

50-37.6 Vacation of street.

This Section applies to all applications to vacate a public street, highway or utility easement. This Section is intended to comply with the provisions of City Charter Section 100.

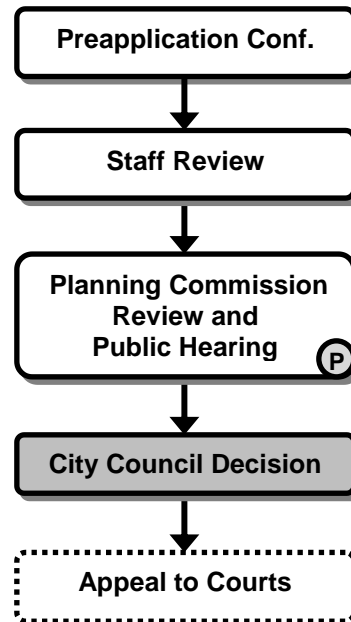
A. Application.

1. An application for vacation of a public street, highway or utility easement must be accompanied by a petition of the person or persons who own a majority of the lineal frontage of the land abutting the portion of the street, highway or utility easement proposed to be vacated;
2. The application shall be filed with the city and forwarded to the planning commission for review;
3. Other application provisions of Section 37.1.B shall apply to the extent they are consistent with subsections 1 and 2 above;

B. Procedure.

1. Review and recommendation. The city assessor shall review the application to determine the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. The planning commission shall review the application, conduct a public hearing on the proposed vacation pursuant to Section 50-37.1.I, with public notice as required by Section 50-37.1.H and make a recommendation to council based on whether the petition meets the criteria in subsection C below;
2. Council decision. Upon receipt of the planning commission recommendation, and a copy of the vacation plat prepared by the applicant and approved by the city engineer, the council shall make a final decision by resolution pursuant to Section 100(b)5 of the City Charter. Failure to present a vacation plat meeting the city engineer's requirements to the land use supervisor within 90 days of the planning commission's recommendation shall result in the application being denied;
3. Recording. After approval of the vacation, the city clerk shall file the vacation plat and authorizing resolution in the office of the county recorder;

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(P) Indicates Public Hearing Required

C. Criteria.

The planning commission shall review the proposed vacation, and council shall approve the proposed vacation, or approve it with modifications, if it determines that the street, highway or easement proposed for vacation:

1. Is not and will not be needed for the safe and efficient circulation of automobiles, trucks, bicycles or pedestrians or the efficient supply of utilities or public services in the city;
2. Where the street terminates at a waterfront or shoreline, the street is not and will not be needed to provide pedestrian or recreational access to the water;
3. Is not otherwise needed to promote the public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of Duluth. (Ord. No. 10044, 8-16-2010, § 6; Ord. No. 10153, 5-14-2012, § 15.)