



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

8/12/2025 1:15PM

Motion to approve that the portions of Dogwood Terrace Apartments as shown on the attached plat be abandoned as they have ceased to be used by the public to the extent that there is no substantial public interest, per results of public hearing held June 4, 2025, regarding the issue of abandonment pursuant to O.C.G.A. §32-7-2.

Department: Legal Department

Presenter: Jim Plunkett

Caption: Motion to approve that the portions of Dogwood Terrace Apartments, approximately 940 feet of Fifteenth Ave, 326 feet of Dudley Street, 1264 feet of First Avenue, 1155 feet of Second Avenue, 1393 feet of Third Avenue, 722 feet of Leonard Drive and 877 feet of Old Savannah Road as shown on the attached plat, have ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by them and that their removed from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 32 -7-2.

Background: Dogwood Terrace Apartments is a property owned by the Housing Authority (hereinafter “HA”), which has now been vacated by residents or has residents scheduled for relocation. The abandonment request has been reviewed by all essential county departments and administrators with no objections being made to this abandonment request. The HA is in the process of redeveloping the site, and all roads in question lie within the boundaries of HA property. For the redevelopment to proceed as planned, Augusta, Georgia must formally abandon the roads located within the property boundary. Pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement entered into on November 13, 2013, and attached here to this item, between the Housing Authority and Augusta-Richmond County, the land would be sold to the HA for \$1. Engineering requires First Avenue, Second Avenue and Third Avenue have a turnaround (Cul-de-Sac). All need to Construct Turn Arounds at the Complex that terminate at Boykin Place Ext end. All utilities would need to be relocated to provide unrestricted access to these utilities for utility owners/operators. HA will take over ownership and maintenance of any public storm conveyance system present within the Complex boundary.

Analysis: In addition, public notice of the proposed road abandonment was published on May 5, 2025, and May 16, 2025. A public hearing was held on June 4, 2025. Notices were also mailed to all adjoining property owners, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2(b)(1). The Law Department has received no adverse

comments or objections in response to the advertisement or mailings, and no opposing parties appeared at the public hearing.

Financial Impact:

Cost of publication and advertisement of public hearing.

Alternatives:

Do not approve and Augusta maintains responsibility for the road.

Recommendation:

Approve the abandonment of said portions of Dogwood Terrace Apartments subject to these stipulations: Engineering requires First Avenue, Second Avenue and Third Avenue have a turnaround (Cul-de-Sac) all would need to require a Construct Turn Around at the complex terminate at Boykin Place Ext end. All utilities would need to be relocated to provide unrestricted access to these utilities for utility owners/operators. HA will take over ownership and maintenance of any public storm conveyance system present within the Complex boundary.

Funds are available in the following accounts:

N/A

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Law.

Engineering.

Planning.