

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Street Acceptance – Property Formally Known as 1st Avenue
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of property formally known as 1 st Avenue that runs from south right of way line for 18 th Street south to the north right of way line for Norfolk Southern Railroad. It is desired to restore the right of way for 1 st Avenue as a public street for operation and maintenance. The City will be responsible for the cost of operation and maintenance to include public improvements and installation of official street name signs.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of property formerly known as 1st Avenue that runs from the south right of way line for 18th Street in a southerly direction to the north right of way line for Norfolk Southern Railroad and being more particularly described as: “ ALL OF LOT 102, 68,362 S.F., 1.57 ACRES+- as shown on map or plat entitled “Re-Plat Street Tract 7, Tracts 8 & 11 Riverfront Campus, Survey for Total Systems Services, LLC and Mercer University”, dated July 23, 2020 and recorded in Plat Book 166, Folio 186. Adding this portion of right of way to the Official Street map and recognizing the street as 1st Avenue.

Background: Ordinance No. 98-3 approved the deletion of street segments and rights of way within a 46- acre tract of land sold to Total System Services for future expansion of the Riverfront campus. These portions of right of way were removed from the Official Street Map for the City of Columbus, Georgia. This action included a portion of 1st Avenue.

Analysis: Total Systems currently has no future plans to expand the Riverfront campus. Mercer University currently has a campus under development in the area. It is desired to restore the right of way for 1st Avenue as a public street for operation and maintenance. It will provide access to the Mercer University facilities.

Financial Considerations: The City will be responsible for the cost of operation and maintenance to include public improvements and installation of official street name signs.

Legal Considerations: In accordance with Section 18-3 of the Columbus Code, all dedicated right of way must be accepted by Council.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the acceptance of that portion of property formerly known as 1st Avenue that runs from the south right of way line for 18th Street in a southerly direction to the north right of way line for Norfolk Southern Railroad and being described as: “ ALL OF LOT 102, 68,362 S.F., 1.57 ACRES+- as shown on map or plat entitled “Re-Plat Street Tract 7, Tracts 8 & 11 Riverfront Campus, Survey for Total Systems Services, LLC and Mercer University”, dated July 23, 2020 and recorded in Plat Book 166, Folio 186.

Adding this portion of right of way to the Official Street map and recognizing the street as 1st Avenue.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THAT PORTION OF 1ST AVENUE THAT RUNS IN A SOUTHERNLY DIRECTION FROM THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 18TH STREET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND BEING DESCRIBED AS : “ ALL OF LOT 102, 68,362 S.F., 1.57 ACRES+- AS SHOWN ON MAP OR PLAT ENTITLED “RE-PLAT STREET TRACT 7, TRACTS 8 & 11 RIVERFRONT CAMPUS, SURVEY FOR TOTAL SYSTEMS SERVICES, LLC AND MERCER UNIVERSITY”, DATED JULY 23, 2020 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 166, FOLIO 186. ADDING THIS PORTION OF RIGHT OF WAY TO THE OFFICIAL STREET MAP AND RECOGNIZING THE STREET AS 1ST AVENUE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 98-3 authorized the abandonment of certain roads which included portions of 1st Avenue for the development of the Total Systems Services, Inc. Riverfront Campus; and,

WHEREAS, Total Systems currently no longer intends on implementing the original plan; and,

WHEREAS, Mercer University is currently developing a campus in the same area and needs a portion of 1st Avenue for access; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Engineering has determined the streets meets the standards for a public street.

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 adding the following property to said maps and recognizing it as 1st Avenue:

“ALL OF LOT 102, 68,362 S.F., 1.57 ACRES+- as shown on map or plat entitled “Re-Plat Street Tract 7, Tracts 8 & 11 Riverfront Campus, Survey for Total Systems Services, LLC and Mercer University”, dated July 23, 2020, and recorded in Plat Book 166, Folio 186.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.

Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor