

CITY OF EUREKA

Category: ENGINEERING

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Subject: STREET IMPROVEMENTS

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### POLICY OBJECTIVE

To clarify the City's position in regard to making improvements to unimproved City streets.

### ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY

Engineering Department

### APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all cases in which owners of property abutting an unimproved street request that improvements be made to the street.

### PROCEDURES

An unimproved street is a street that has not been brought up to City standards in regard to base, surface and grading.

Unimproved streets within the City serve the primary function of providing access to abutting property. Improvement of such streets directly benefits abutting properties and is not a general benefit to the City.

It is therefore, the responsibility of owners of property abutting unimproved streets to assume the costs of street improvement and maintenance. The costs may be apportioned among the property owners by utilizing one of several special assessment and bond acts found in the Streets and Highway Code of the State of California.

In general, these acts provide that proceedings may be initiated by a petition of the owners of at least sixty percent (60%) of the property abutting the street. Apportionment of costs include all abutting property owners and is based on frontage, area, units, or some combination of these. The assessment may be paid in cash or financed over a period of years.

The Engineering Department may assist property owners in accomplishing the above procedures by preparing ownership lists and petitions.