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**Proposed No.** 2008-0077.2

## KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

July 15, 2008

#### Ordinance 16209

Sponsors Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of a portion of 2 South 116th Street, File V-2585; Petitioner: Peter J. 3 Findley. 4 5 STATEMENT OF FACTS: 6 1. A petition has been filed requesting vacation of a portion of the South 7 116th Street right-of-way hereinafter described. 8 2. The department of transportation notified the various utility companies 9 serving the area and has been advised that easements have either been 10 obtained or are not required within the vacation area. 11 3. The department of transportation records indicate that King County has 12 not been maintaining the South 116th Street right-of-way. The records 13 indicate that no public funds have been expended for its acquisition. 14 4. The department of transportation considers the subject portion of the 15 right-of-way useless as part of the county road system and believes the 16 public would benefit by the return of this unused area to the public tax

18	5. The right-of-way is classified as "C-Class" and, in accordance with
19	K.C.C. 14.40.020, the compensation due King County is based on fifty
20	percent of the assessed value of the subject right-of-way, which was
21	determined from records of the department of assessments. King County
22	is in receipt of \$19,939.11 from the petitioner.
23	Due notice was given in the manner provided by law and a hearing was
24	held by the office of the hearing examiner on the 2nd day of April, 2008.
25	In consideration of the benefits to be derived from the subject vacation the
26	council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of King
27	County to grant said petition.
28	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
29	SECTION 1. The council, on the effective date of this ordinance, hereby vacates
30	and abandons that portion of South 116th Street as conveyed to King County by the
31	recording of Auditor's File Number 2963077, records of King County, Washington as
32	described below:
33	That portion of South 116th Street right-of-way as
34	conveyed to King County by the recording of Auditor's File
35	No. 2963077, records of King County, Washington, lying
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easterly of the east right-of-way margin of Renton Avenue	
South.	
Ordinance 16209 was introduced on 2/19/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/14/2008, by the following vote:	
Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague No: 0 Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert	
KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  Julia Patterson, Chair  ATTEST:	
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council	
APPROVED this Agreement of Approved the Appr	
Attachments A. Hearing Examiner Report dated June 24, 2008	RESERVED
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# OFFICE OF THE HEARING EXAMINER KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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### REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT:

King County Department of Transportation File No. V-2585

Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0077

Parcel Nos. 112304-9074 & 112304-9064

PETER J. FINDLEY

Road Vacation Petition

Location:

Portion of South 116th Street

Petitioner:

Peter J. Findley

9614 Rainier Avenue South Seattle, Washington 98118-5935 Telephone: (206) 442-4510

King County:

Department of Transportation, Road Services Division

represented by Nicole Keller

201 S. Jackson St.

Seattle, Washington 98104-3856 Telephone: (206) 296-3731 Facsimile: (206) 296-0567

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Department's Preliminary:

Department's Final:

Examiner's:

Approve road vacation Approve road vacation Approve road vacation

#### **DEPARTMENT'S REPORT:**

The Department of Transportation's written report to the Hearing Examiner for Item No. V-2585 was received by the Examiner on April 2, 2008.

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

After reviewing the Department's Report and examining available information on file with the petition, the Examiner conducted a public hearing on the subject as follows:

The hearing on Item No. V-2585 was opened by the Examiner on April 2, 2008, in the Hearing Examiner's Conference Room, 400 Yesler Way, Seattle, WA 98104 and closed that day. The hearing was then continued administratively for receipt of the affidavit of publication and recording of a utility easement, which was received April 28, 2008. Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the office of the Hearing Examiner.

<u>FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATION</u>: Having reviewed the record in this matter, the Examiner now makes and enters the following:

### **FINDINGS**:

1. General Information:

Road name and location:

Portion of South 116th Street

Right of way classification:

C-Class

Area:

4,256 square feet

Compensation:

\$19,939.11

- 2. Notice of hearing on the Department's report was given as required by law, and a hearing on the report was conducted by the Examiner on behalf of the Metropolitan King County Council.
- 3. Except as provided herein, the Examiner adopts and incorporates herein by this reference the facts set forth in the Department's report to the Examiner for the April 2, 2008, public hearing and the statement of facts contained in Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0077. The Department's report will be attached to those copies of this report and recommendation that are submitted to the County Council.
- 4. Maps showing the vicinity of the proposed vacation and the specific area to be vacated are in the hearing record as exhibit nos. 7 and 9.
- 5. The subject right-of-way segment is not currently opened, constructed or maintained for public use, and is not known to be used informally for access to any property.
- 6. Vacation of the right-of-way would have no adverse effect on the provision of access and fire and emergency services to the abutting subject property and surrounding area.
- 7. The right-of-way is not necessary for the present or future public road system for travel or utilities purposes (subject to retention of the easement noted in the following finding).
- 8. A utility easement has been executed and recorded for the construction, repair and maintenance of public utilities and services.
- 9. The compensation required by law to be paid as a condition precedent to vacation of this road has been deposited with King County.

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#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. The right-of-way segment subject to this petition is useless as part of the King County road system, and the public will be benefited by its vacation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0077 to vacate the subject road right-of-way.

RECOMMENDED June 24, 2008.

Peter T. Donahue King County Hearing Examiner 3

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL AND ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED

In order to appeal the recommendation of the Examiner, written notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council with a fee of \$250.00 (check payable to King County Office of Finance) on or before **July 8, 2008**. If a notice of appeal is filed, the original and six (6) copies of a written appeal statement specifying the basis for the appeal and argument in support of the appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council on or before **July 15, 2008**.

Filing requires actual delivery to the Office of the Clerk of the Council, Room 1025, King County Courthouse, 516 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104, prior to the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the date due. Prior mailing is not sufficient if actual receipt by the Clerk does not occur within the applicable time period. The Examiner does not have authority to extend the time period unless the Office of the Clerk is not open on the specified closing date, in which event delivery prior to the close of business on the next business day is sufficient to meet the filing requirement.

If a written notice of appeal and filing fee are not filed within 14 days calendar days of the date of this report, or if a written appeal statement and argument are not filed within 21 calendar days of the date of this report, the Clerk of the Council shall place a proposed ordinance which implements the Examiner's recommended action on the agenda of the next available Council meeting. At that meeting, the Council may adopt the Examiner's recommendation, may defer action, may refer the matter to a Council committee, or may remand to the Examiner for further hearing or further consideration.

Action of the Council Final. The action of the Council on a recommendation of the Examiner shall be final and conclusive unless within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the action an aggrieved party or person applies for a writ of certiorari from the Superior Court in and for the County of King, State of Washington, for the purpose of review of the action taken.

# MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2008, PUBLIC HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ROAD SERVICES DIVISION FILE NO. V-2585.

Peter T. Donahue was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing was Nicole Keller, representing the Department.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the record:

Exhibit No. 1	Report to the Hearing Examiner for the April 2, 2008 hearing, with 17 attachments.
	Petition transmittal letter, dated December 11, 200 to King County Department of
	Transportation (KCDOT), from Clerk of the Council
Exhibit No. 3	Patitioner latter explaining reason for matition dated Assess 21, 2006 (c. Cl. 1, C.)

Exhibit No. 3 Petitioner letter explaining reason for petition, dated August 31, 2006, to Clerk of the King County Council

Exhibit No. 4 Petition for vacation of a County road including legal descriptions of petitioners' properties

Exhibit No. 5 Copy of filing fee, check no. 2011, in the amount of \$100.00

Exhibit No. 6 Receipt no. 00816 for filing fee

Exhibit No. 7 Vicinity map

Exhibit No. 8 Quit Claim Deed for road from Lynn & Vesta Morrell to King County, Auditor file no. 2963077,

Exhibit No. 9 Map depicting vacation area

Exhibit No. 10 Site photographs

Exhibit No. 11 Unrecorded Site Survey

Exhibit No. 12 Unrecorded utility easement from Petitioner to Qwest, dated June 13, 2007

Exhibit No. 13 Final Agency Notice sent March 7, 2007

Exhibit No. 14 Letter of explanation

Exhibit No. 15 Revised Petition

Exhibit No. 16 Recommendation and request for compensation letter from KCDOT to Petitioners

Exhibit No. 17 Compensation Worksheet

Exhibit No. 18 Letter to Petitioner requesting payment no later than November 30, 2007, dated October 10, 2007

Exhibit No. 19 Copy of compensation payment, check no. 820080681 in the amount of \$19,939.11

Exhibit No. 20 Receipt no. 146684 for compensation payment

Exhibit No. 21 Recommendation letter from KCDOT to KC Council

Exhibit No. 22 Proposed Ordinance transmittal letter from KCDOT to KC Council

Exhibit No. 23 Proposed Ordinance 2008-0077

Exhibit No. 24 Fiscal Note

Exhibit No. 25 Affidavit of Posting, dated April 2, 2008

Exhibit No. 26 Affidavit of Publication, dated April 2, 2008

Exhibit No. 27 Utility easement from Petitioner to Owest, recorded April 24, 2008

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