

ORDINANCE #65301
Board Bill No. 127

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to vacate public surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel on the southernmost 97.33 feet of the 12 foot wide east/west alley in City Block 271 beginning at Tucker and extending westwardly to the north/south alley, same being bounded by Cole, Tucker, Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, and 13th Street in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The public surface rights of vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel, between the rights-of-way of:

A tract of land being part of a 12 foot wide alley located in H.M. Shreve's Addition to the City of St. Louis and in Block 271 as recorded in Plat Book X page 51, of the City of St. Louis, Missouri; said being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a set P.K. Nail at the intersection of the northeast corner of Lot 1 of said H.M. Shreve's Addition and the west line of Tucker Boulevard, 98 feet wide, said P.K. Nail also marks the northeast corner of property now or formerly owned by Pulitzer Publishing Company; thence north 75 degrees 30 minutes west, and along the north line of Lots 1 through 4 and property of Pulitzer Publishing Company, 97.33 feet to a set P.K. Nail on the east line of an alley, 12 feet wide; thence along said alley, north 14 degrees 36 minutes 17 seconds east, 12 feet to a set P.K. Nail at the southwest corner of property now or formerly owned by the Downtown St. Louis Foundation, said nail also marks the southwest corner of Lot 26 of said Shreve's Addition; thence along the south line of said Lot 26 and the Downtown St. Louis Foundation Property, south 75 degrees 30 minutes east, 97.33 feet to a point being the northeast corner of aforesaid property said point also being on the west line of said Tucker Boulevard and where a chiseled "+" cross bears south 75 degrees 30 minutes east, 5 feet at an offset; thence along the west line of said Tucker Boulevard, south 14 degrees 36 minutes 17 seconds west, 12 feet to the point of beginning containing 1,167 square feet (0.0268 acres).

are, upon the conditions hereinafter set out, vacated.

SECTION TWO: Petitioners are Downtown St. Louis Foundation and Pulitzer Publishing Co.

SECTION THREE: All rights of the public in the land bearing rights-of-way traversed by the foregoing conditionally vacated alley, are reserved to the City of St. Louis for the public including present and future uses of utilities, governmental service entities and franchise holders, except such rights as are specifically abandoned or released herein.

SECTION FOUR: The owners of the land may, at their election and expense remove the surface pavement of said so vacated alley provided however, all utilities within the rights-of-way shall not be disturbed or impaired and such work shall be accomplished upon proper City permits.

SECTION FIVE: The City, utilities, governmental service entities and franchise holders shall have the right and access to go upon the land and occupation hereof within the rights-of-way for purposes associated with the maintenance, construction or planning of existing or future facilities, being careful not to disrupt or disturb the owners interests more than is reasonably required.

SECTION SIX: The owners shall not place any improvement upon, over or in the land traversed by the rights-of-way without a lawful permit from the City and written consent of the utilities, governmental service entities and franchise holders, present or future; and such consent together with the terms and conditions thereof shall be filed in writing with the Board of Public Service and approved by such Board prior to the undertaking of any such construction concerning the rights-of-way.

SECTION SEVEN: The owners may secure the removal of all or any part of the facilities of a utility, governmental service entity or franchise holder by agreement in writing with such utilities, governmental entity or franchise holder, filed with the Board of Public Service prior to the undertaking of such removal.

SECTION EIGHT: In the event that granite curbing or cobblestones are removed within the vacated area, the Department of Streets of the City of St. Louis must be notified and it in turn will remove said curbing or cobblestones at the current removal price.

SECTION NINE: This ordinance shall be ineffective unless within sixty (60) days after its approval, or such longer time as is fixed by the Board of Public Service not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days from approval or override, the owners of the land subservient to the rights-of-way concerned shall deposit a sum with the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis for the use and benefit of the City Water Division estimated by said Division to be sufficient to cover the full expense of removal and relocation of Water facilities, if any; further, such owner or owners shall within said time deposit an additional sum of money with the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis for the use and benefit of the City Traffic and Transportation Division estimated by said Division to be sufficient to cover the full expense of removal of all lighting facilities, if any; upon such deposit being made to the benefit of the Water Division and the Traffic and Transportation Division, they shall proceed as is reasonably expedient to accomplish all work required and all useful access and occupation shall be accorded, further, such owner or owners shall within said time, deposit an additional sum with the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis estimated by the said Board as sufficient to defray the expenses required for the adjustment of the City's streets including curbs, sidewalks, driveways, roadway drainage connections and inlets, grading, paving sidewalks and roadways and road signage; provided further that said owners shall, under direction of the Director of Streets of the City of St. Louis, accomplish the aforesaid adjustments, at their own expense, but in the event said owners fail to accomplish such within allowable time, according to the direction of the Director, the Director shall cause the same to be performed and upon his certification of expenses, the Comptroller shall appropriate said deposit, or so much thereof as required to defray such expenses to the City or others; no claims or demands whatever arising out of such vacation or adjustment shall be made or prosecuted by owners, their heirs, successors or assigns; and the Comptroller after determining the total cost of the foregoing to the City shall return any unexpended part of said deposits to the owner or owners.

SECTION TEN: An affidavit stating that all of the conditions of this ordinance have been/will be fulfilled and/or complied with must be submitted to the Board of Public Service for acceptance 365 days (1 year) from the date of the signing and approval of this ordinance. If this affidavit is not submitted within the prescribed time the ordinance will be null and void.

Approved: October 17, 2001