

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing the execution of documents necessary to relinquish interest in an existing easement, filed under King County Recording Number 2047555, on private property located at 10624 Woodhaven Lane.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution will authorize the execution of documents necessary to relinquish interest in an existing easement on private property located at 10624 Woodhaven Lane.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9633.

If approved, effective date: 07/15/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The owner of 10624 Woodhaven Lane desires to sell their property and has asked the City to release an easement that runs through their side yard in order to clear their title. The easement in question was created by a deed recorded on July 20, 1925 and filed under King County Recording Number 2047555. The easement was created as part of this 1925 sale of property from one owner to another. The seller at the time reserved in the deed, "for themselves and the public a strip of land 15 feet wide along the West side of said tract as a public highway."

Staff have found no indication that this fifteen-foot wide easement was ever used as a public road. In June of 1953, the plat of Woodhaven Addition was recorded (in Volume 51 of Plats at Page 64). This plat dedicated 106th Ave SE and SE 25th Place, which together provide vehicular access to the properties to the south of the subject property. Based on a review by the Transportation and Utilities Department staff, the City has no need to use this easement for public roads or utility purposes. As such, staff recommends the relinquishing the City's interest in this easement.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**Policy Impact**

Bellevue City Code

Under BCC 4.32.060, the City can dispose of real property interests, including the release of permanent transportation easements, upon approval by the Council.

City Procedure

The City has a procedure in place for releasing or modifying easements. An easement may be released, upon approval by the Council, if the easement is no longer needed, there is no foreseeable future need for the easement and, if applicable, the City has obtained any needed replacement easements.

Fiscal Impact

Relinquishing interest in this easement has no fiscal impact to the City because the easement was provided to the City at no cost.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution of documents necessary to relinquish interest in an existing easement, filed under King County Recording Number 2047555, on private property located at 10624 Woodhaven Lane.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Depiction of easement
 - B. Vicinity Map
 - C. Copy of the abstract of easement
 - D. Copy of draft release of easement document
- Proposed Resolution No. 9633

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

- A. Copy of proposed release of easement