

ARTICLE IV. VACATION OF STREETS, ALLEYS, ETC.¹

Sec. 23-109. Streets and alleys—Procedure upon petition of one hundred percent of adjoining property owners.

Whenever the owners of property adjoining a street or alley within the city shall file a petition with the city council asking the council to vacate said street or alley and when said petition is signed by 100 percent of the adjoining owners, the city council may refer the petition to the plan commission for study and report to the council. When said plan commission has filed its report with the council concerning the vacation of said street or alley, the council may by resolution confirm or reject the recommendation contained in such report. In the event the council deems it advisable to vacate said street or alley, it shall adopt a resolution and shall appoint a time not less than four weeks thereafter when the council will meet to hear objections thereto. Notice of such meeting shall be given by publication in such newspaper circulating within the city as the council may direct from time to time. If on the date of such hearing no objections are filed, the street or alley or any part thereof may be vacated and the resolution vacating such street, alley or any part thereof adopted.

(Code 1958, § 7-131; Ord. No. 110, § 1, 10-15-58; Ord. No. 233, § 1, 10-14-63)

Sec. 23-110. Same—Procedure upon petition by less than one hundred percent of adjoining property owners or upon council action.

When the petition to vacate is signed by less than 100 percent of the adjoining owners or when the council shall deem it advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish any street, alley or any part thereof, the council shall by resolution so declare and by said resolution shall refer the proceedings to the plan commission for study and report. The plan commission shall order a public hearing thereon and upon a favorable report to the council advising said vacation the said council shall by resolution appoint a time not less than four weeks thereafter when it will meet and hear objections thereto. Notice of such meeting shall be given by publication in such newspaper circulating within the city as the council may direct from time to time. In the event objections to such proposed action shall be filed with the clerk in writing the said street, alley or any part thereof shall not be vacated or discontinued, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the council elect.

(Code 1958, § 7-132; Ord. No. 110, § 1, 10-15-58)

Sec. 23-111. Same—Easement may be reserved.

Whenever the city council shall by resolution vacate any street, alley or any part thereof, it may, in the same resolution, reserve an easement therein for public utility purposes with the right-of-way of any such street or alley so vacated.

(Code 1958, § 7-135; Ord. No. 110, § 1, 10-15-58)

¹Charter reference(s)—Specific authority to vacate streets, Ch. 2, § 2.2(d).

Sec. 23-112. Easements; procedure.

Whenever the owners of a majority of frontage of property adjoining and abutting a public easement within the city shall file a petition with the city council asking that said easement be vacated, or in the event it is deemed advisable by the council to vacate any public easement, the city council shall refer the question of the vacating of such easement to the plan commission for study, and hold a public hearing and send a report to the council. Notice of such public hearing shall be sent to all public utilities servicing the city, and to the engineering and public works departments of the city. In the event no objections to the vacation of easement are made by said public utilities, and the vacation is approved by the engineering and public works departments of the city, the plan commission may recommend its approval to the council. The council may thereafter declare by resolution that it is deemed advisable to vacate said public easement and in said resolution shall appoint a time not less than four weeks thereafter when the council will meet and hear objections thereto. Notice of such meeting shall be given by publication in such newspaper circulating within the city as the council may direct from time to time. Upon such hearing, if no objections are received, the public easement may be vacated and a resolution vacating such easement may be adopted.

(Code 1958, § 7-133; Ord. No. 162, § 1, 8-8-60)

Sec. 23-113. Recordation with register of deeds effects council resolution.

Upon the resolution of vacation of a street, alley, easement or any part thereof becoming effective the city clerk shall within 30 days, forward to the state treasurer and record with the register of deeds a certified copy of said resolution, together with his certificate giving the name or names of any plat, subdivision or addition affected by such resolution and such resolution shall have no force or effect until so recorded.

(Code 1958, § 7-130; Ord. No. 162, § 2, 8-8-60)

State law reference(s)—Similar provisions as to platted areas, MSA 26.430(256), (257).

Sec. 23-114. Recordation with city clerk; prima facie evidence.

Every resolution discontinuing or vacating any street, alley or any part thereof shall be recorded in a book of street records to be maintained by the city clerk and the records therein shall be prima facie evidence of all matters therein set forth.

(Code 1958, § 7-134; Ord. No. 110, § 1, 10-15-58)