

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-149

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR
THE EXCAVATION OF WATER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2014, regulations related to components installed on service lines used for potable water were modified to reduce the allowable lead content of such components; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2016, the City became aware of an allegation that City crews had installed components on two residential service lines and a water line installed in 2015 near the City's south water tower, which components contained lead in excess of the aforementioned regulations; and

WHEREAS, City records show that crews performed work on 47 residential water service lines between January 4, 2014 and September 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, an internal investigation has produced no evidence to suggest that lead-containing components were used on any of these 47 service lines; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has been unable to learn the identity of the individual who has alleged that lead-containing components were installed in violation of the applicable regulations and is therefore unable to definitively close his investigation; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of the City's water system and the safety of the water it supplies to its customers are of the utmost importance and warrant a thorough and complete investigation; and

WHEREAS, the City has obtained an estimate of \$144,000 for the excavation of the water service lines that were the subject of work between January 4, 2014 and September 19, 2016;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the excavation of the water line installed in 2015 near the City's south water tower and to present a recommendation to Council for awarding a contract for this work.