



# Agenda Report

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**Agenda of:** August 12, 2025

**Department:** Administration

**Subject:** Discussion and possible action regarding the use of undeveloped Rights-of-Way ("Paper Streets") for vehicle traffic

**Recommended Motion:** I move to direct City staff and legal counsel to review any existing ordinances or common-law authority related to vehicle access on undeveloped rights-of-way and propose ordinance language to regulate such access—specifically to limit motor vehicles beyond city-maintained sections of paper streets, preserving public walk-in access unless formally closed.

**Background:**

My understanding is that the City may already regulate motor vehicle access on undeveloped or paper streets, limiting usage past the point of maintenance. Pedestrian access remains generally permitted unless public access has been formally closed for security reasons. I request clarification from legal staff on the City's current ordinance and authority in this context.

**Local Ordinance Status:**

The City's Code of Ordinances (Chapters 1–110, last fully codified March 2010, etc.) does not appear to explicitly address undeveloped streets or vehicular access limits; search of Municode suggests no specific ordinance on "paper streets" as yet.

**Council Action Requested:**

TBD

**Attachments:** None.

**Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency):** 2

**Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact):** 3

**Submitted by:** Bruce Alexander, Mayor