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## Staff Report to the Board of Trustees

### **Text Amendment for Construction of Utility Facilities in The Public Rights-of-Way**

Prepared: 3/6/2026

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**Project:** Text Amendment for Construction of Utility Facilities in The Public Rights-of-Way

**Case Number:** 2026-0229

**Petitioner:** Joel Van Essen, Village of Orland Park Public Works Department

**Address:** 15655 S Ravinia Ave, Orland Park, IL.

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

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Public Works and Development Services seek approval of a text amendment to consolidate regulations governing construction of utility facilities within the public rights-of-way into one primary section of the Land Development Code. The amendment would retain the full regulatory standards in LDC Section 7-102 and revise Village Code Section 3-8 to function as a cross-reference to Section 7-102, rather than maintaining two nearly identical sets of requirements.

This consolidation is intended to improve clarity, consistency, and ease of administration for staff, contractors, and utility providers. In addition, the proposed amendment includes targeted updates to Section 7-102, including the addition of Section 7-102.M.3 (Project Management) to clarify project coordination expectations. The amendment also clarifies that while Section 7-102.T permits emergency work to proceed, such work must still comply with the applicable Quality Control guidelines and related standards of Section 7-102.

### **PLAN COMMISSION SUMMARY**

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In attendance were the Plan Commission Chair, five commissioners, staff, and a small number of members of the public. Following the staff presentation, the commissioners asked no questions. One trustee asked for clarification regarding Section M.3.a.i., in which a change was made stating that a telecommunication vendor shall have a Project Manager and a Quality Control person observing work where subcontractors are working, rather than simply being in the village while the work is being performed. Overall, the commissioners were supportive of the text amendment consolidation and unanimously approved the motion, 6 ayes to 0 nays. This item is now before the Board of Trustees for consideration.

### **PLAN COMMISSION ACTION**

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The Plan Commission recommends that the Village Board of Trustees approve a text amendment to consolidate regulations governing construction of utility facilities within the public rights-of-way into one primary section of the Land Development Code.

**PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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I move to approve the Plan Commission Recommended Action as presented for Case Number 2026-0229, also known as Text Amendment for Construction of Utility Facilities in The Public Rights-of-Way.