Right of Way Services

Engineering Regulatory

Public Right of Way Vacations

Alleys bounded by E. 36th

Ave., E. 37th Ave., Lawrence St., N. Marion St, and N.

Downing St. (20-0115)



General Vacation information

What is a vacation

 A vacation is the release of Public Right of Way, when the City and County of Denver deems it is no longer necessary.

What is the vacation process

- Once the request is received it goes through a 3-week review to anywhere between 30-39 agencies, both internal and external
- Once all comments received have been approved, the request goes through a 21-day public notification period, where signs are posted by the requestor, and letters are sent to all adjacent landowners and RNO's within 200 feet of the vacation area.



Protests

- If no protests are received, the request moves to City Council for final approval.
- If protests are received, the City reviews each one to determine if they have technical merit.
 - If they do not, it moves to council
 - If they do, we put the requestor in touch with the protestor to resolve the issues

What is Technical Merit

- The City of Denver holds in Trust certain pieces of property which are dedicated as Right of Way's for Transportation and Utility needs.
- When a request to vacate a Right of Way is made, a review is completed to determine if the required utility and transportation needs can be met without this piece of property being a dedicated Right of Way.



General Vacation information

Cost for a Public Right of Way Vacation

- Initial Review fee \$1000.00
- Legal description review fee \$300.00
- Ordinance request fee \$300.00
- Total \$1600.00

In the past 5 years we have had the following amount of vacation projects

- 2019 11
- 2018 17
- 2017 22
- 2016 32
- 2015 23

And in these past 5 years, the number of project that received protests are as follows:

- 2019 2
- 2018 2
- 2017 6
- 2016 7
- 2015 2



Alleys bounded by E. 36th Ave., E. 37th Ave., Lawrence St., N. Marion St, and N. Downing St. - Vacation Request

- Original Request April 4, 2019
- Public Notification October 10, signs were posted and letters sent
- Public Notification Ended October 30, 2019
- No protests were received



