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#### DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Thursday, May 27, 2010

To:

The Department or Commission Listed Below

From:

Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

Greenacres Woodward Civic Association, requesting vacation of dead-end portion of Pembroke, east of Lichfield and its conversion to an easement for utilities.





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Greenacres Woodward Civic Association P.O. Box 21303

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March 29, 2010

Councilmember Saunteel Jenkins Detroit City Council 1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Detroit, MI 48226

RE: Request for Vacation & Conversion to Easement
Dead-end Portion of Pembroke Avenue e/o Lichfield Road

Dear Councilmember Jenkins,

The Greenacres Woodward Civic Association (GWCA) respectfully requests the vacation of the dead-end portion Pembroke Avenue east of Lichfield and its conversion to an easement for utilities. The street in question is described as the easterly 120 feet of Pembroke Avenue immediately east of Lichfield Road.

GWCA supports this petition as a way to eliminate a dead-end street and improve security in our community.

A petition form with the approval of the adjacent residential property owner is included with this letter along with a map of the subject area.

GWCA would appreciate your forwarding this request to the appropriate City of Detroit departments for processing. For further information, please contact Mr. Russell Kramer of our Conservation Committee at 20489 Lichfield Road, Detroit, MI 48221 and (313) 861-1175.

Thank you for considering this important community improvement.

Sincerely,

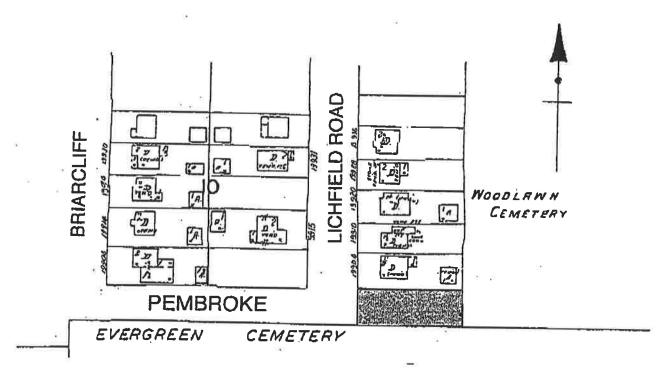
Lori Heinz, President

Greenacres Woodward Civic Association

**Enclosures** 

## STREET CLOSING PROPOSAL

### PEMBROKE AVENUE EAST OF LICHFIELD ROAD







PROPOSED CLOSING

PREPARED BY
GREENACRES WOOWARD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

February 8, 2010

## PETITION FOR CONVERSION OF ALLEY TO EASEMENT

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, owners in fee of the property abutting the alley Street.

## dead-end portion of Pembroke Avenue east of Lichfield Road

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 (66-2/3%) ownership of property abutting said stalley 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

Greenacres Woodward Civic Association

SPONSORING PETITIONER c/o Russell Kramer 20489 Lichfield Road Detroit, MI 48221 (313) 861-1175

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65 Cadillac Square, Suite 900 Detroit, Michigan 48226 Phone 313•224•3949 Fax 313•224•3471 www.detroitmi.gov

January 20, 2011

Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition No. 379 & 525 – Greenacres Woodward Civic Association, requesting vacation of dead-end portion of Pembroke, east of Lichfield and its conversion to an easement for utilities.

Petition No. 379 & 525 of "Greenacres Woodward Civic Association (GWCA)" requesting the conversion of Pembroke Road, 43 feet wide east of Lichfield Road, 60 feet wide into a private easement for utilities. This closure will improve security in the GWCA community.

The request was approved by the Solid Waste Division – DPW, and the Traffic Engineering Division – DPW. The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

All City departments and privately owned utility companies have reported no objections to the conversion of public rights-of-way into a private easement for public utilities. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted

Manilal Patel, Interim City Engineer City Engineering Division – DPW

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Cc: Alfred Jordan, Director-DPW
Mayor's Office - City Council Liaison

RESOLVED, All that part of Pembroke Road, 43 feet wide east of Lichfield Road, 60 feet wide, being the South 43.00 feet lying Southerly of and abutting the South line of Lot 105 all in the "Woodward Subdivision" being part of the North ½ of Section 3 T.1S.,R.11E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, as recorded in Liber 48, Page 89, Plats, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street and is hereby converted into a private easement for public utilities of the full width of the street, which easement shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, uses, reservations and regulations, which shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said street and by their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever to wit:

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public easement or right-of-way over said vacated public street herein above described for the purposes of maintaining, installing, repairing, removing, or replacing public utilities such as water mains, sewers, gas lines or mains, telephone, electric light conduits or poles or things usually placed or installed in a public street in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easement for the purpose above set forth,

Second, Said utility easement or right-of-way in and over said vacated street herein above described shall be forever accessible to the maintenance and inspection forces of the utility companies, or those specifically authorized by them, for the purpose of inspecting, installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewer, conduit, water main, gas line or main, telephone or light pole or any utility facility placed or installed in the utility easement or right-of-way. The utility companies shall have the right to cross or use the driveways and yards of the adjoining properties for ingress and egress at any time to and over said utility easement with any necessary equipment to perform the above mentioned task, with the understanding that the utility companies shall use due care in such crossing or use, and that any property damaged by the utility companies, other than that specifically prohibited by this resolution, shall be restored to a satisfactory condition,

Third, Said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, concrete slabs or driveways, retaining or partition walls, shall be built or placed upon said easements, nor change of surface grade made, without prior approval of the City Engineering Division – DPW,

Fourth, That if the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated street shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, such owners shall pay all costs incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners,

Fifth, That if any utility located in said property shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of said owners or assigns (by way of illustration but not limitation) such as storage of excessive weights of materials or construction not in accordance with Section 3, mentioned above, then in such event said owners or assigns shall be liable for all costs incidental to the repair of such broken or damaged utility; and further

PROVIDED, That if it becomes necessary to remove the paved street return at the entrances (into Pembroke Road.), such removal and construction of new curb and sidewalk shall be done under city permit and inspection according to City Engineering Division – DPW specifications with all costs borne by the abutting owner(s), their heir or assigns; and further

Provided, that an easement, the full width of the existing right-of-way, is reserved for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances, with the right of ingress and egress at any time to, and over said easement for the purpose above set forth; and be it further

Provided, that free and easy access to the sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances within the easement is required for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department equipment, including the use of backhoes, bull dozers, cranes or pipe trucks, and other heavy construction equipment, as necessary for the alteration or repair of the sewer or water main facilities; and be it further

Provided, that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department retains the right to install suitable permanent main location guide post over its water mains at reasonable intervals and at points deflection; and be it further

Provided, that said owners of the adjoining property, for themselves, their heirs and assigns, agree that no building or structure of any nature whatsoever, including fences, porches, patios, balconies, etc., shall be built upon or over said easement, or that no grade changes or storage of materials shall be made within said easement without prior written approval and agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department; and be it further

Provided, that if any time in the future, the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated street shall request the removal and/or relocation of the aforementioned utilities in said easement, such owners shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation. It is further provided that if sewers, water mains, and/or appurtenances in said easement shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of the owner, or assigns, then in such event, the owner or assigns shall be liable for all costs incident to the repair of such broken or damaged sewers and water mains, and shall also be liable for all claims for damages resulting from his action; and be it further

PROVIDED, that the City Clerk shall within 30 days record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

P.O. BOX 21303

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48221

C/O RUSSELL KRAMER

PHONE NO. 313 861 1175



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