Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	July 28, 2026	**Staff Contact:**	Matt Leppla, Director of Public Works
Item Number:	2026-959-AR	**Phone:**	817-598-4148

SUBJECT: Consider approval of Ordinance O2026-29 amending Title IX, Public Ways and Property, by amending Chapter 14, Use of and Construction within Public Rights-of-Way, in the Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 14 of the City Code to strengthen the City's management of public rights-of-way and support long-term infrastructure planning. The amendments expand the applicability of the ordinance to include all public rights-of-way located within the city limits, regardless of ownership, providing a consistent framework for coordinating construction activities and utility infrastructure within the public right-of-way. The ordinance also updates and expands the boundaries of the Downtown Design District and establishes enhanced design standards within that area, including prohibiting new overhead utility installations and requiring new utility facilities to be installed underground, except where otherwise permitted by the ordinance. These revisions are intended to improve coordination among utility providers, reduce future conflicts within the public right-of-way, preserve the aesthetic character of the downtown area, and support the City's continued investment in safe, reliable, and resilient public infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

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