

RESOLUTION NO. 93-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY
COUNCIL ESTABLISHING UNDERGROUND
UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 93-02.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgecrest City Council as follows:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 93-06, a public hearing was called for March 17, 1993, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Hall, 100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, California, to ascertain whether the public necessity, health, safety or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar or associated service in the China Lake Boulevard corridor within the City limits between Ridgecrest Boulevard and Downs Street; and

WHEREAS, notice of such hearing has been given to all affected property owners as shown on the last equalized assessment roll and utilities concerned in the manner and for the time required by law; and

WHEREAS, such project has been reviewed by and recommended to the City Council by the City's Planning Commission and Streets and Utilities Committee; and

WHEREAS, such hearing has been duly and regularly held, and all persons interested have been given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Ridgecrest City Council hereby finds and determines that the public necessity, health, safety and welfare require the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication, telecommunication, or similar or associated service in the China Lake Boulevard corridor, that area 40' from either side of the Right-of-Way of China Lake Boulevard, along its length within the City Limits of the City of Ridgecrest commencing at and including the intersection of Ridgecrest and China Lake Boulevards, thence southward, and terminating at and including the intersection of Downs Street and China Lake Boulevard, and such described area, mapped as attached Exhibit A, is hereby established as underground utility district No. 93-02:

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Council finds:

- (a) That such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities;

- (b) The street or road right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- (c) The street or road right-of-way passes through a civic area, public recreation area, and an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public.
- (d) The proposed project is consistent with the general plan; will not cause substantial environmental damage and is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA section 15032 (d).

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the following exceptions be incorporated in the underground utility district No. 93-02: Any power distribution lines in excess of 50,000 volts.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that all poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures shall be removed and underground installations made in said underground utility district within the following times:

- (a) Underground installation by utility companies and property owners and reconnections not later than March 31, 1996;
- (b) Removal of poles, overhead wires and other associated structures not later than September 30, 1996;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the City Clerk, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, shall mail a copy hereof and a copy of chapter 18 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to affected property owners as such are shown on the last equalized assessment roll and to the affected utilities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 1993, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Corlett, Council Members Auld, Bitney, Bryan, and Parode.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.



Kevin S. Corlett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pam Snyder, City Clerk