



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 15, 2016

Re: 6<sup>th</sup> Street Alley Right-of-Way Vacation (Case #16-44)

## Executive Summary

Approval of the request will vacate the remaining east-west alley within the block bounded by Sixth, Locust, Seventh, and Elm streets to permit redevelopment of the southern half of the block for the State Historical Society of Missouri museum.

## Discussion

The applicant, Engineering Surveys and Services on behalf of The University of Missouri (owner), requests that the City vacate the remaining portion of the east-west alley located within the block bounded by Sixth, Seventh, Locust, and Elm streets. The alley to be vacated is located within the western half of the block and is 15-feet wide. The alley right of way currently is located within an existing parking lot. The eastern half of the alley was previously vacated.

This request is part of an agreement between the City and the University to cooperate on the future construction of a new building to house the State Historical Society's collections. The alley vacation was agreed upon in the property transfer agreement approved by the City Council on January 4, 2016.

Staff has identified the need to retain a utility easement within the alley, should it be vacated. This easement would accommodate an existing City electric line and a Mediacom fiber optic line. No other utilities were identified as being located within the alley or potentially being impacted by its proposed vacation.

Staff and external agencies have reviewed the requested vacation and find no reason that the alley should be retained for transportation purposes. The University has agreed to the City's request to retain utility easement rights within the alley right of way for maintenance of existing improvements. Given these reasons, staff supports the requested vacation.

Locator maps and a vacation graphic are attached for reference.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Downtown, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Arts & Culture

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

## Legislative History

Date	Action
3-21-2011	R42-11 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approval
1-4-2016	O-22710 – Authorizing a Property Transfer Agreement with the Curators of the University of Missouri

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the requested alley vacation.