

EXHIBIT A

GUIDELINES FOR ENCROACHMENT

A. Surface structures that may be constructed within the District's Easement/Right-of-Way, but only upon the prior written consent of the District, include asphalt roadway, with no utilities within roadway; non-reinforced concrete parking lots, walkways and driveways, curb, gutter, sidewalk; and non-masonry fence with gated opening. However, where the District's facilities or pipeline(s) have specific maximum and minimum cover designations, the special requirements for structures crossing over the pipeline(s) shall be obtained from the District for the maximum allowable external loading or minimum cover. It is understood that all surface structures shall be analyzed and considered by the District on an individual basis.

B. Structures that may not be constructed in, on, over, under, across or along the District's Easement/Right-of-Way include, but are not limited to, permanent structures such as footings, foundations, masonry block walls, reinforced concrete, buildings, garages, decks, swimming pools, in-ground trampolines, and catch basins as designated and characterized by the District.

C. No trees or vines are allowed within the Easement/Right-of-Way. Shrubs, hedges, or any other type of vegetation that reach more than six feet (6') in height at maturity and/or have extensive root systems are not permitted within the Easement/Right-of-Way.

D. All changes in ground surfaces or elevations within the Easement/Right-of-Way are considered encroaching structures. Earthfills and cuts on adjacent property shall

not encroach onto the Easement/Right-of-Way without the prior written consent of the District.

E. Existing gravity drainage of the Easement/Right-of-Way shall be maintained. No new concentration of surface or subsurface drainage may be directed onto, under or across the Easement/Right-of-Way without adequate provision for removal of drainage water or adequate protection of the Easement/Right-of-Way.

F. Prior to any construction within the Easement/Right-of-Way, an excavation must be made to determine the location of existing District facilities and pipeline(s). The excavation shall be made by or in the presence of the District, at the Company's expense.

G. All construction activities within the Easement/Right-of-Way shall be limited to construction of the Encroachment Improvements previously approved by the District, and the Encroachment Improvements shall be constructed strictly in accordance with the plans and specifications previously approved by the District.

H. The ground surfaces or elevations within the Easement/Right-of-Way shall be restored to the condition, elevation and contour which existed prior to construction or as shown on the plans, drawings, guidelines and/or maps previously approved by the District.

I. The Company shall notify the District upon completion of construction and shall, at its expense, provide the District with one (1) copy of as-built drawings showing the actual location of the Encroachment Improvements within the Easement/Right-of-Way.

J. Following completion of construction of the Encroachment Improvements, and except in case of emergency repairs, the Company shall give the District at least ten (10) days written notice before entering upon the Easement/Right-of-Way for the purpose of

accessing, maintaining, inspecting, repairing, or removing the Encroachment Improvements.

K. If unusual conditions are proposed for the Encroachment Improvements or unusual field conditions within the Easement/Right-of-Way are encountered, as designated and characterized by the District, the District may, at its discretion, impose conditions or requirements which are different from or more stringent than those prescribed in this document.

L. All backfill material within the Easement/Right-of-Way shall be compacted to ninety percent (90%) of maximum density, unless otherwise allowed or required by the District. Mechanical compaction, as designated and characterized by the District and not limited to but including vibratory compaction, is not permitted within the Easement/Right-of-Way.

M. Backfilling of any excavation or around any facilities or pipeline(s) within the Easement/Right-of-Way shall be compacted in layers not exceeding six inches (6") thick to the following requirements: (1) cohesive soils to 90 percent (90%) maximum density specified by ASTM Part 19, D-698, method A; (2) noncohesive soils to 70 percent (70%) relative density specified by ANSI/ASTM Part 19, d-2049, par. 7.1.2, wet method.

N. To enable the District to locate non-metallic Encroachment Improvements below ground level, the Company shall install a "locator wire" as required by District specifications.

O. The Company shall notify the District at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of commencing initial construction of the Encroachment Improvements in order to permit inspection by the District.

P. No encroachment shall involve the use or storage of hazardous material(s), as designated and characterized by the District.

Q. The stockpiling of construction materials or storage of heavy machinery within the Easement/Right-of-Way is not permitted.