

**KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
 CITY OF KNOXVILLE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

▶ **FILE #:** 8-D-15-SC

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 13

**AGENDA DATE:** 8/13/2015

▶ **APPLICANT:** UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

TAX ID NUMBER: 108 C F 003

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JURISDICTION: Council District 1

SECTOR PLAN: Central City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ZONING: O-2 (Civic and Institutional)

WATERSHED: Tennessee River

▶ **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED:** Melrose Ave

▶ **LOCATION:** Between Melrose Place and Volunteer Boulevard

IS STREET:

(1) IN USE?: Yes

(2) IMPROVED (paved)?: Yes

▶ **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CLOSURE:** This street is along a residential area of campus and is heavily utilized on a daily basis by pedestrians. The University fully intends to maintain this street for vehicular use, but due to the heavy residential component, there is a desire to improve the pedestrian experience by making improvements to the lighting and landscaping.

DEPARTMENT-UTILITY REPORTS: No objections from any departments or utilities have been received by staff as of the date of this report.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

▶ **RECOMMEND** that City Council **APPROVE** the closure of Melrose Avenue, as requested, subject to any required easements.

This street is paved and currently in use. UT intends to maintain this street for vehicular use, but wants to improve the pedestrian experience by adding lighting and landscaping.

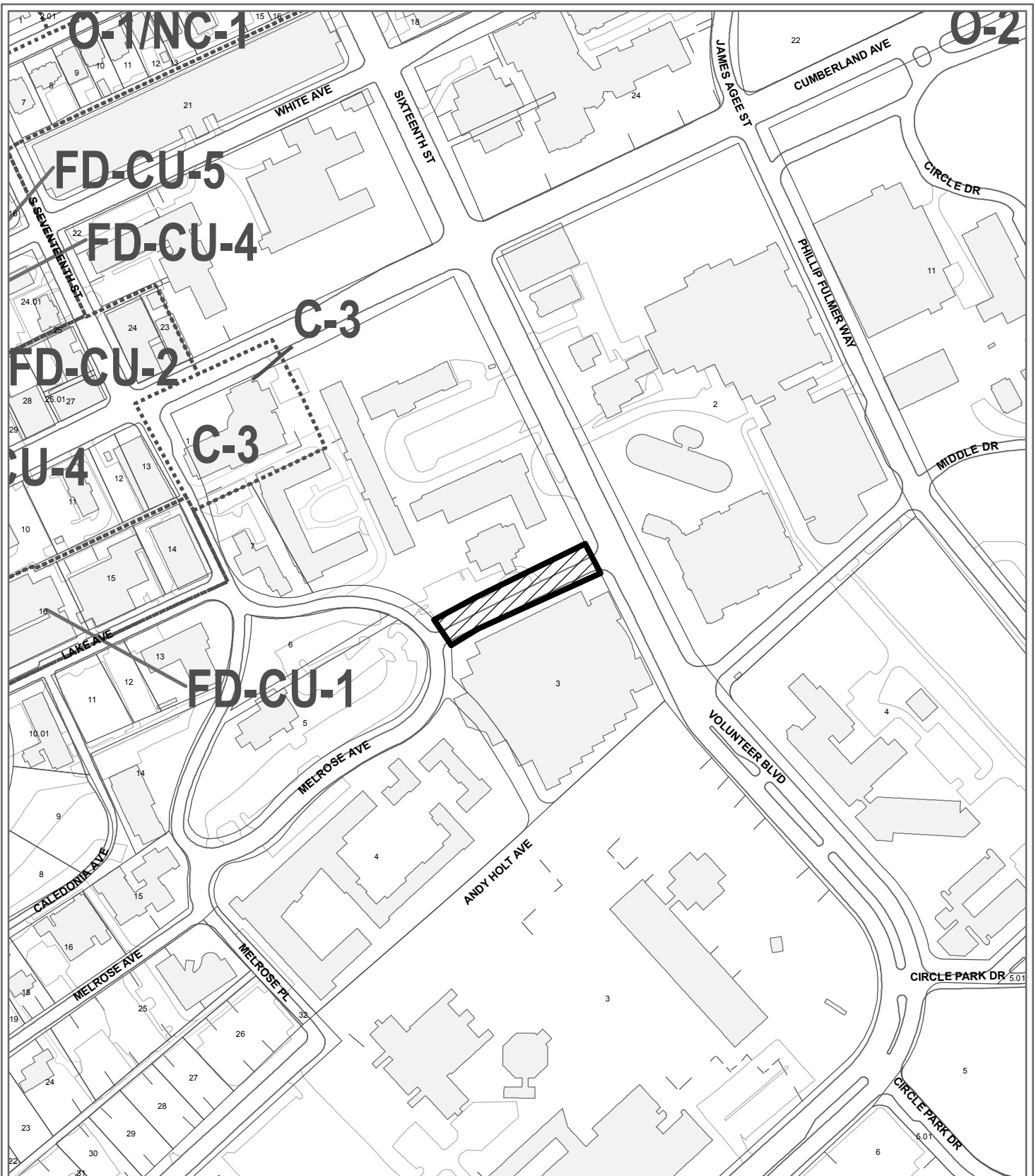
**COMMENTS:**

Once closed, the right-of-way will be consolidated with the surrounding parcels. The applicant (UT) owns all of the adjacent property. The City of Knoxville Engineering Department does not object to this closure, but noted some considerations for the future in the attached letter, dated July 28, 2015.

The result of UT's proposed closures of this and five other streets/alleys within the campus will be that the University will take over ownership and maintenance of the streets from the City of Knoxville. It does not necessarily mean that the streets would be closed to traffic or that the street names would be changed, but those decisions would become the responsibility of UT.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 9/15/2015 and 9/29/2015. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the

appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.



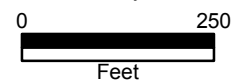
**8-D-15-SC  
CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

Name of Street or Alley: Melrose Ave  
 To be closed from: Melrose Place  
 To be closed to: Volunteer Boulevard

Original Print Date: 7/24/2015      Revised:  
 Metropolitan Planning Commission \* City / County Building \* Knoxville, TN 37902

Petitioner: University of Tennessee

Map No: 108  
 Jurisdiction: City





CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Engineering  
James R. Hagerman, P.E.  
Director of Engineering

July 28, 2015

Mr. Mike Brusseau, AICP, Senior Planner  
Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission  
City-County Building, Suite 403  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

SUBJECT: Closure of Melrose Ave between Melrose Place and Volunteer Blvd  
MPC File # 8-D-15-SC; City Blocks 10482 and 10640

Mr. Brusseau:

The City Engineering Department has no objections to close the above described right-of-way area. However, should this right-of-way be closed, the applicant assumes maintenance responsibility for all stormwater systems previously maintained by the City, within or near the closure area. The applicant will maintain the approved stormwater facilities in good working order acceptable to the City Department of Engineering. Minimum maintenance of the said facilities shall include sediment, debris, oil, hydrocarbons, and foreign materials removal so that the operation and capacity of the stormwater facilities continue to meet acceptable standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin D. Davidson".

Benjamin D. Davidson, PLS, Technical Services Administrator, Department of Engineering  
Ph: 865-215-2148

8-D-15-SC cor City Fire



### Fire Prevention Bureau

City of Knoxville  
400 Main Street, Suite 539  
Knoxville, TN 37902



Memorandum

Date: July 30, 2015

To: Mike Brusseau

From: Sonny Partin, Deputy Fire Marshal

Subject: Request for Information on Right of Way Closures, Fire Department Review

Road Name	Review Status	Comments
1. Alley between W. Caldwell and W. Quincy	Approved	None 8-A-15-AC
2. Alley- Geyland Hgts.	Disapproved	Provide more detail on map 8-B-15-AC
3. Alley between White and Cumberland	Approved	None 8-C-15-AC
4. Alley between Thirteenth and western terminus	Approved	None 8-D-15-AC
5. Log Haven Dr.	Disapproved	Provide more detail on map 8-A-15-SC
6. Cherokee Cove Rd.	Disapproved	Provide more detail on map 8-B-15-SC
7. Chi Phi Ave.	Approved	None 8-C-15-SC
8. Melrose Ave.	Approved	Road width cannot be reduced 8-D-15-SC ✓
9. Melrose Pl.	Approved	Road width cannot be reduced 8-E-15-SC
10. Volunteer	Approved	Road width cannot be reduced 8-F-15-SC
11. Horizon	Approved	None 8-G-15-SC



Knoxville Utilities Board



July 21, 2015

Mr. Mike Brusseau  
Knoxville-Knox County  
Metropolitan Planning Commission  
Suite 403, City-County Building  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Mr. Brusseau:

**Re: Right-of-Way Closure Request 8-D-15-SC  
Block No. 10482 & 10640  
CLT No. 108  
Parcel No. 1**

We have reviewed our records and find that we have existing utility facilities located within the subject right-of-way. The approximate location of these facilities is indicated on the enclosed prints. However, KUB does not release and hereby retains all easements and rights for existing utility facilities, whether or not shown on these prints.

Should this right-of-way be closed, KUB will require the following permanent easement for its utility facility.

- Gas – 7.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the gas line, 15 feet total width
- Water – 7.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the water line, 15 feet total width

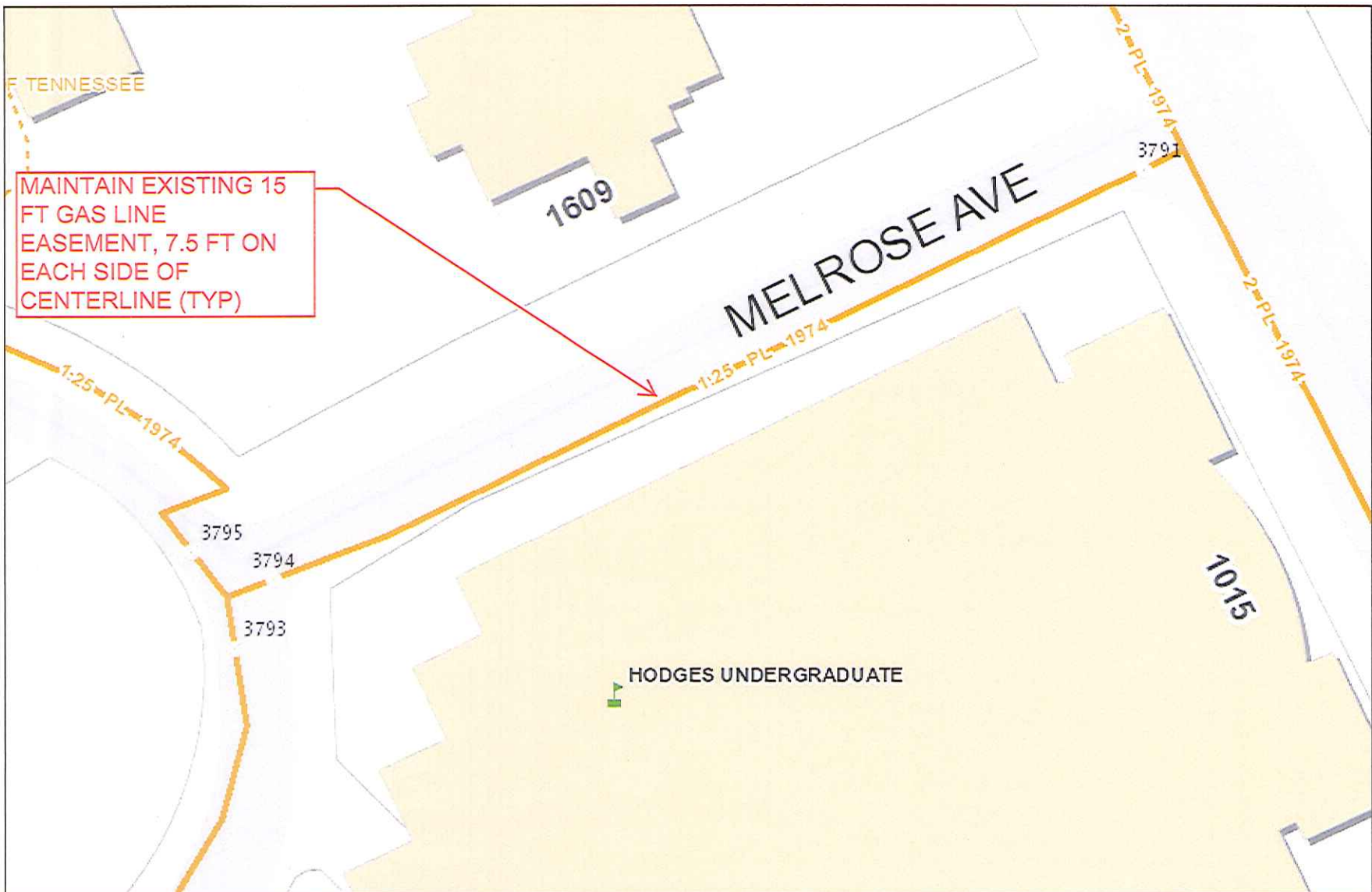
So long as these conditions are met, KUB has no objection to the closure of this right-of-way. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (865) 558-2291.

Sincerely,

Greg L. Patterson, P.E.  
Engineering

GLP/ggt

Enclosure



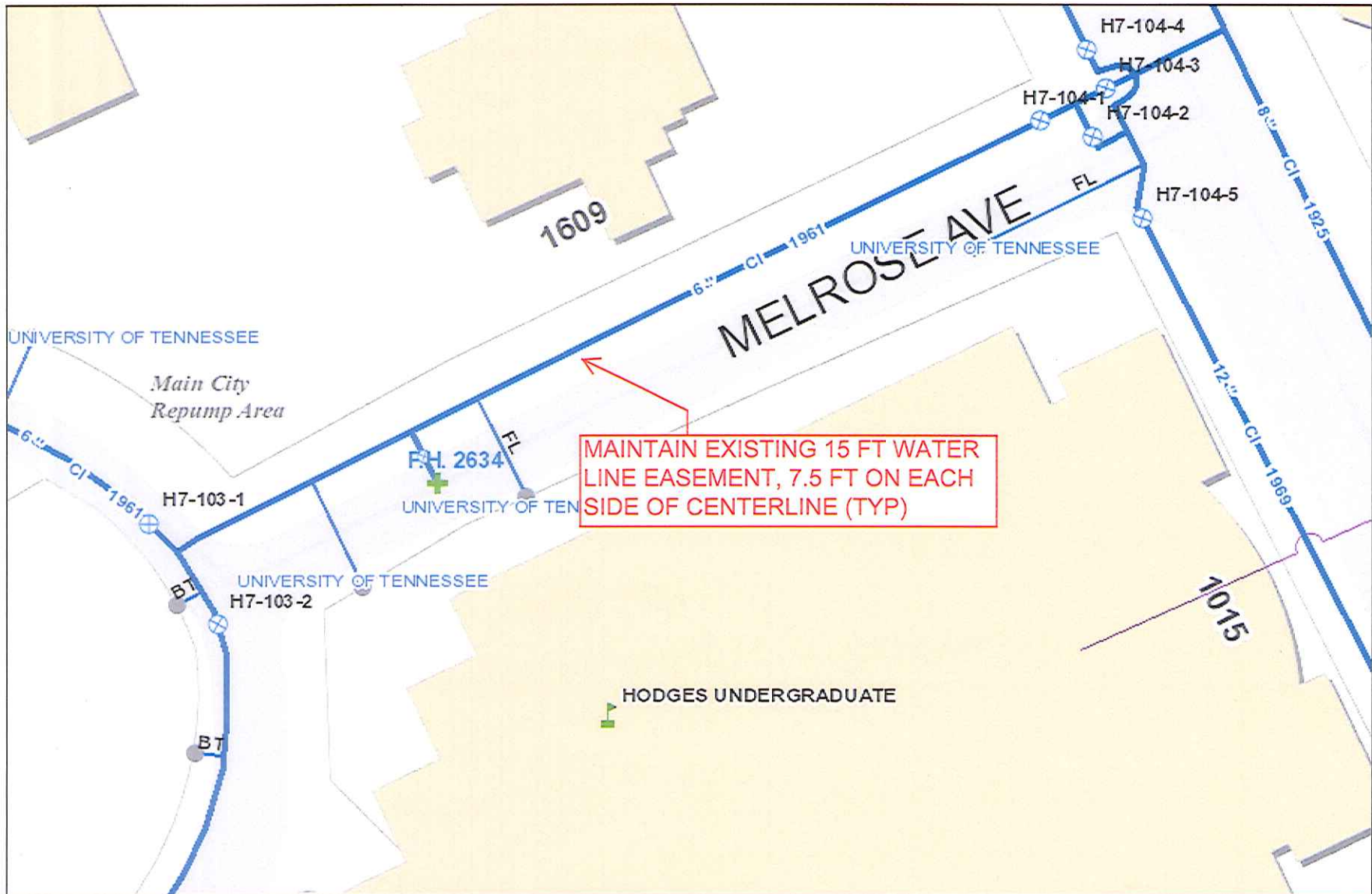
**File No. 8-D-15-SC Melrose Avenue (Gas)**

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(Between Melrose Place and Volunteer Blvd) Parcel #1 CLT MAP #108 CITY BLOCK #10482 & #10640



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**File No. 8-D-15-SC Melrose Avenue (Water)**

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