AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET

ITEM TITLE	**AGENDA NO.** 12
Ordinance 2026-13	**AGENDA DATE:** 7/28/26

FUNDING CERTIFICATION (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable)

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

ITEM HISTORY (Previous Council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

N/A

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

Amending Bryant Minimum Street Specifications Section 6: Utilities and Utility Crossings to protect all forms of city infrastructure within the Corporate City Limits of the City of Bryant, to protect public safety and quality of life. We feel it is necessary place more stringent safety requirements for contractors working within the City of Bryant Street right-of-way and mandating operating hours due to a number of recent events that have taken place.

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

ACTION PROPOSED (Motion for Consideration)

Propose to call for a motion to approve with emergency clause by Bryant City Council.

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I. Yard and Landscaping – All surfaces including lawns, pavements, sidewalks, curbs, berms, and other surfaces disturbed during the construction of this project shall be restored by the contractor to the original or better condition. All restorations, including lawns, pavements, sidewalks, curbs, berms, trees, and shrubs shall be warranted for a period of one year from the acceptance of restoration. It is the City's expectation that restoration shall be completed within no more than 15 days after the completion of construction.

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A. All franchised utility lines, which are underground, shall be installed in an encasement pipe under streets. The encasement pipe shall be installed by either the Developer/Owner or the utility before the subgrade is completed.

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