PETITION TO VACATE A STREET OR ALLEY

Please Return To: Department of Neighborhood Development Services
PO Box 911, City Hall, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
Telephone (434) 970-3182 Fax (434) 970-3359

FEE: A filing fee of $100.00 made payable to the City of Charlottesville.

A. PETITIONER INFORMATION

Petitioner(S) Name(S): **Stewart Reese Lawrence**

Petitioner Mailing Address(es): **1210 Smith Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901**

Do/Does Petitioner(s) currently own property adjacent to the area requested to be closed? **Yes**

If no, please explain

Petitioner Phone Number(s):

Work: **804-335-4062** Fax

Home: **804-335-4062** Email **Slawrence1003@gmail.com**

B. ADDRESSES OF PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT TO THE STREET/ALLEY (use back of page if necessary)

Property Owner Name	Mailing Address	City Tax Map and Parcel #
Donald E Shifflett	**1037 Swift Lane**	**490139000**
Stewart R Lawrence & Victoria R Jones	**1210 Smith Street**	**490139100**
Aaron N. Cole	1216 Smith Street	490122000

C. PETITIONER'S REQUEST

1. That the said Petitioner(s) apply for the vacation, closing or discontinuance of a certain street or alley, situated in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, as described below (Provide name, right-of-way width and length of streets or alleys proposed to be closed, and reason for the proposed closing):

That portion of Swift Lane being 42 feet in width and beginning at its intersection with Smith Street and extending south west for approximately 46 feet, shown on attached Plat and ~~Charlottesville GIS Viewer, adjacent to parcels, 490139000 and 490139100~~.

2. Attach all information and documentation required by the City's current policy.
3. Attach a copy of the City real estate/GIS map showing the portion of the street or alley to be vacated with the square footage dearly indicated.
4. Applicant must review the attached dosing policy prior to submission of this form and attach a narrative which addresses the objectives outlined in that policy to include specific information as to why an alley dosing is being requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature of Petitioner(s)

If a score on the Rubric allows an application to proceed for consideration, valid applications will be forwarded to a joint Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearing and then to City Council for two readings.

Endorsed by:

Donald E Shifflett

Victoria R. Jones

Aaron N. Cole

Stewart R Lawrence
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3 October 2025

Charlottesville City Council and Planning Staff
605 E Main St,
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Re: Request to Close and Convey Unimproved Right of Way

Dear Council Members and City Staff,

My wife and I are writing to respectfully request consideration for the closure and conveyance of an unimproved right of way adjacent to our home on Smith Street.

When we purchased our home, I was serving overseas on military deployment. In the months prior, I had saved most of my combat pay with the dream that my wife and I would one day have a home of our own. When I returned to Charlottesville in the summer of 2024, I struggled to adjust to civilian life after living through many difficult experiences. I found comfort and protection in the home we had purchased, and over time, I discovered that working on home projects helped me heal and reconnect with the world around me— from repairing our deck and planting a garden to using large, flat rocks donated by a kind neighbor to line our flower bed.

These efforts not only strengthened my sense of peace but also helped me feel more rooted in our neighborhood and community.

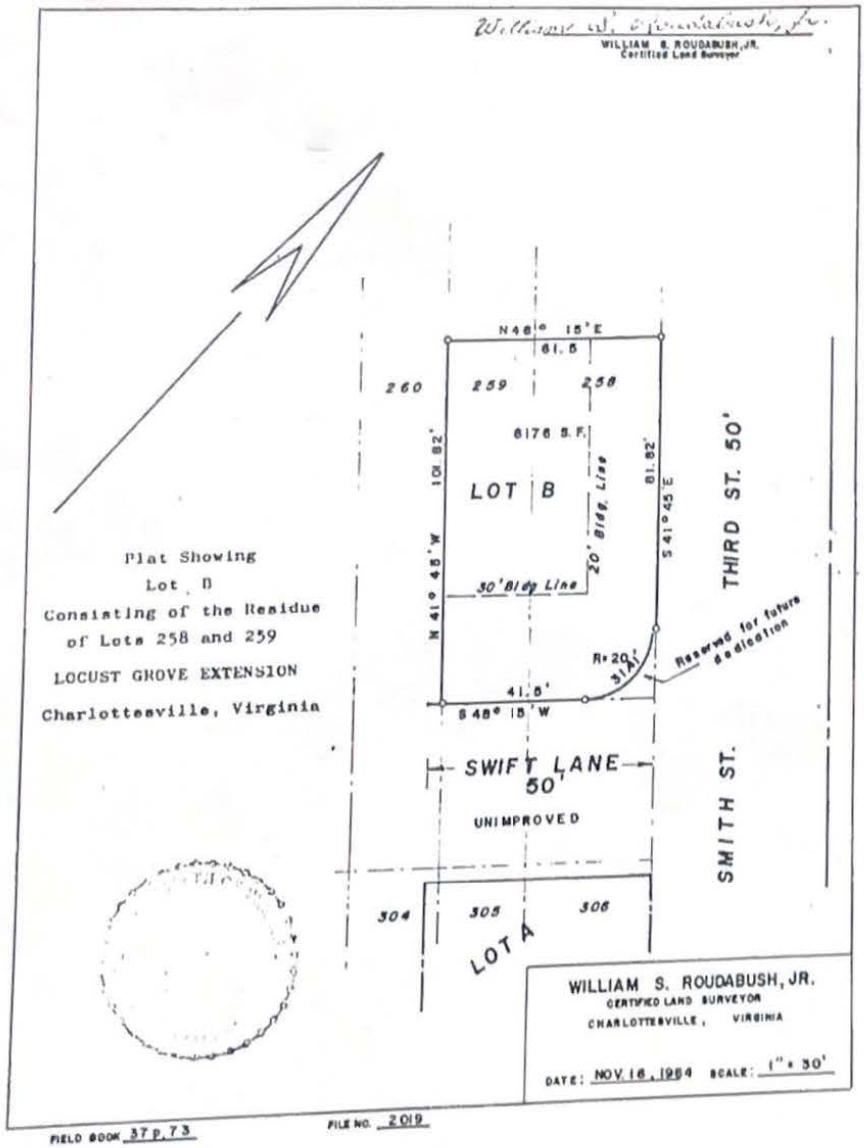
By obtaining the parcel in question, my wife and I hope to continue building upon this progress. Our vision is to plant trees that will provide shade, extend our garden space, and eventually create an outdoor patio where friends, family, and neighbors can gather. We believe these improvements will enhance the beauty and livability of the property, and in turn contribute positively to the surrounding community.

We sincerely thank you for your time, consideration, and support as we pursue this request.

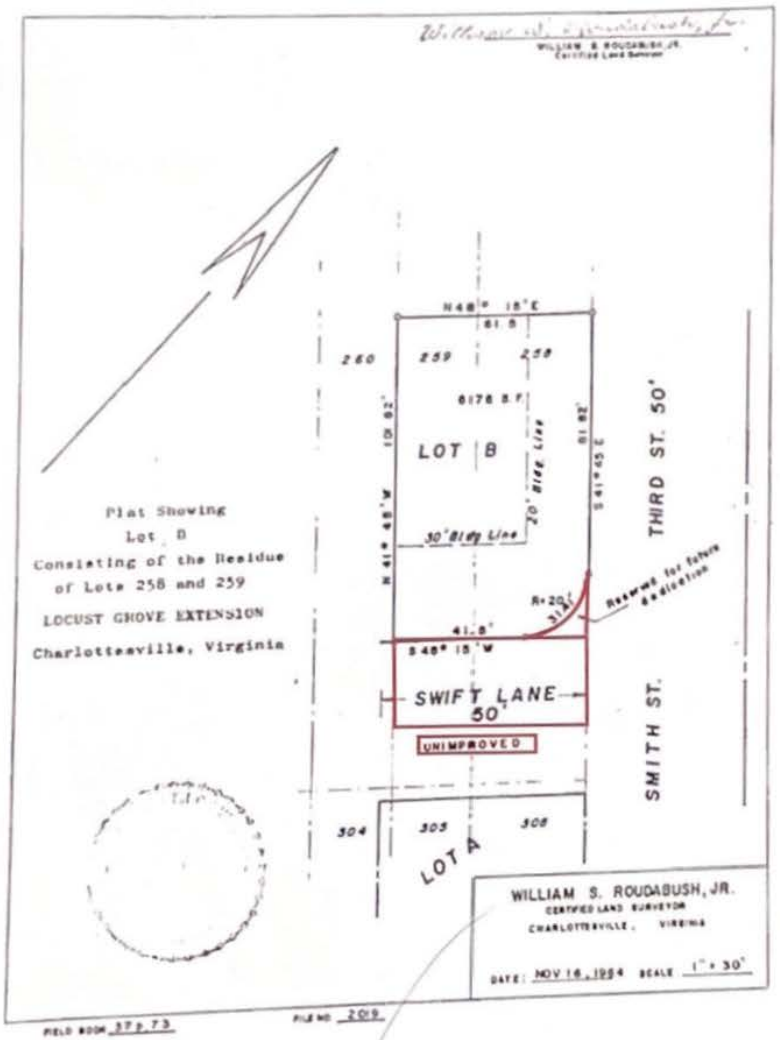
Respectfully,

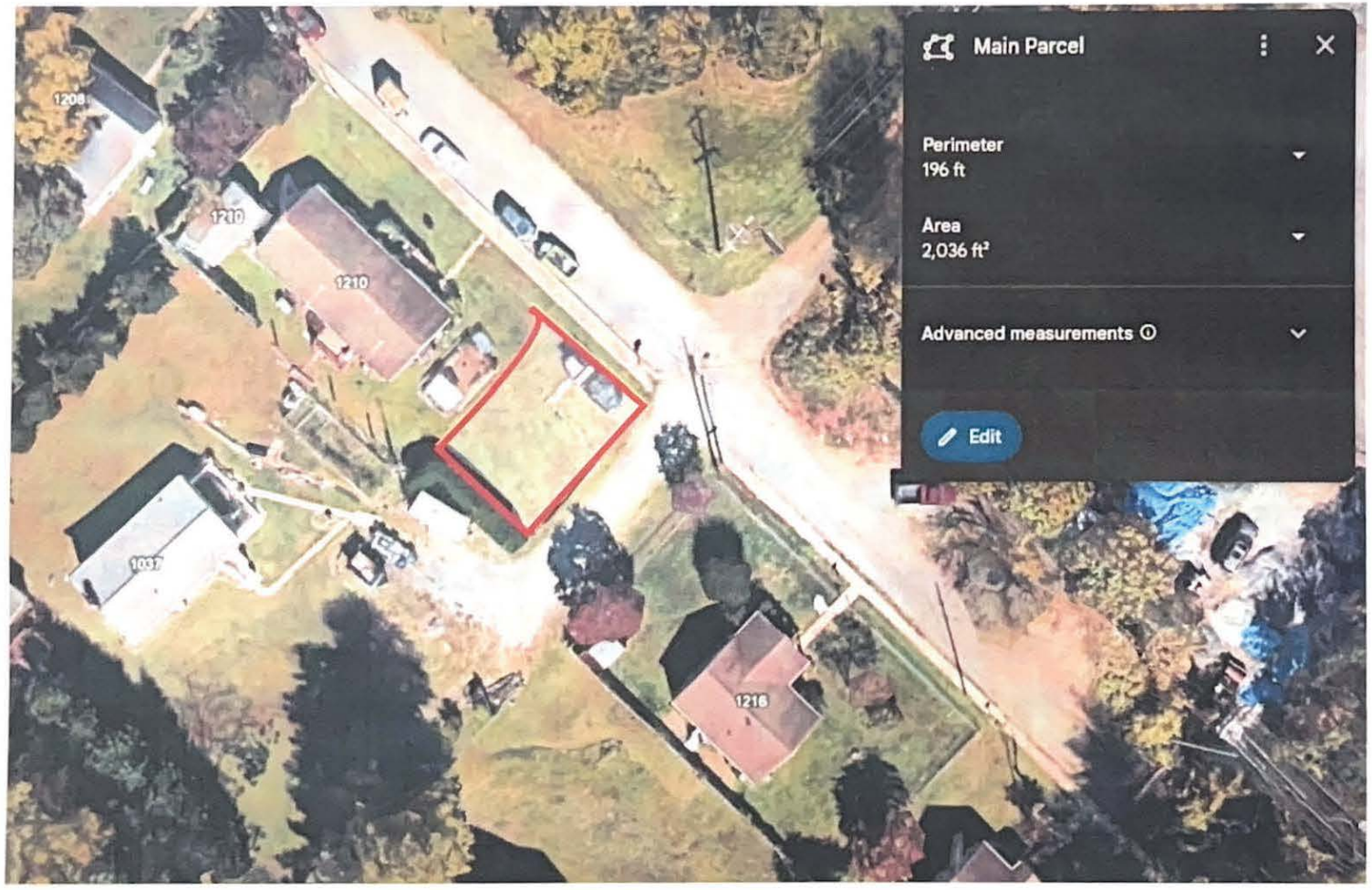


Stewart R. Lawrence
Victoria R. Jones


William S. Roudabush, Jr.
WILLIAM S. ROUDABUSH, JR.
Certified Land Surveyor
Plat Showing
Lot B
Consisting of the Residue
of Lots 258 and 259
LOCUST GROVE EXTENSION
Charlottesville, Virginia
N48° 15'E
61.5
260
259
258
6176 S.F.
LOT B
101.82'
81.82'
S41°45'E
N41° 45'W
30' Bldg. Line
20' Bldg. Line
THIRD ST. 50'
R=20'
31.4'
Reserved for future dedication
41.5'
S48° 15'W
SWIFT LANE
50'
UNIMPROVED
SMITH ST.
304
305
306
LOT A
WILLIAM S. ROUDABUSH, JR.
CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
DATE: NOV 16, 1954 SCALE: 1" = 30'
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Main Parcel
Perimeter
196 ft
Area
2,036 ft²
Advanced measurements
Edit
1208
1210
1210
1097
1216

31.25 ft
1208
PIN: 490137000
1037
PIN: 490139100
1210
PIN: 490139000
Adjacent property line (Schifflett)
Smith St
Swift Ln
1220+
1216
PIN: 490122000
End of other neighbor's property line (Cole); Not adjacent to parcel in question.
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