

Dear City Council Members,

We the owners of the property to the area included in this petition would like the council to consider the following concerns.

The Meaghers Addition Replat of 1964 dedicated named roads, streets, avenues, lanes...the area we are asking for a vacation is none of these. The best description would be a planned driveway and that use was never implemented at any time. Furthermore, The original septic system was placed within the area that is being vacated.

Our house was built spanning lots 18 and 19 in 1965. Lot 19 would not be able to be sold separately regardless of the vacated area requested. An easement would be impractical. However, how all this was allowed to occur in the distant past is unknown, but all owners (we are the third) have been assessed and taxed for the area that is requested to be vacated.

Our only desire is to repair and improve our deck without having to pay for corrections to issues that preexisted, and were created when the original building permit was approved. We fully understand and respect the concept of doing things the right way, but it has already cost us a significant amount to have the vacated area surveyed. We feel that further requirements to fix problems that originated with the city's approval of the building permit 55 years ago is unfair to us as current owners and should not result in further financial burden or limit our ability to provide a safe and enjoyable residence.

We have consulted with our contiguous neighbor, and he agreed that this area was our yard as far as he was concerned and has signed a release of interest for any part of the vacated driveway.

Thank you for your consideration for our interest as fellow citizens and neighbors.

Auguste and Cora Zettler