

**CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**

August 15, 2011

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____ **TO** C/S R-11-211

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Lewis

The Volcano Trails Sector Development Plan, attachment A to R-11-211 as amended by C/A(1) R-11-211 (adopted 5-11-11), is amended as follows:

On page 43, under Utilities, replace items 1 and 2 with the following language:

1. **Easements.** In order to facilitate pedestrian movement and maintain accessibility, utility infrastructure such as transformers, boxes, and access panels are to be planned for minimal visual intrusion and mobility impediment to pedestrians. Overhead and underground electric distribution lines are typically located within public utility easements (PUE) or private easements. They are compatible with other “dry” utilities such as cable, telephone and fiber optic facilities. The width of the PUE is typically 10 feet in order to provide necessary clearances for safety. Water lines, sewer lines and storm water drainage or “wet” utilities are not compatible with “dry” utilities and separation is required for safety purposes. In all zones, Utility Easements shall be located in alleys or rear access and parking areas, if available. Where there is no alley, utility infrastructure may be placed in a PUE or private easement in the front setback of the property, provided it does not substantially affect the pedestrian realm and is located on the edge or side of property and as far away from the main entrance and pedestrian access paths as possible

2. **Clearance.** Any screening and vegetation surrounding ground-mounted transformers and utility pads shall allow 10 feet of clearance in front of the equipment door and 5 feet of clearance on the remaining three sides for access and to ensure work crew and public safety during maintenance and repair. Non-permanent use of clearance, such as for parking, is permitted. Aesthetic improvements are encouraged to minimize visual impact of ground-mounted utility equipment. Trees and shrubs planted in the PUE should be planted to minimize impacts on facilities maintenance and repair.

Explanation: *This amendment changes language about utility clearances and placement of infrastructure to meet standards required by Public Service Company of New Mexico.*