

**Downtown Electrical
Underground Grid Charges****Purpose:**

To establish a policy in the Downtown area for assessing customer contributions for electrical servicing to new customers and customers who are increasing their electrical demand.

Definition:

Downtown is the area serviced by the totally underground electric utility system. (This area may increase in size in accordance with statement 4 below).

Policy Statement(s):

1. The E. L. & P. Department customer contribution for a new or increased electrical service in the Downtown area is to be the same as the customer contribution for an equivalent new or increased electrical service supplied from an underground line in any other area of the City.
2. All new and increased electrical services in the Downtown area will be connected to the totally underground Downtown electric utility system.
3. The existing overhead lines and services in the Downtown area will be removed and the services connected to the underground system over a period of time to avoid having to maintain two electric utility systems. The cost of this work will be paid for entirely by the E. L. & P. Department from its annual Operating Budget or Reserve Fund as annually approved by Council.
4. The totally underground electric utility system will be expanded only in instances where this type of system is deemed by the E. L. & P. Department Manager to be the most appropriate means of servicing new or expanded electrical loads. (This will automatically increase the size of the area defined as "Downtown".)

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5. In the area immediately adjacent to the Downtown, the overhead system will be maintained and surface mounted electric utility equipment will be utilized in instances where this type of system is deemed by the E. L. & P. Department Manager to be the most appropriate means of servicing new or expanded electrical loads. New buildings in this area will be required to be set back from the property line to provide the necessary clearance between the building and the power line as specified by the Alberta Electrical Protection Act. The property owner will be required to provide the necessary space on private property, at no cost to the utility, for any surface mounted electric utility equipment which may be required.
6. The only exception to item 5 is the vacated rail land to the west of the Downtown electric system. This area will continue to have electrical utility servicing provided by means of underground lines and surface mounted equipment as specified in a Council resolution of April 30, 1990.
7. The E. L. & P. Department investment in the totally underground Downtown electric utility system which will not be recovered through this customer contribution policy will be written off.

Authority/Responsibility to Implement:

The City Manager will ensure the policy requirements are met and updated as required.

References/Links:

- Downtown Electric System Area Map

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