

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Portion of Right-of-Way Abandonment for Frist Court
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for closure and abandonment of an approximately 260 ft. +/- section of right of way for Frist Court located within an existing parking lot that serves Piedmont Northside Campus, authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the changing of the Official Street Map and Tax Maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning an approximate 260 ft. +/- . segment of Frist Court right-of-way located within the parking lot that serves Piedmont Northside Campus; authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.

Background: The Medical Center Hospital Authority has requested the portion of the right of way within the parking lot be abandoned and conveyed back to them.

Analysis: The rights-of -way in its current layout serves no purpose to the public with the exception of existing utilities.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is required to close and abandon public street right of way.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the changing of the Official Street Map and Tax Maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning an approximate 260 ft. +/- segment of Frist Court; authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CHANGING OF THE OFFICIAL STREET MAP AND TAX MAP OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA BY OFFICIALLY CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN APPROXIMATELY 260 FT. SEGMENT OF FRIST COURT; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF THE SAID RIGHT OF WAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAW; RESERVING UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Medical Center Hospital Authority has requested a portion of Frist Court be closed; and,

WHEREAS, there is a 260 ft. +/- segment of right of way that is currently being used as a parking lot; and,

WHEREAS, the property owners have requested a portion of the right of way be abandoned; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Engineering has determined the Street Segment is not critical to traffic flow in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I.

The "Official Street Map, Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia" maintained in accordance with 18.1 of the Columbus Code and appropriate Tax Map are hereby amended by the deleting the following property from said maps:

That portion of right of way for Frist Court commencing at the right of way of the Cul-de-sac and running in a northerly direction for a distance 260 +/- ft.

SECTION II.

That the Council finds that the segments of rights of way described in Section I above no longer serve a substantial public purpose. This abandonment is hereby declared to be in the best public interest. Accordingly, said segments are hereby declared abandoned and removed from the Official Street Map of Columbus Georgia in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2(c). The City Manager is authorized to transfer the property to the adjacent property owners in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-4 if determined to be necessary and in the best interest of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia.

SECTION III.

All existing utility easements and other easements in the Street Segment shall be reserved.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of September 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor