

**Department of Community Planning and Economic Development - Planning Division**  
Alley Vacation  
Vacation 1574

**Date:** November 15, 2010

**Applicant:** The Ackerberg Group

**Address of Property:** That part of the dedicated alley between Lot 36, Block 19, Forest Heights and Lots 10 and 11, Lyons Subdivision of Lots 37, 38, and 39, Block 19, Forest Heights, Minneapolis, Minnesota (east and adjacent to 2009 James Avenue North)

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**60-Day Review Decision Date:** Not Applicable

**Ward:** 5      **Neighborhood Organization:** Jordan

**Existing Zoning:** The OR1 Office Residence and R2B Two-family Residential districts are adjacent to the alley.

**Proposed Zoning:** Not applicable for this application.

**Zoning Plate Number:** 7

**Legal Description:** That part of the dedicated alley between Lot 36, Block 19, Forest Heights and Lots 10 and 11, Lyons Subdivision of Lots 37, 38, and 39, Block 19, Forest Heights, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Existing Use:** Unpaved public alley.

**Concurrent Review:** Alley vacation. No other applications are necessary at this point.

**Background:** The applicant requests that this alley be vacated for use as future green space. It currently is an unimproved alley. The vacation will not create a dead end alley.

As of the writing of this staff report no comments have been received from the neighborhood group. Staff will forward comments, if any, to the Planning Commission.

**Development Plan:** Please see the attached aerial photograph of the existing conditions. The future use will be green space.

**Responses from Utilities and Affected Property Owners:** No requests to reserve easements have been received from the public utilities. The Public Works Department recommends approval. Please see the attached letters from Public Works.

**Findings:** The Public Works Department and Community Planning and Economic Development Department – Planning Division find that the alley proposed for vacation is not needed for a public purpose, is not part of a public transportation corridor, and that it can be vacated.

**Recommendation of the Community Planning and Economic Development Department - Planning Division:**

The Community Planning and Economic Development Department - Planning Division recommends that the City Planning Commission and the City Council adopt the above findings and **approve** the street vacation of the north-south alley adjacent to 2009 James Avenue North described as the dedicated alley between Lot 36, Block 19, Forest Heights and Lots 10 and 11, Lyons Subdivision of Lots 37, 38, and 39, Block 19, Forest Heights, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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**Vacating all of the dedicated alley between Lot 36, Block 19, Forest Heights and Lots 10 and 11, Lyons Subdivision of Lots 37, 38, and 39, Block 19, Forest Heights, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Vacation File No. 1574).**

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That all that part of the dedicated alley between Lot 36, Block 19, Forest Heights and Lots 10 and 11, Lyons Subdivision of Lots 37, 38, and 39, Block 19, Forest Heights, Minneapolis, Minnesota is hereby vacated.