

ALLEY CLOSING PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

WHY CLOSE ALLEYS?

Closing an alley eliminates dirty, messy conditions and creates a more stable, cleaner neighborhood.

It also prevents the possibility of criminals gaining access to your home from the alley.

REUSE OF ALLEY

The extra land now used for alley, may be joined onto your lot to make a larger yard.

In this extra space you may extend your lawn, enlarge your garden, or have extra play space for your children.

You may move your fence to the new property line, or you may leave the space unfenced.

EASEMENT

An easement is normally retained in the former alley. You may not build any permanent structures such as a garage or masonry wall in the easement. The easement permits the City and utility companies to have access to sewers, poles and lines.

ALLEY CLOSING PROCEDURE

After your alley has been vacated, the Public Works Department will make the following improvements:

- (1) A survey will be made of the alley to determine proper grade and if drainage is adequate.
- (2) Cinder and gravel will be removed from the alley and, if additional drainage is necessary, it will be installed.
- (3) Fill dirt will be brought in to replace the removed stone and cinder and will be properly graded.
- (4) The centerline of the alley, normal the new property line, will be staked so that property owners may proceed with fencing.

The additional land added to your lot will not change your City assessment or taxes.

All work performed by the Public Works Department in converting the alley into an easement is done at no expense to the property owner.