



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 9, 2022

REVIEWALS:

Public Works Director: Completed

City Administrator: Completed

City Attorney: Completed

SUBJECT: Contract with St. Louis County for Land Disturbance Services

LIST OF ATTACHED REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance Adopting St Louis County Land Disturbance Code

Ordinance Authorizing Agreement with St Louis County for Land Disturbance Services

St Louis County Land Disturbance Code

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be minimal financial impact to the City. St. Louis County will charge applicants a fee for Land Disturbance services in Sunset Hills, there will be no charge to the City. The City will no longer receive Land Disturbance application fees.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The City began requiring Land Disturbance inspections prior to 2010. At that time, City Inspector Scott Reed was tasked with performing those inspections. Despite no education or formal training at the time, Scott began performing the inspections and attending annual training regarding how to perform the inspections. This has worked adequately but there have been a few complications since that time. The required documentation and inspection time has dramatically increased. Scott has been unable to keep up with the needed training and education for performing Land Disturbance inspections and documentation that is needed to meet today's requirements. With Scott's other duties, the amount of time he needs to spend on training and education for Land Disturbance far outweighs the number of Land Disturbance sites that need inspecting. Following our most recent MS4 audit with Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR), where they reviewed our Land Disturbance procedures, inspection documents and performed a formal inspection with Scott, it was recommended, based on the information I stated earlier, that Sunset Hills should contract with St. Louis County for our Land Disturbance services. They feel that St. Louis County would be able to do a much better job handling our few, but sometimes large, Land Disturbance sites.

If the City contracts with St. Louis County, Scott will still be able to inspect sites based on complaints and notify St. Louis County of any issues. He will work with St. Louis County on Land Disturbance issues, while allowing them to perform the inspections and required documentation required.

This will also allow more time for Scott to perform his other duties, including reviewing resident's nuisance violation complaints.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of Aldermen approve the City contracting with St. Louis County for Land Disturbance services.

MEETING HISTORY:

Board of Alderman Meeting – July 12, 2022 – First Reading of Ordinances