SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 499.14
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 499
RELATING TO ENCROACHMENTS IN COUNTY HIGHWAYS

This summary is presented pursuant to California Government Code Section 25124(b): a certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 499.14 may be examined at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, located at 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Riverside, California.

Ordinance No. 499.14 amends Ordinance No. 499 in its entirety to update and clarify the ordinance language to better address the process for utility companies to perform work with the County’s rights-of-way under valid agreements and encroachment permits as well as to better plan, design, construct and protect public works projects. In addition, formatting changes and editing are desired that would modernize the ordinance to make it consistent with current ordinance practice. The major proposed changes to the ordinance include clarification to the following topics: precise location of utilities (potholing); time frames for submittal to County of Riverside; utility services; multiple stage relocations; identification of underground facilities; moratorium on the installations of utilities; relocations for public safety; and cost incurred to county due to the presence of permitted utilities.

The purpose of the ordinance is to establish policies, procedures and standards for regulating encroachments in County Highways. The County of Riverside expends a significant amount of time and public funds to construct and maintain road, bridge, drainage and signal improvements throughout the County. The proposed changes will update, clarify the ordinance language; and put in place guidelines for those that install encroachments within County road rights-of-way. The proposed changes will help avoid contract delays and additional costs as well as minimize the detrimental impacts to new roads by untimely utility installations. Ordinance No. 499.14 would take effect 30 days after its adoption.