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Public Vacation Request

Platted Alley ROW

Block 26, Grand Rapids Second Division

March 9, 2026



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Key Points about the Public Vacation:

- Subject area is a platted alley ROW (unimproved)
- Petitioner is trying to establish clean title of the site for future sale / redevelopment
- Request has undergone staff and committee review
- Not needed for a public purpose



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- **Petitioner: Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority**
- **Filing Date: January 12, 2026**
- **Requested Vacation: platted alley ROW**

Petitioner's Stated Reason for Request: If approved, the vacation would remove the unimproved right-of-way from the property, providing a clean title to the site for potential future sale.

- **Legally Described Vacation Request:**

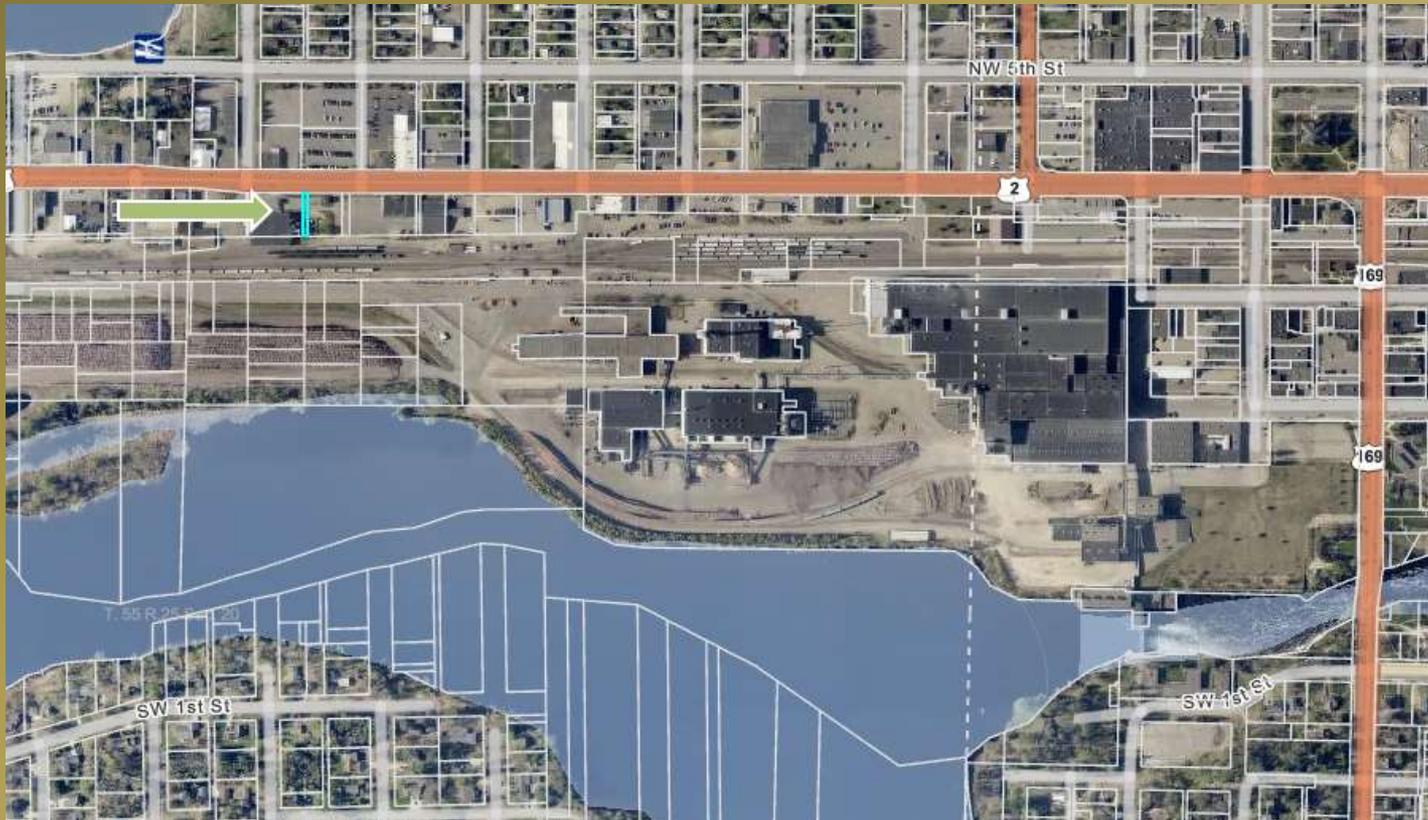
The North – South alley lying adjacent to Lots 1-12, Block 26, Grand Rapids Second Division, Itasca County, Minnesota.

***Physical address: 900 NW 4th St. (site of former Itasca Farm Service Co-op)**



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Subject area:

- **ROW in red.**





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Subject area:

- **Utilities, easements, and vacations in the area**





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Staff Review Committee:

- **Staff review committee consists of: Engineering/Public Works Department, Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission.**
- **No issues/concerns with vacating - the alley right-of-way is not needed for a public purpose.**



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Planning Commission Considerations:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Considerations

RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATIONS

1. Is the right-of-way needed for traffic purposes?
Why/Why not?

2. Is the right-of-way needed for pedestrian purposes?
Why/Why not?

3. Is the right-of-way needed for utility purposes?
Why/Why not?

4. Would vacating the right-of-way place additional land on the tax rolls?
Why/Why not?

5. Would vacating the right-of-way facilitate economic development in the City?
Why/Why not?



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Planning Commission Recommendation / Findings:

- The right-of-way is not needed for traffic purposes.
- The right-of-way is not needed for pedestrian purposes,
- The right-of-way is not needed for utility purposes.
- Vacating the right-of-way will lead to putting additional land on the tax rolls.
- Vacating the right-of-way will allow the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority to eliminate blight and improve the property for redevelopment.



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Questions?