

SPONSORED BY: _____

PROPOSED BY: Public Works

INTRODUCTION DATE: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD AND AN UNNAMED ALLEY WITHIN THE AMENDED PLAT OF SOUTH WICKERSHAM

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2023, Kathryn Nims, et. al. submitted a petition for the vacation of a portion of County Road and an unnamed alley within the Amended Plat of South Wickersham lying within the unincorporated area of Whatcom County, accompanied by the penal sum of \$790.00; and,

WHEREAS, as described in RCW 36.87.010, when a county road or any part thereof is considered useless, the Whatcom County Council may declare by resolution its intention to formally consider vacation; and

WHEREAS, the County Council voted 7-0 on September 12, 2023, to consider this vacation request and directed the County Engineer's office to report; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer's office has reviewed the portion of the street which is a Class B-2 right-of-way, wherein no public expenditures were made or they are non-ascertainable from records, and part or all lies within a platted subdivision, and in the exercise of his judgment has determined that the public will benefit from said vacation; and

WHEREAS, it is unknown if there are public utilities located within the portion of the right-of-way to be vacated, but an easement for said utilities will be retained by the County, and

WHEREAS, the fair market value has been determined to be \$0.30 per square foot for the approximately 12,000 square feet of Right of Way, making the total value of the area to be vacated \$3,600; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has reviewed said compensation and determined it to be fair value; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has met all of the petition requirements, as set forth by Chapter 12.20 Whatcom County Code, and all other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has six calendar months from the date of the Preliminary Order of Vacation to pay any remaining fees to the Whatcom County Council office, which checks should be made payable to the Whatcom County Treasurer, prior to the vacation becoming effective, including but not limited to the appraised value of the area sought to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, this vacation does not become effective until the fees are paid and the Final Order and Resolution are recorded with the County Auditor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Whatcom County Council to vacate the following described right of way:

That portion of County Road adjacent to Lots 1 through 5 of Block 1 within the Amended Plat of South Wickersham and that portion of unnamed alley between and adjacent to Lots 1 through 5 and Lots 6 through 9 of Block 1 within Amended Plat of South Wickersham.

SUBJECT TO and/or together with all easements, covenants, restrictions, and/or agreements of record or otherwise; and

SUBJECT TO an easement retained by the County in respect to the vacated portion of right-of-way for the construction, repair, and maintenance of any and all public utilities and services, now located on or in the vacated portion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon applicants' completion of payment for the property and of all other fees, a Final Order of Vacation shall be prepared by Council Staff, signed by the appropriate parties, and recorded with the County Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the conditions set forth above are not fulfilled within six months from the date of the passage of this Resolution, the Preliminary Order of Vacation which is hereby authorized shall be withdrawn, and the right-of-way shall not be deemed to have been vacated.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024

ATTEST:
WASHINGTON

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY,

Dana Brown-Davis, County Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Quinn
Civil Deputy Prosecutor
(authorized electronically 2/21/2024)