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Bountiful City Engineering Department
Policy for Construction of Radiant Heat Systems in the Public Right of Way
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BACKGROUND

Occasionally, the Engineering Department receives a request or an Excavation Permit for the construction of improvements in the public right of way which includes the installation of a radiant heat system that extends from a private driveway into the public right of way (for snow removal). Prior to September 2018, a limited number of installations were approved and installed.

With the benefit of a period of time to observe the consequences of these approvals, several issues have been identified and are listed below (this is not intended to be a comprehensive list):

- The radiant system is part of a privately owned amenity associated with private property.
- The City is not a steward for tracking, locating or maintaining these systems.
- The systems can be affected by installation or maintenance activities of third party users of the public right of way.
- The City's construction standards for improvements in the Public Right of Way do not include criteria for accommodation of the radiant system.
- The City does not have a standard for inspection for these systems.
- An additional maintenance burden is imposed on the City for subsequent runoff and icing buildup in other locations in the public right of way.

POLICY STATEMENT

The construction of radiant heating systems is not permitted in the Public Right of Way. This policy has been enforced, exclusively, since September 17, 2018.

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