

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
Division of Engineering and Construction

Barber Court S.W. Intent Vacate

Resolution No: 463-2019

Description: Declaring the intent to vacate a portion of Barber Court S.W.

Purpose: The developer of the Spang Bakery building is in a small section of the Queen Barber neighborhood. The conversion of this large historic structure to 60+ residential units with a planned second phase of new construction townhomes along Vega Avenue will be catalytic for the area. When this project is completed it will add dozens of new residents, whose presence will help to create a safe and vibrant new neighborhood. However, there will be a transition period of several years where that growth and change will need to be nurtured by both the developer and the City.

The developer's perspective is that the neighborhood could have a safety perception problem as it sits today. The developer's main concern is the safety of tenants in and around his building and that concern is particularly acute on Barber Court.

The City of Cleveland Planning Department has been working with the developer to come to a mutually agreed solution that preserves the alley as a public walkway. The alley will be vacated and closed to the public for a number of years through a signed agreement with the City while the neighborhood is being redevelopment.

The 6 foot brick walkway that was constructed as part of the project at the developer's expense (from the recycled bricks taken from the alley) will then be opened to the public.

A consent form acknowledging approval of this request has been signed by the Council Member.

Ward: Ward 3, Council Member Kerry P. McCormack