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Honorable City Council:

**Re: Petition No. 107 – Gratiot Limited Dividend Housing Association, LLC request the conversion of an alley to easement in the area of Gratiot Ave., Holcomb Ave., and Belvidere Ave. for the purpose of a new building located at 9100 Gratiot.**

Petition No. 107 – Gratiot Limited Dividend Housing Association, LLC, request to vacate and convert to easement the remaining part the north-south alley, 20 feet wide and the north-south alley, 18 feet wide, together being all of the remaining alleys in the block bounded by Cairney Avenue, 60 feet wide, Gratiot Avenue, 120 feet wide, Holcomb Avenue, 60 feet wide and Belvidere Avenue, 60 feet wide.

This request is being made for a development on Gratiot and will allow for a secure parking area in the rear of the building.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

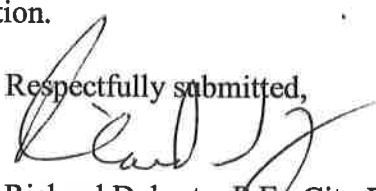
The request was approved by the Solid Waste Division – DPW, and Traffic Engineering Division – DPW.

All involved City Departments, including the Public Lighting Department, and privately owned utility companies have reported no objections to the conversion of the public rights-of-way into a private easement for public utilities. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the attached resolution.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) has no objection to the conversion to easement. The specific DWSD provisions for easements are included in the resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard Doherty, P.E., City Engineer  
City Engineering Division – DPW

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Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director, DPW  
Mayor's Office – City Council Liaison

BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLVED**, All of the remaining part the northeast-southwest alley, 20 feet wide and the northwest-southeast alley, 18 feet wide, together being all of the remaining alleys in the block bounded by Cairney Avenue, 60 feet wide, Gratiot Avenue, 120 feet wide, Holcomb Avenue, 60 feet wide and Belvidere Avenue, 60 feet wide, and being more particularly described as:

- 1) Part the northeast-southwest alley, 20 feet wide lying southeasterly of and adjoining the southeast line of Lots 1 through 8, both inclusive, and lying northwesterly of and adjoining the northwest line of Lots 160, 161, and 162 "Joseph S. Visger's Gratiot Avenue Subdivision of part of P.C.10, South of Gratiot Avenue, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan" as recorded in Liber 18, Page 84 of Plats, Wayne County Records; also that part of the alley lying northeasterly of a line described as beginning at a point in the southeasterly line of Lot 5 being 12.27 feet northerly of the southeasterly corner and ending at the northerly corner of Lot 6 "John W. Fox's Subdivision in P.C. 10, South of Gratiot Avenue City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan" as recorded in Liber 17, Page 79 of Plats, Wayne County Records; including that part of the alley lying southeasterly of and adjoining the southeasterly line of part of Private Claim 10, south of Gratiot as widened and lying between the two aforementioned subdivisions.
- 2) All of the northwest-southeast alley, 18 feet wide, lying northeasterly of and adjoining the northeasterly line of Lots 6 through 15, both inclusive, "John W. Fox's Subdivision in P.C. 10, South of Gratiot Avenue City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan" as recorded in Liber 17, Page 79 of Plats, Wayne County Records; also lying southwesterly of and adjoining the southwesterly line of Lots 162 through 174, both inclusive, "Joseph S. Visger's Gratiot Avenue Subdivision of part of P.C.10, South of Gratiot Avenue, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan" as recorded in Liber 18, Page 84 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

Be and the same are hereby vacated as a public alleys and converted into a private easement for public utilities of the full width of the alleys, 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 alley and by their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever to wit:

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right-of-way over said vacated public alleys 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 alley 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 alleys 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 easement, 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 alleys 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

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 porches,

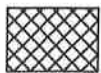
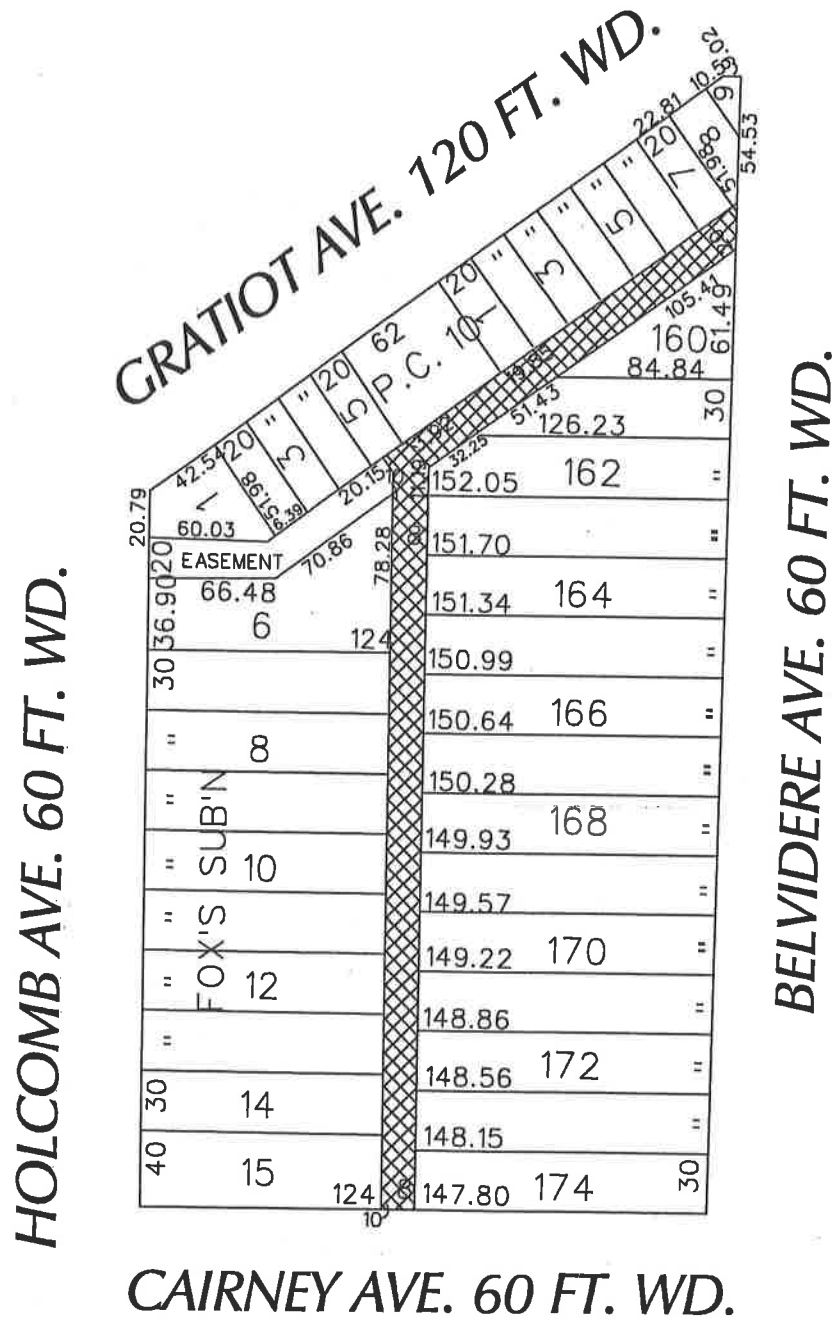
patios, balconies, etc., shall be built upon or over said easement, or that no grade changes or storage of materials shall be made within said easement without prior written approval and agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department; and be it further

Provided, that if any time in the future, the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alleys 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 if it becomes necessary to remove the paved alley returns at the entrances (into Belvidere Avenue, and/or Cairney Avenue), 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 the City Clerk shall within 30 days record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

PETITION NO. 107  
 9100 GRATIOT LDHA LLC  
 9200 GRATIOT AVE.  
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48213  
 C/O CLEOPHUS BRADLEY  
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- CONVERSION TO EASEMENT

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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B						<b>CONVERSION TO EASEMENT          THE EAST/WEST PUBLIC ALLEY, 20 FT. WD.          AND THE NORTH/SOUTH PUBLIC ALLEY, 18 FT. WD.          IN THE BLOCK BOUND BY          BELVIDERE, CAIRNEY, HOLCOMB          AND GRATIOT AVE.</b>	<b>CITY OF DETROIT          CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT          SURVEY BUREAU</b>	
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