



JOINT REFERRAL COMMITTEE



ABANDONMENT AND SALE OF STREET OR ALLEY

A street or alley may only be abandoned to a property owner whose property is abutting the street or alley to be abandoned. All abutting property owners to the street or alley requested to be abandoned and sold must indicate their consent by signing the application. Print additional copies of page three (3) if necessary.

Upon review of a request for the abandonment and sale of a street or alley which contains pavement or public utilities, a contact letter will be forwarded to the applicant listing requirements that must be completed to finalize the transaction.

Upon approval by the Joint Referral Committee, the Traffic Operations Division will post signs notifying the public of the abandonment of the street or alley. The public has an opportunity to provide comments concerning the abandonment and sale during the 30 day period.

A sample application is available for reference.

For additional information concerning the abandonment of a street or alley, please email us at jrcinfo@houstontx.gov or call (832) 395-3118.



JRC APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



At least (1) one original and (9) nine complete, collated copies of your application with all attachments must be provided and delivered in person by the applicant or authorized agent to:

The Real Estate Branch
Department of Public Works and Engineering
611 Walker, 19th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

No applications will be accepted by fax, mail, email, or messenger delivery. Applications are accepted each Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and noon, on a first-come first-serve basis except during posted holidays. No appointments are required. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted, but may be submitted the following Thursday once completed.

Questions may be directed to the Department of Public Works and Engineering, Real Estate Branch at (832) 395-3118, by facsimile at (832) 395-3170, or by email at jrcinfo@houstontx.gov. The Joint Referral Committee website is <http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/latest/joint-referral-committee.htm>. Both the property owner (applicant) and the agent (if applicable) must sign this application where indicated. A signed authorization letter may be substituted for the property owner's signature if an agent is submitting this application. If the property owner is a corporation, the principal (include his or her title within the company) signing the application must be the same person listed. If the property owner is a type of partnership then the general partner must be also be included. If the general partner is business entity, then list the organization's name and the name of the binding principal and his or her title.

1. Your application must include:

- A. A clear 8.5 x 11-inch drawing or map of the subject area highlighted in different colors or cross-hatched in different patterns with a legend indicating property owned by other abutting property owners (if applicable) and the property requested to be sold.
- B. One recently dated aerial photograph and at least (3) three different, full size, recent, clear photograph of the subject area taken from different directions or points of view marked or otherwise indicating the requested property in relation to reference points such as streets, the applicant's property, etc.
- C. The subdivision plat, deed, or other legal instrument that dedicated or conveyed the City's or public's ownership of the subject area in a clearly readable form with the recording information. The subdivision plat must be as large as necessary to accommodate the map and dedicatory language on one page.
- D. Harris County Appraisal District printouts showing the applicant's property ownership, the City's ownership, and any other abutting property owners' ownership if applicable.
- E. Surveys or City drawings of the subject area if available.

F. Title report of the parent tract.

G. Authorization Letter for agent to act on applicant's behalf.

Subdivision plats and deeds may be obtained from the County Clerk's Office, 201 Caroline, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas, 77002 or at branch locations. For directions or general information please call (713) 755-6411.

Copies of City of Houston engineering drawings may be obtained at the City of Houston Permitting Center located at 1002 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas. For directions or general information please call (832) 394-9000.



Planning and Development Services Division
 Department of Public Works and Engineering
 Real Estate Branch



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TO BE ENTERED BY DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATION

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1. **Applicant's Information:** Your name, address, title, daytime telephone and facsimile numbers, and email address.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Contact: _____
 Title: _____
 Telephone No.: _____
 Facsimile No.: _____
 Email Address: _____

2. **Agent (if applicable):** Name, address, daytime telephone and facsimile numbers, and email address of any agent who will represent you in this matter. The agent will be the sole representative and contact for this request. *(To be completed only if you are represented by an agent.)*

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Contact: _____
 Telephone No.: _____
 Facsimile No.: _____
 Email Address: _____

3. Key Map Location of area of your request (*Example: 493X*): _____
4. Council District (*Example: District A*): _____

5. Description and square footage of requested street or alley to be abandoned and sold
(Example: Water line easement, 20 feet wide by 200 feet long; total of 4,000 square feet):

6. Legal description and address of the property abutting the portion of the street or alley to be abandoned and sold, by lot and block, including the name of the subdivision. If the property is not located in a platted subdivision, provide the name of the survey and the abstract number *(Example: 123 First Street, Lot 5, Block 3, Western Heights Subdivision or Tracts 1A and 3C, Obedience Smith Survey, a-56):*

7. Statement of intended use and details of the requested street or alley to be sold:

8. Is there a site plan if the property will be redeveloped? If so, please include a copy of the site plan with this application.

9. What is the timeline for proposed redevelopment?

10. What is the timeline to vacate the property if the property is currently occupied?

11. Description and square footage of any property interest to be conveyed to the City by the applicant (*Example: Sanitary sewer easement, from First Street to Second Street that is 10 feet wide by 50 feet long totaling 500 square feet*):

12. Other abutting property owners (if applicable):

Name: _____
Address: _____

Contact: _____
Title: _____
Telephone No.: _____
Facsimile No.: _____
Email Address: _____

Signatures

Applicant(s):

(Print Name) Date: _____
Date: _____

Abutting Property Owners (if applicable):

(Print Name) Date: _____
Date: _____

Agent:

(Print Name) Date: _____
Date: _____