

MOTION

In the 1930s, the City Council took various actions through ordinance to withdraw hundreds of streets from public use. In reviewing one such ordinance, the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) identified 525 street segments removed from public use, 335 of which are within Council District 3. Many of the streets previously removed from public use require repair and maintenance and it is not known how many were constructed in accordance with current City street standards. Many of the withdrawn streets are residential and are traversed on a regular basis.

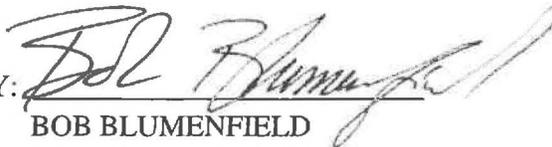
The withdrawal ordinances state that the City may return a street to public use when it is determined that a street is safe and passable. For the most part, the City has not reviewed and rated streets withdrawn from public use. Since the adoption of the withdrawal ordinances, the City Council has received intermittent requests to reinstate individual streets to public use. Reinstatement requests have been addressed in a piecemeal fashion, with BOE and the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) investigating individual streets as requests are received.

In response to a 2014 request, BOE and BSS indicated that the work associated with reinstatement requests is time consuming and is not a budgeted program. The City needs to assess the condition of all streets removed from public use and determine the actions and resources necessary to reinstate those streets.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Department of Public Works be instructed to report in 90 days with a comprehensive list of all streets which have been removed from public use by ordinance, including the Council District in which such streets are located.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Department of Public Works be instructed to report in 90 days on the current procedures for processing street reinstatement requests, the standards used to determine whether a street can be reinstated, the resources necessary to conduct a comprehensive assessment of all remaining streets withdrawn from public use and cost estimates to repair such streets which do not meet current City standards, alternative approaches to accepting streets which do not meet current City standards, and the identification of potential funding sources for this work. A comprehensive assessment of the streets withdrawn from public use should include a determination of the current condition and lane miles of all streets withdrawn from public use, and work required to bring withdrawn streets up to current City standards and be accepted into the City street system.

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