Board of Aldermen.