

Skamania County Cemetery District No. 1

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City of Stevenson

Leana Kinley, City Administrator

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Leana,

The Cemetery District Board reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing on Road Vacation known as "No Name Road", also referred to as Iman Cemetery Road. Following is the Board's response:

The Cemetery District is an abutting property owner with vested rights. The Board of Commissioners are in opposition to the vacation of a section of No Name Rd/Iman Cemetery Rd for the following reasons:

- Access – Cemetery District has access gates on two sides of Iman Cemetery in order to approach the cemetery from either side to reduce impact from equipment movement for ingress and egress.
- Parking – Cemetery District previously thought parking was not necessary at both access gates, however a recent burial brought to the attention of staff and board members that in order to not infringe on the neighborhood at large, parking needs to be readily available to accommodate funeral services on site regardless of regularity of burials.

The Cemetery Board appreciate the input provided over the last several months to Cemetery District staff and Board members by neighboring property owners as well as City staff that have helped them come to this conclusion. If City Council elects to vacate said easement please indicate what findings support the public purpose behind the street vacation. Any other questions or concerns in the matter, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Lisa Nelson

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