



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** December 14, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Approve Ordinance No. 3675, abandoning a water line easement in Lot 1 Block 2 of the Clift Addition subdivision and authorize the City Manager to execute a quitclaim deed and hold harmless agreement with Gilbert and Melissa Mota.  
**PRESENTER:** Caroline Waggoner, Director of Public Works

### **SUMMARY:**

The City Council is being asked to approve an ordinance abandoning a water line easement in Lot 1, Block 2 of the Clift Addition and authorize execution of a quitclaim deed and hold harmless agreement with Gilbert and Melissa Mota.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

When Block 2 of the Clift Addition subdivision was platted in 2011, the plat document failed to show an old water line easement dating back to 1953, when T.A. and Bertha Amundson dedicated an easement to the Smithfield Water Company for an early iteration of the city's water distribution system. The Smithfield Water Company became the Tarrant Utility Company in 1955. The City of North Richland Hills established a non-profit utility company in 1961, the Tarrant County Water Supply Corporation (TCWSC), which acquired the Tarrant Utility Company assets within North Richland Hills. The TCWSC was dissolved in 1969/1970 at which time the City of North Richland Hills acquired the water and sanitary sewer assets located within the City Limits, including the easement in question.

The easement alignment has not housed an active water line for years, and it is not needed for the City's current or future system. The current owner of the property ran into the issue of this old easement during the process of building on the lot and is requesting a release.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Ordinance No. 3675.