



## Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 24-10 Adding New Language to Article 1 of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as Amended, Pertaining to Underground Excavation Regulations.

**Presenter:**

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**Summary:**

This Ordinance is one of two Ordinances being proposed to improve Colorado Springs Utilities' Underground Damage Prevention Safety Program (CSUDPSP or "the Program"), which has been operating successfully since 2020.

**Background:**

We are requesting two updates to the sections to further the Programs' ability to prevent underground damages. Changes include:

- 1) Modifying the language of City Code section 12.1.115 to allow certain Colorado Springs Utilities' crews to stop the work of a general excavator on a jobsite who is observed causing an imminent hazard, to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and
- 2) Modifying the CEO's existing authorities under City Code section 12.1.110 to include promulgating Program rules and regulations to govern excavators working in Colorado Springs.

**Previous Council Action:**

The Colorado Springs Underground Damage Prevention Safety Program was created by City Ordinance (City Code, Chapter 12 Section 1) in 2020 enabling Colorado Springs to bring the enforcement of Colorado's excavation and one call law to the local level for closer oversight.

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:**

The Utilities Board considered this ordinance at its Board Meeting on January 17, 2024, and recommended this ordinance be placed on the Consent Agenda for a first reading at the City Council Regular meeting scheduled for February 13, 2024.

**Stakeholder Process:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve the ordinances as presented;
2. Modify the ordinances;
3. Not approve the ordinances; or
4. Refer the ordinances back to Utilities' staff for further consideration.

**Proposed Motion:**

Approve Ordinance No. 24-10 adding language to Article 1 (Underground Damage Prevention Safety Program) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to underground excavation regulations, to further the Programs' ability to prevent underground damages.

An Ordinance adding language to Article 1 (Underground Damage Prevention Safety Program) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to underground excavation regulations to further the Programs' ability to prevent underground damages.