

Orange County BCC

Underground Utilities Pipelines and Underground Utilities Pipeline Contractors

November 15, 2016



Presentation Outline

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Background

- **Orange County Code Chapter 9, Article XII provides for the creation of a board to be known as the Board of Adjustment and Appeals of Underground Utilities Pipeline Contractors (Board).**
- **The Board was created in 1972.**
- **Board Composition:**
 - **5 members appointed by the BCC**
 - **3 members state certified contractors**
 - **1 member professional engineer**
 - **1 member certified underground utilities contractor**



Purpose

- **The Board responsibilities are:**
 - **To qualify applicants for the county competency examination.**
 - **To conduct examination and grant authority for the issuance of the Competency Cards.**
 - **To hear appeals regarding underground utilities pipeline contracting work.**
 - **Update the competency examination.**



Issues

- **The Board has been affected by the challenges of filling the very specific membership categories.**
- **The lack of quorum has rendered the Board ineffective in carrying out its duties.**
- **The Membership and Mission Review Board (MMRB) identified, discussed and recommended to sunset this board.**



Recommendation

- **Amend Chapter 9 (“Building and Construction Regulations”) of the Orange County Code; Amend Article XII (“Underground Utilities Pipelines and Underground Utilities Pipeline Contractors”)**
- **Sunset the Board**
- **Create a committee with five (5) county staff and two (2) staff from local municipalities to replace the Board.**
- **Appeals to be heard by the Public Works Advisory Board.**



Requested Action

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 “BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS”) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE XII (“UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PIPELINE CONTRACTORS”); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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