

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Ordinance Approving Partial Closure of Castalia Street
Staff Contact(s):	Brennen Duncan, City Engineer, Caleb Smith, Traffic Engineer
Presenter:	Brennen Duncan, City Engineer
Date of Proposed Action:	August 17, 2026

Issue

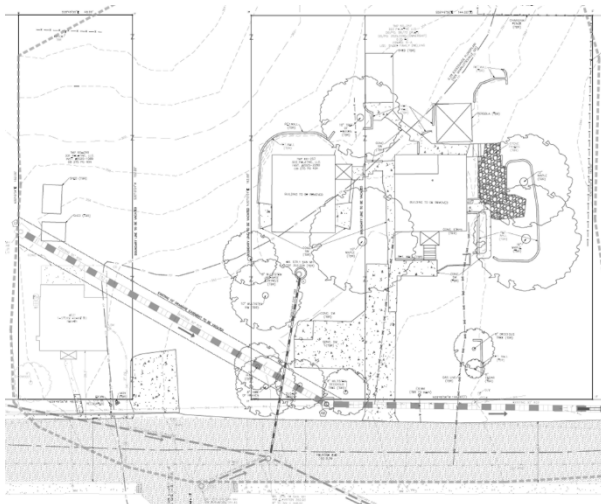
303 Palatine LLC has requested that the unimproved 162-foot portion of Castalia Street between 221 and 303 Palatine Avenue (TMP# 60-259 and TMP 60-257) be closed in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City").

Background / Rule

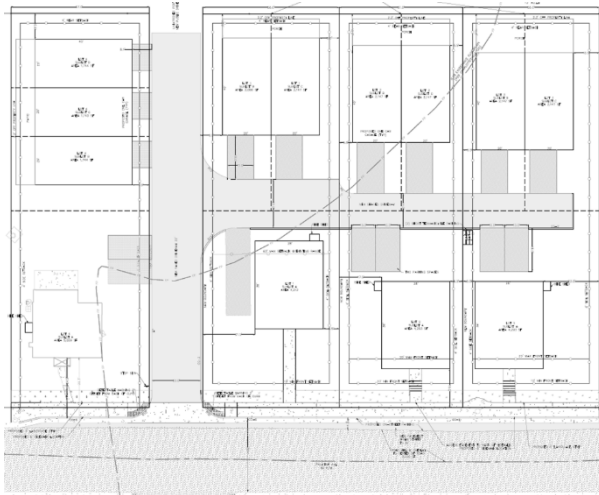
This request is connected with development application PL-25-0153 for a new construction project. The requested unimproved portion of Castalia Street between 221 and 303 Palatine Avenue is to be vacated and re-plated as a private alley in conjunction with this development application as illustrated below.



EXISTING CONDITION



PROPOSED RECONFIGURATION



Analysis

The developer owns both properties abutting the proposed vacation. Notice of the potential Street closure has been given to the public pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2204, 15.2-2272, and 15.2-2006, and a legally advertised Public Hearing by City Council was held and conducted on August 17, 2026.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Ordinance authorizing the closure of the 162-foot portion of unimproved Castalia Street between 221 and 303 Palatine Avenue and that the Clerk of Council send a copy of said Ordinance with the attached plat/drawing to the Clerk of the City's Circuit Court for recordation in the current street closing book.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I make a Motion to adopt the attached Ordinance authorizing the closure of the 162-foot portion of unimproved Castalia Street between 221 and 303 Palatine Avenue and that the Clerk of Council send a copy of said Ordinance with the attached plat/drawing to the Clerk of the City's Circuit Court for recordation in the current street closing book."

Attachments

1. 221_303 Palatine - Vacation of ROW Plat 25.094 - 221 Palatine Ave - ROW VACATION & ESMT [DRAFT] 260414
2. 303 and 221 Palatine - Petition to Close Street or Alley
3. 303 and 221 Palatine - Rendering
4. ORDINANCE - Partial Closure Castalia St. (Palatine Ave) 2026