55-101. Natural gas for residents of platted land outside city; laying and maintenance of pipes. Whenever any tract of land not in an incorporated city shall be laid out in lots or other subdivisions as now required by law, the owner of such lands or his or her assigns is authorized to lay, maintain and operate natural-gas pipes along and across the streets and other grounds dedicated by such owner to public use for the purpose of furnishing natural gas for light and fuel to the residents of said land, and for such purpose is authorized to lay, maintain and operate natural-gas pipes across any public highway: *Provided*, That the said pipes shall be laid under the surface of said streets, public grounds, and highways, and that said streets, grounds and highways shall be restored so as not to impair their usefulness: *And provided further*, That nothing herein shall be construed as granting to such owner or his or her assigns the exclusive right to furnish said residents with natural gas for light and fuel.

History: L. 1899, ch. 143, § 1; Feb. 22; R.S. 1923, 55-101.