

Definition of Terms

Vacation:

The R.O.W. becomes private property. The property owner is allowed to build over the former R.O.W. Because of this all utilities must be removed, above and below grade at the **COST** of the petitioner.

Conversion to Easement:

The R.O.W. becomes private property. The property owner is **NOT** allowed to build over the former R.O.W. The utilities remain above and below grade. Access to these utilities must be maintained.

Dedication:

Private property is Dedicated for use in a R.O.W.

Encroachment:

A property owner is allowed to encroach on the R.O.W. Examples: Awning, signs, steps, meters, monitoring wells, underground areaway, wiring or pipes.

Temporary Closing:

A R.O.W. is closed for a period of 2-5 years. Because this is temporary, no structures may be built in the R.O.W. The utilities remain above and below grade. Access to these utilities must be maintained.

Berm Use:

The Berm is the area between the street and the sidewalk. A property owner is allowed to encroach upon the R.O.W. in this area. This is usually with some type of parking or advertising sign.