



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Ordinance 19356**

**Proposed No. 2021-0277.2**

**Sponsors Balducci**

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of a portion of  
2 the Alley in Block 2, Florentine Tracts, V-2732;  
3 Petitioners: Roslyn Hyde and Gene Vjarro.

4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

5 1. A petition has been filed requesting vacation of a portion of the Alley  
6 in Block 2, Florentine Tracts, hereinafter described.

7 2. The department of local services notified utility companies serving the  
8 area and King County departments of the proposed vacation and has been  
9 advised that no utility requires an easement over the vacation area. The  
10 vacation shall not extinguish the rights of any utility company to any  
11 existing easements for facilities or equipment within the vacation area.

12 3. This segment of right of way is unopened and unmaintained.

13 4. The department of local services considers the subject portion of right  
14 of way useless as part of the county road system, believes the public  
15 would benefit by the return of this segment of right of way to the public  
16 tax rolls, and recommends approval of the vacation.

17 5. Pursuant to K.C.C. 14.40.020 and RCW 36.87.120, the value of the  
18 vacation area is offset by the costs to King County to manage and  
19 maintain this segment of unopened right of way and the present value of  
20 future property tax, meaning no additional compensation is due for the

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21 vacation of this portion of the Alley in Block 2, Florentine Tracts to the  
22 property of Petitioner Roslyn Hyde, King County Assessor's Parcel  
23 Number 258680-0160, and the property of Petitioner Gene Vjarro, King  
24 County Assessor's Parcel Number 258680-0065.

25 6. Due notice was given in the manner provided by law. The office of the  
26 hearing examiner held the public hearing on September 9, 2021.

27 7. As detailed in the September 23, 2021, recommendation, the hearing  
28 examiner found that the road segment subject to this petition is not useful  
29 as part of the King County road system, concluded that the vacation of this  
30 segment of road will benefit the public through the transfer of  
31 responsibility for management and return of the property to the public tax  
32 roll, and recommended approval of the vacation petition without the  
33 requirement of additional compensation from Petitioners.

34 8. For the reasons stated in the examiner's September 23, 2021, report and  
35 recommendation, the council determines that it is in the best interest of the  
36 citizens of King County to grant said petition and vacate the right of way.

37 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

38 **SECTION 1.** The council, on the effective date of this ordinance, hereby vacates  
39 and abandons a portion of the Alley in Block 2, right of way as dedicated to King County  
40 by the recording of the 1912 plat of Florentine Tracts, recorded in Volume 20 of Plats,  
41 Page 84, records of King County Washington as described below:

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42           That portion of 16' alley adjacent to Lot 1 and Lot 20 in Block 2, Plat of  
43           Florentine Tracts according to the plat recorded in Volume 20 at Page 84  
44           of Plats, records of King County.  
45           Situate in the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township. 23, Range. 4

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- 46 King County, Washington.
- 47 Containing 960 square feet, more or less.


Ordinance 19356 was introduced on 7/20/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/2/2021, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of 11/12/2021, \_\_\_\_\_.

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 Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Hearing Examiner Report Dated September 23, 2021

September 23, 2021

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

SUBJECT: Department of Transportation file no. **V-2732**  
Proposed ordinance no. **2021-0277**  
Adjacent parcel no(s). **2586800160 and 2586800065**

**ROSLYN HYDE AND GENE VIJARRO**

Road Vacation Petition

Location: a portion of the Alley in Block 2, Florentine Tracts

Applicant: **Roslyn Hyde**  
10805 10th Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98146  
Telephone: (206) 972-7699  
Email: [roslyn@jbbuilt.com](mailto:roslyn@jbbuilt.com)

Applicants: **Gene and Monica Vijarro**  
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Seattle, WA 98146  
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Email: [GVijarro@gmail.com](mailto:GVijarro@gmail.com)

King County: Department of Local Services  
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## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

### Overview

1. This is a straightforward application. Roslyn Hyde and Gene Vijarro petition the County to vacate an approximately 960 square foot stretch of public right-of-way—an unopened alley on which part of a public street-facing a garage currently sits. The Department of Local Services, Road Services Division, urges vacation and a waiver of all compensation. We conducted the public hearing on behalf of the Council. After hearing witness testimony and observing their demeanor, studying the exhibits entered into evidence, and considering the parties’ arguments and the relevant law, **we recommend that Council approve the vacation and waive compensation.**

### Background

2. Except as provided herein, we adopt and incorporate the facts set forth in Roads’ report and in proposed ordinance no. 2021-0277. That report, and maps showing the specific area to be vacated and the vicinity of the proposed vacation, are in the hearing record and will be attached to the copies of our recommendation submitted to Council. Ex. 1 at 001-04 & 011; Ex. 5.
3. Chapter RCW 36.87 sets the general framework for county road vacations, augmented by KCC chapter 14.40. There are at least four somewhat interrelated inquiries. The first two relate to whether vacation is warranted: is the road useless to the road system and would vacation benefit the public? If the answers to these are both yes, the third and fourth relate to compensation: what is the appraised (or perhaps assessed) value of the right-of-way, and how should this number be adjusted to capture County benefits?
4. A petitioner has the burden to show that the “road is useless as part of the county road system and that the public will be benefitted by its vacation and abandonment.” RCW 36.87.020. “A county right of way may be considered useless if it is not necessary to serve an essential role in the public road network or if it would better serve the public interest in private ownership.” KCC 14.40.0102.B. While denial is mandatory (“*shall not*” vacate) where a petitioner fails to make that showing, approval is discretionary where a petitioner shows uselessness and public benefit (“*may vacate*”). RCW 36.87.060(1) (emphasis added).

### Is Vacation Warranted?

5. The subject right-of-way segment is not currently opened, constructed, or maintained for public use, and it is not known to be used informally for access to any property. Though dedicated as an alley, not only was it never used as such for the adjoining properties, the rockery and slope would make it, if not impossible, at least extremely difficult and expensive to ever convert it into a functioning alley. Vacation would have no adverse effect on the provision of access and fire and emergency services to the abutting

properties and surrounding area. The right-of-way is not necessary for the present or future public road system for travel or utilities purposes.

6. We find that the road is useless to the county road system, that the public will benefit from its vacation in the form of eliminated expected management and maintenance costs and added tax benefits (see below), and that vacation is warranted.

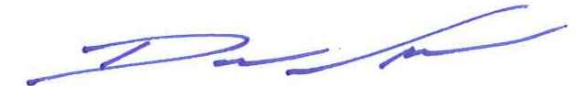
#### What Compensation is Due?

7. Typically, the petitioner pays the value the acquired right-of-way square footage adds to their property. Here, both the Hyde and the Vijarro properties will benefit to the tune of \$3000 each. Exs. 11-12. However, state law allows compensation to be adjusted to reflect avoided public management and maintenance costs and added property taxes (from moving public property onto the tax rolls). RCW 36.87.120. Here, the financial benefits to the County are over \$5000 for each parcel, exceeding the \$3000 private value increases. Exs. 11-12. In such circumstances, it is appropriate to waive compensation.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE proposed ordinance no. 2021-0277 to vacate the subject road right-of-way.

DATED September 23, 2021.



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David Spohr  
Hearing Examiner

### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

A person appeals an Examiner recommendation by following the steps described in KCC 20.22.230, including filing with the Clerk of the Council a sufficient appeal statement and a \$250 appeal fee (check payable to the King County FBOD), and providing copies of the appeal statement to the Examiner and to any named parties listed on the front page of the Examiner's recommendation. Please consult KCC 20.22.230 for exact requirements.

Prior to the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on **October 18, 2021**, an electronic copy of the appeal statement must be sent to [Clerk.Council@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Clerk.Council@kingcounty.gov) and a paper copy of the appeal statement must be delivered to the Clerk of the Council's Office, Room 1200, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104. Prior mailing is not sufficient if the Clerk does not actually receive the fee and the appeal statement within the applicable time period.

Unless the appeal requirements of KCC 20.22.230 are met, the Clerk of the Council will place on the agenda of the next available Council meeting a proposed ordinance implementing the Examiner’s recommended action.

If the appeal requirements of KCC 20.22.230 are met, the Examiner will notify parties and interested persons and will provide information about “next steps.”

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, HEARING ON THE ROAD VACATION  
PETITION OF ROSLYN HYDE AND GENE VIJARRO, DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FILE NO. V-2732**

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing were Leslie Drake, Roslyn Hyde, and Gene and Monica Vijarro.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing record:

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| Exhibit no. 1  | Roads Services report to the Hearing Examiner, sent August 26, 2021   |
| Exhibit no. 2  | Letter from Clerk of the Council to KCDOT transmitting petition, dated May 21, 2020                             |
| Exhibit no. 3  | Petition for vacation of a county road, transmitted May 21, 2020  |
| Exhibit no. 4  | Letter to Petitioner acknowledging receipt of petition and explaining road vacation process, dated May 28, 2020 |
| Exhibit no. 5  | Vacation area map   |
| Exhibit no. 6  | Plat Florentine Tracts  |
| Exhibit no. 7  | King County Assessor’s information for Petitioner Hyde property, APN 2586800160                                 |
| Exhibit no. 8  | King County Assessor’s information for Petitioner Vijarro property, APN 2586800065                              |
| Exhibit no. 9  | Final stakeholder notification, sent October 23, 2020, with comment deadline of November 23, 2020               |
| Exhibit no. 10 | Email from Assessor’s Office regarding valuation  |
| Exhibit no. 11 | Compensation calculation model spreadsheet for Petitioner Hyde property, APN 2586800160                         |
| Exhibit no. 12 | Compensation calculation model spreadsheet for Petitioner Hyde property, APN 2586800065                         |
| Exhibit no. 13 | Letter to Petitioner recommending approval and conveying County Road Engineer report, dated December 29, 2020   |
| Exhibit no. 14 | Road Engineer report  |
| Exhibit no. 15 | Letter to KC Council recommending approval and transmitting proposed ordinance, dated July 13, 2021             |
| Exhibit no. 16 | Proposed ordinance  |
| Exhibit no. 17 | Fiscal note   |



- Exhibit no. 18      Affidavit of posting, noting posting date of August 13, 2021
- Exhibit no. 19      *Reserved for future submission of* Affidavit of publication
- Exhibit no. 20      Letter with CRE Report and Notice of Hearing to property at 10808 11<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue SW
- Exhibit no. 21      Letter with CRE Report and Notice of Hearing to property at 10809 10<sup>th</sup>  
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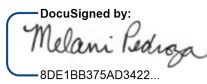
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