

## ORDINANCE NO. 186444

An ordinance amending Section 62.00 and 62.03 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to decrease the minimum installation depth requirements and to adjust the Street Damage Restoration Fee for substructure utilities placed via micro-trench and similar installation methods.

### THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 62.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition in alphabetical order:

**"Micro-trenching"** shall mean a narrow open excavation trench for the purpose of installing a subsurface pipe or conduit. The trench shall be less than or equal to 8 inches in width and less than or equal to 26 inches in depth, or as otherwise defined by the City Engineer in an adopted Standard Plan.

Sec. 2. Section 62.03(b) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety read as follows:

(b) **Depth of Substructure Installations.**

1. All service pipes, main line pipes, conduits, ducts, tunnels, or other structures, except manholes and vaults, shall be installed in the following manner:

(A) **In a Roadway or alley.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 24 inches below the established grade of the gutter of the roadway or alley;

(B) **In a Roadway of a major or secondary highway.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 30 inches below the established grade of the gutter of roadway; or

(C) **Between the Curb face and the Property line, or in any other Public Place or Easement.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 16 inches below the surface.

Notwithstanding the above requirements, any new or relocated installation intended to carry unstable substances shall be constructed at a depth of at least 42 inches below the established grade of the gutter of the roadway or alley.

2. **Micro-trenching Installations.** Telecommunication or other low voltage utilities may be installed via Micro-trenching when approved by the City Engineer. These shall be installed in the following manner:

(A) **In a Roadway or Alley.** All parts shall be installed in a roadway or alley at a depth of at least one inch below the existing asphalt layer or as otherwise required by the City Engineer; or

(B) **Between the Curb face and the Property line, or in any other Public Place or Easement.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 12 inches below the surface or as otherwise required by the City Engineer.

In lieu of the area as defined under Section 62.06.A.1, substructure installations constructed by micro-trenching shall have a Street Damage Restoration Fee assessment area that equals one foot times the length of the excavation cut.

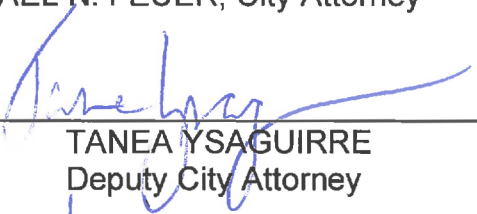
**EXCEPTION:** If, by reason of the existence of other installations or the proposed construction of any public work, a proposed substructure installation cannot be made below the minimum depths stated in Section(b) above, the Board may, upon presentation of evidence of the necessity therefor or because of the public benefit to accrue therefrom, grant a permit for an installation at a lesser depth.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

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Deputy City Attorney

Date

11/6/19

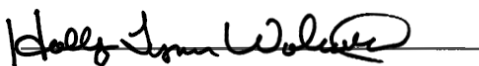
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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR



Ordinance Passed 11/15/2019

Approved 11/20/2019

Ordinance Effective Date: 01/02/2020  
Council File No.: 19-0986

## DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, **Ottavia Smith** state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

**Ordinance No.** **186444** - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on **11/15/2019**, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, I conspicuously posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of the three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records beginning on **11/22/2019** and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
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Deputy Clerk

Date: 11/22/2019

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