



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 10, 2024

**TITLE:**

Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No.2024-24, of the City of Bastrop, Texas, abandoning and vacating a certain section of the Madison Street right-of-way and the Houston Street right-of-way to the north of State Highway 71 and south of Government Street; and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to convey the City's remaining real property interests, if any, in said right-of-way to adjacent owners.

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:**

Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The City is desiring to vacate an existing portion of the unimproved Houston Street right-of-way, and an existing portion of the unimproved Madison Street right-of-way. The rights-of-way proposed to be abandoned date back to the original 1920's Iredell Survey Map of Bastrop. The parcels surrounding the Houston Street and Madison Street rights-of-way are currently undeveloped, and the Houston Street and Madison Street rights-of-way are unimproved at this location.

Additionally, due to Houston and Madison Street's proximity to the State Highway 71 deceleration lane, further development in the form of a future connection onto State Highway 71 right-of-way would be precluded, due to the driveway separation standards for TxDOT. Also, the State Highway 71 intersection at this location is one of the most heavily traveled intersections within the city limits, so future connections would also be discouraged for this reason.

Staff is recommending the abandonment of the Madison Street and Houston Street rights-of-way to avoid creating additional traffic congestion at the State Highway 71 & 95 intersection, and to promote the safety and well-being of travelers along the State Highway 71 corridor.

**POLICY EXPLANATION:**

The abandonment of city right-of-way requires City Council approval and must be established by ordinance. Therefore, Staff is formally requesting that City Council approve the abandonment of the Houston Street and Madison Street rights-of-way with Ordinance No. 2024-24.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Ordinance
- Exhibit A: Survey
- Exhibit B: ROW Closure Quitclaim Deed
- Attachment 1: Location Map