

**City of Detroit**  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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City Clerk

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Deputy City Clerk

**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*Monday, November 09, 2009*

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

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*From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

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FINANCE DEPT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DIV. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
BUILDINGS & SAFETY ENGINEERING DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

**3916** *Gregory Taylor, requesting hearing and investigation relative to alley conversion of property abutting alley north of W. Outer Drive between Greenlawn and Roselawn.*

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November 04, 2009

The Honorable City Council

Attn: Office of the City Clerk

200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center

Detroit, MI 48226

To: Honorable City Council

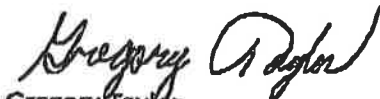
**RE: Petition #2560 CONVERT ALLEY TO EASEMENT FILED BY CLAUDE REECE, JR., ET AL July 22, 1992 ALLEY NORTH OF WEST OUTER DRIVE BETWEEN GREENLAWN AND ROSELAWN AVENUES**

On June 22, 1992, a petition for conversion to easement was circulated with signatures obtained. A letter was submitted to the City Council opposing the closing by this writer Gregory Taylor, on May 27, 1993. On June 22, 1994, a letter from the City of Detroit, Community and Economic Development Department, Jeannie Qualls, issues a letter to Mr. Reese stating that the alley was closed. On May 20, 1995, a letter of opposition was submitted and received at the City Council. The letter contained the signatures of three of the property owners objecting to the closing and the reason for the objection. My property address is 19435 Greenlawn.

Writer has over the years objected and been told that I would be notified of a City Council Hearing. The alley saw no activity over the years, I have never been notified of a hearing and the issue became silent. On September 25, 2009, Mr. Reece contracted Protection Fence, Mr. Samuel Fulton, 313-534-5020, to install a fence 8 feet into the alley. Several weeks later the fence was installed. If this petition is not moved on by this honorable body and property owners are allowed to extend fence lines, access to my garage will be denied. I am asking that the City Council enforce the applicable section of the City Charter and Mr. Reece be required to remove the fencing. Writer has checked with Planning and Development, Civil Engineering and Buildings and Safety Engineering and there are no records of the aforementioned alley being closed.

The City of Detroit is not in compliance with the City Charter Section 50-6-3. Therefore, writer is again requesting a hearing before the city council to address my concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Taylor  
17227 Wildemere  
Detroit, Michigan 48221  
313-917-8324

2009 NOV 11 - 11:00 AM

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**OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR CON**

*Close  
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to dept. &  
copy to Council*

May 20, 1995.

To the Honorable Detroit City Council:

RE: Petition # 2560  
Alley North of West Outer Drive Betwe  
Greenlawn and Roselawn Avenues

Dear Councilmembers:

By Petition dated June 27, 1992, a request to close the abovementioned alley was filed with the Office of the City Clerk. The sponsoring petitioner was Claude Reece, Jr. of 3450 W.

Outer Drive. Mr. Reece obtained signatures of all residents affected by the proposed closing.

However, assent to the closing was given by each affected resident after receiving certain misstatements of fact by Mr. Reece and critical omissions of information.

Upon learning the truth of the situation, four (4) of six (6) affected residents wish to rescind their signatures to the petition, and to protest to this honorable body that the omissions of fact and misrepresentations by Mr. Reece were significant and harmful. For example, Mr. Reece maintained that no one could "extend their fence" to block ingress and egress of a garage belonging to 19435 Greenlawn, which is only accessible from this alley. However, after obtaining the signatures, Mr. Reece announced his own intention to extend his fence to such a depth that the garage would be effectively blocked from access. Further, Mr. Reese misrepresented to affected parties that we would not lose City of Detroit maintenance of the present alley light. In fact, as Mr. Reece himself later conceded, the City would immediately cease maintenance of the light which provides safety and illumination for all affected residents. Moreover, Mr. Reece

Copy given Council  
6/13/95 (CM)

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neglected to inform residents that our property taxes would rise with the closing of the alley.

Had we known these facts and omissions, four of the six affected residents have stated that they would not have agreed to the closing. At date of this writing, one (1) resident could not be contacted and their views are not known on the matter. An additional attempt will be made to obtain the opinion of this fifth resident prior to submission of the Objection for Council consideration.

It should also be noted that at date of this letter, no action has been taken by Mr. Reece or anyone else extending their fence to actually close the alley. However, in light of misrepresentations made, the residents signing this letter are requesting that City Council move to prevent any attempted closing of the alley.

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned affirm that they have read and agree to the letter above-written. Each requests that your Honorable City Council take action to prevent the closing of this alley. It should be noted that Mr. Reece's signature to this letter was not sought.

Lot No.	Signature of Deed Holder	Address	Date
186		3480 W. Outer Drive	
43-44	Henry Thomas	19434 Roselawn	15-23-95
37	Bill Eric Evans Gregory Taylor	3470 W. Outer Drive	05-23-95
38	Shelia Taylor	19435 Greenlawn	05-23-95
185		3490 W. Outer Drive	

I, GREGORY TAYLOR IS REQUESTING TO SPEAK AT THE HEARING & PRESENT DOCUMENTATION  
GREGORY TAYLOR  
Treasurer (Taylor)

GREGORY TAYLOR  
CONTACT PERSON  
PH # 863-0287 (HOME)  
596-5900 (WORK)

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7/22/92

CLAUDE REEBE, JR., ET AL

convert alley to easement btw.  
West Outer Drive, Greenlawn and  
Roselawn.

CGEBDD

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Per SP, copy to Council & PDD.

**City of Detroit**  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Jackie L. Curio  
City Clerk

Vernon C. Allen  
Deputy City Clerk

Departmental Reference Communication

June 13, 1995

TO: THE DEPARTMENT OR COMMISSION LISTED BELOW  
FROM: THE CITY CLERK

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Herewith, the following referral is a copy of a supplement  
to Petition 2560 :

P&DD

2560 - CLAUDE REECE et al. Original request dated 6/27/92.

To covert alley to easement between W. Outer Drive,  
Greenlawn and Roselawn..

GREGORY TAYLOR submitted letter apposing alley closure  
5/27/93.

## DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

July 22, 1992

TO: THE DEPARTMENT OR COMMISSION LISTED BELOW:  
FROM: THE CITY CLERK

The following petitions are herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return same with your report in duplicate within the usual time limit.

## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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2554 - Donnie Jones (Susiso Soul Food), for outdoor cafe at 13749 Wyoming, July 20-September 10, 1992.

2555 - Il Centro Ristorante, for outdoor cafe at 670 Lothrop.

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~~Convert Alleys to Easements~~

2556 - Keith R. Conrad, et al, btw. Morang and Beaconfield.

2557 - Victor Garofalo, et al, btw. Tacoma, Manning, Hoyt and Anvil.

2558 - Linda Israel, et al, btw. Filer, E. Seven Mile and Robinwood.

2559 - E. W. Kaniarz, et al, btw. Annett, Bradford, Pinewood and Manning.

2560 - Claude Reece, Jr., et al, btw. West Outer Drive, Greenlawn and Roselawn.

2561 - Michael Lee Searcy, et al, in the 17319 Block of Teppert.

2562 - Kristine Spillman, et al, btw. Bradford and Annett.

**PETITION FOR CONVERSION OF ALLEY TO EASEMENT**

Detroit, JUNE 27, 19 92

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen: We the undersigned, owners in fee of the property abutting the alley  
NORTH OF WEST OUTER DRIVE BETWEEN GREENLAWN AND ROSELAWN AVENUES

Location of Alley

do respectfully petition your Honorable Body to vacate said alley and convert same into a public easement.

Further, the undersigned, representing not less than two-thirds (2/3) ownership of property abutting said alley hereby agree that all existing utilities in said alley are to remain in their present location, and that if at any time in the future a request is made to remove or relocate any existing poles or other utilities in the easement, the property owners making such request and upon whose property the pole or other utilities are located will pay all costs incidental to such removal or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners.

We do further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever (except necessary line fences) shall be built upon the easement or any part thereof, so that said easement shall be forever accessible for maintenance of utilities.

SPONSORING PETITIONER CLAUDE REECE, JR 3450 W. OUTER DR. 862-7707  
 (Name) (Address) (Phone No.)

LOT NO.	SIGNATURE OF DEED HOLDER	SIGNATURE OF WIFE OR OTHER CO-OWNER	ADDRESS	DATE
<u>35-36</u>	<i>Claude Reece, Jr</i>	<i>Shirley D. Reece</i>	<u>3450 W. OUTER DRIVE</u>	<u>6/27/92</u>
<u>186</u>	<i>Marionette Hackigian</i>	_____	<u>3480 W. Outer Drive</u>	<u>6/27/92</u>
<u>43-44</u>	<i>Luzelle Thomas</i>	_____	<u>19434 Roselawn</u>	<u>6/27</u>
<u>37</u>	<i>Ray Oziel Evans</i>	_____	<u>3470 W. Outer Drive</u>	<u>6-27</u>
<u>38</u>	<i>Gregory Taylor</i>	<i>Shelda Taylor</i>	<u>19485 Greenlawn</u>	<u>7-1-92</u>
<u>185</u>	<i>Paul Torpwa</i>	_____	<u>3490 W. Outer Drive</u>	<u>7/5/92</u>



May 27, 1993

TO THE HONORABLE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL,

This letter is to bring your attention to my opposition to the closing of the alley, W. Outer Drive and Roselawn. petition #2560.

I own the property located at 19435 Greenlawn and the alley mentioned in the petition is located along the south side of my property. My garage is located in this alley and the alley is the only access I have to use this garage. Please consider my position before any action is taken.

Thank you.

*Gregory Taylor*

Gregory Taylor

17227 WILLOWMEADE

DETROIT, MICH 48221

313-862-0287

5-27-93

Copy of this letter sent to C.E. D. Dept.

27 MAY 25 1993

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CITY OF DETROIT  
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

150 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226-2619  
PHONE 313-224-2560  
FAX 313-224-4579

6-22-94

RE: PETITION # 2566

Dear PROPERTY OWNER:

*Mr. Claude Reese*

Please be advised that your alley is closed. You may now move your fence back and also block off both ends of your alley.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at (313) 224-3523.

Sincerely,

*Jeannie Qualls*

JEANNIE QUALLS

Land Use Division

PROFECTION FENCE  
 (313) 506-1330 CELL  
 (313) 430-8218 PGR  
 (313) 534-5020  
 OWNER SAMMIE L. FULTON

SOLD TO: Mr. Resses

ADDRESS: 3450 W. Outer Drive - 19895 GreenLawn

TOTAL FT. 29'

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 650.00

6' HI

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OPERATER

DOUBLE GATE

SINGLE GATE

SLIDING GATE

EXISTING GATE

NEW WIRE

NEW POST

EXISTING POLE

EXISTING WIRE

HOW MANY LINES POST

BARB WIRE

RAZOR WIRE

TEAR OUT

HAUL AWAY

LEAVE THERE

CHAIN LINK, WOOD, WROUGHT IRON, VINYL, OTHER

Chain links  
with walk gate

bid by

Sammie Fulton

9-25-09

Thank you!