ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Sections 62.00 and 62.03 of Article 2, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to authorize the use of Rapid Micro-trenching in accordance with requirements established by the City Engineer and subject to a Street Damage Restoration Fee payment matching that of regular Micro-trenching.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 62.00 of Article 2, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition in alphabetical order:

"Rapid Micro-trenching" shall mean a narrow milled pathway for the purpose of installing subsurface telecommunication or other low-voltage utilities and a preformed compression seal. The pathway shall be less than or equal to 0.4 inches in width and less than or equal to 1.4 inches in depth, or as otherwise defined by the City Engineer in an adopted Standard Plan.

Sec. 2. Section 62.03(b) of Article 2, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) **Depth of Substructure Installations**.

1. All service pipes, main line pipes, conduits, ducts, tunnels, or other structures, except maintenance holes and vaults, shall be installed in the following manner:

(A) **In a Roadway or alley.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 24 inches below the established grade of the gutter of the roadway or alley;

(B) **In a Roadway of a major or secondary highway.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 30 inches below the established grade of the gutter of roadway; or

(C) **Between the Curb face and the Property line, or in any other Public Place or Easement.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 16 inches below the surface.

Notwithstanding the above requirements, any new or relocated installation intended to carry unstable substances shall be constructed at a depth of at least 42 inches below the established grade of the gutter of the roadway or alley.

2. **Micro-trenching Installations.** Telecommunication or other low voltage utilities may be installed via Micro-trenching when approved by the City Engineer. These shall be installed in the following manner:

(A) **In a Roadway or Alley.** All parts shall be installed in a roadway or alley at a depth of at least one inch below the existing asphalt layer or as otherwise required by the City Engineer; or

(B) **Between the Curb face and the Property line, or in any other Public Place or Easement.** All parts shall be installed at a depth of at least 12 inches below the surface or as otherwise required by the City Engineer.

In lieu of the area as defined under Section 62.06 A.1, substructure installations constructed by Micro-trenching shall have a Street Damage Restoration Fee assessment area that equals one foot times the length of the excavation cut.

3. **Rapid Micro-trenching Installations.** Telecommunication or other low-voltage utilities may be installed via Rapid Micro-trenching when approved by the City Engineer.

In lieu of the area as defined under Section 62.06 A.1, substructure installations constructed by Rapid Micro-trenching shall have a Street Damage Restoration Fee assessment area that equals one foot times the length of the excavation cut.

EXCEPTION: If, by reason of the existence of other installations or the proposed construction of any public work, a proposed installation cannot be made below the minimum depths stated in Subsections 1 and 2 above, the Board may, upon presentation of evidence of the necessity therefor or because of the public benefit to accrue therefrom, grant a permit for an installation at a lesser depth.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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