



Legislation Text

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Open the Public Hearing and Consider a Request to Close a Public Right-of-Way for an Unmaintained Alley Near the Intersection of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street.

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Overview: The property owner of 108 West Rosemary Street and 208 Pritchard Avenue has requested closing the public right-of-way for an unpaved and unmaintained alley near the northeast corner of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street. The alley is about 10 feet wide and extends between several privately-owned properties parallel to West Rosemary Street. Closing this public right-of-way will not deny access to adjacent properties. All adjacent properties have access to other public right-of-way. The alley is not in use, and neither the Town nor OWASA have a need for the right-of-way.

North Carolina General Statute Sec. 160A-299 sets out the process for closing public right-of-way (see copy attached). The steps set out in this report and the attached resolution follow the statutory requirements.



Recommendation:

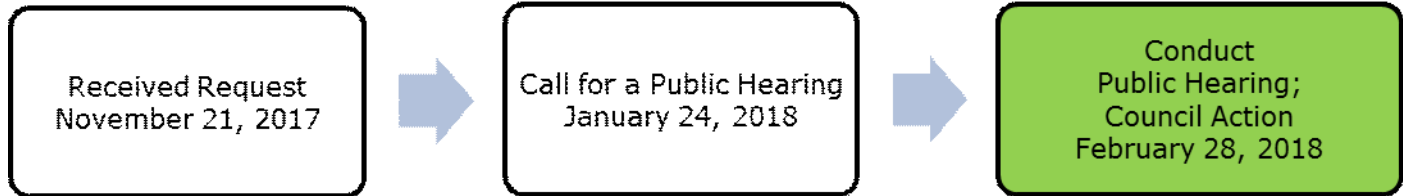
That the Council open the Public Hearing and adopt the Resolution to close public right-of-way for the unmaintained alley near the intersection of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: Impacts to future investments are unknown.







Key Issues:

- Once the alley right-of-way is closed, the property will be divided equally among all adjacent property owners. Each property owner will be required to file a new plat to assume ownership. Town staff has communicated this information to each affected property owner, and all are in support of the right-of-way closure.
- All adjacent property owners have been notified through phone conversations, emails, and physical signs placed in prominent places at the edges of the requested right-of-way closure areas. The notice of the public hearing has been published in the Herald Sun for the past four consecutive weeks.
- Closing this public right-of-way will not deny access to adjacent properties. All adjacent properties have access to other public right-of-way.
- Neither the Town nor OWASA have a need for the right-of-way.

Where is this item in its process?



Council Goals:

<input type="checkbox"/>		Create a Place for Everyone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Develop Good Places, New Spaces
<input type="checkbox"/>		Support Community Prosperity	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nurture Our Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Facilitate Getting Around	<input type="checkbox"/>		Grow Town and Gown Collaboration



Attachments:

- Resolution
- Draft Staff Presentation
- Map of Requested Right-of-Way Closure
- Request from Brian Ferrell, Representative of Property Owner Joseph Polcaro
- General Statute 160A-299

A RESOLUTION CLOSING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN UNMAINTAINED ALLEY NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF PRITCHARD AVENUE AND WEST ROSEMARY STREET (2018-02-28/R-6)

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has received a request for closure of the public right-of-way for the unmaintained alley near the intersection of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Town Council on January 24, 2018 adopted a resolution of intent to consider closing the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing regarding the proposed right-of-way closure was held on February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, all of the adjacent property owners have been notified and there have been no objections to this closure; and

WHEREAS, closing this section of the public right-of-way will not deny access to adjacent properties. All adjacent properties have access to other public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, neither the Town nor OWASA have no need for this right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds, upon review of the facts and of information received at the Public Hearing, that closing the public right-of-way for the unmaintained alley near the intersection of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street would not be contrary to the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the proposed closures would be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his or her property by the closing of said right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby adopts this order pursuant to North Carolina G.S. 160A-299, permanently closing the public right-of-way for the unmaintained alley near the intersection of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plat showing the closure and a copy of this Order shall be recorded by the adjacent property owners, with the Orange County Registry, upon approval by the Town and certification by the Town Manager that the preceding conditions of approval have been met, said certification to be attached to this Resolution as an Exhibit prior to recordation.

This the 28th day of February, 2018.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

PRESENTER: Chris Roberts, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council open the Public Hearing to consider closing of a public rights-of-way of an unmaintained alley located near the intersection of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street. The Council may close the Public Hearing this evening and take action on the requested closures, or refer action to a future meeting.