



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2022

REQUESTER: Ken Danner, Subdivision Development Manager

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works

TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2122-30 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, CLOSING CERTAIN PUBLIC INTERESTS IN AN ALLEY AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED AT THE NORMAN REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM PORTER CAMPUS SITE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

BACKGROUND:

This is a request for closing certain platted rights-of-way (typically used for alley or street purposes and utilities). Various easements and rights-of-way were dedicated over the years with the filing of final plats for High School Addition, Whitwell Addition, Northeast Addition and Griffin Heights Addition. Also, over the years, several rights-of-way and easements have been vacated by City Council.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant's representatives have made a request to close certain rights-of-way for this proposed development. Franchised utilities were not notified to assess the impact on their facilities if the rights-of-way are closed because the Norman Regional Health System and City of Norman will provide utility easements to cover existing or proposed utilities with future final platting.

At this time, the request is for closure of the rights-of-way used for alley and streets that will be in conflict with the overall proposal.

Planning Commission, at its meeting of December 9, 2021, recommended adoption by a vote of 7-0.

RECOMMENDATION:

With the overall design of the new proposal, staff supports the closure as described in the applicant's request.