

## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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## EXEMPTION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT FOR ACQUISITIONS, DISPOSITIONS AND ABANDONMENTS PURSUANT TO G.C. §65402(a)

DESCRIPTION: Proposed summary vacation of a portion of alleys, Lincoln Street, Pearl Street, Franklin Street, Spruce Street and Clay Street in the Port Kenyon subdivision near Ferndale, California. The paper alleys and paper Streets Lincoln and Spruce are not part of the County maintained road system. A portion of Pearl, Franklin and Clay Streets are collectively known as School Block Road (2H020) which is maintained by the County. The area proposed for vacation is located in Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 2 West, Humboldt Meridian Road.

The road right-of-way to be vacated was established by the Map of Port Kenyon dated April 29, 1876, and filed in Book 6 of Maps, page 25 in the office of the Humboldt County Recorder.

The summary vacation is being processed under Summary Vacation procedures per Streets and Highways Code 8334(a)and (b). PW Land Use is requesting that the planning division determine whether the proposed Summary Vacation is not in conflict with the General Plan as required by Section 65402 of Govt. Code. This vacation does not land lock any parcels. According to the Department of Public Works.

DATE OF REFERRAL:

July 5, 2022

Resolution #72-69 provides for the Planning Director to certify general plan conformance for acquisition, disposition or abandonment for street widening or alignment projects of a "minor" nature. Projects subject to the provisions of Resolution #72-69 would not need to be submitted to the Planning Commission for report pursuant to Government Code Section 65402(a).

Factors to be considered when determining if the abandonment qualifies for an exemption:

Yes	No	
	$\boxtimes$	Was the right of way or property acquired for a use other than street widening or alignment? The right of way was not acquired for use other than street purposes.  No property will be land locked if the vacation is granted.
	X	Is the street or alley open on the ground (i.e., constructed)?  No, the proposed road vacation area is undeveloped.
	X	Is the street or alley identified in the circulation element of the General Plan?
	X	Is the street or alley used, or intended to be used, or adaptable for use as a part of the trails system? It is not described in any County adopted Trails Plan. There is no reference of the alleys, Lincoln Street, Pearl Street, Franklin Street, Spruce Street and Clay Street in the Trails Plan or the Eer River Area Plan that this vacation would impact.
	X	If the street or alley provides the principal access to a parcel, would the parcel be without legal access once the abandonment is complete (e.g., via easement or private right of way)? No, all parcels using Fisher Road for legal access have the right to use.

If all the answers to the above questions are "no", then the abandonment may be handled as an exemption. Projects which include "yes" responses will be evaluated by the Director on a case by case basis and may be referred to the Planning Commission.

## RECOMMENDATION

I have reviewed the above vacation request and find that it $\boxtimes$ meets $\square$ does not meet the criteria for an exemption pursuant to Resolution No. 72-69.					
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Ву:	Collin Slavey		Date		
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DETERMINATION					
X	Vacation qualifies for the exemption pursuant to	Resolution No. 72-69			
	Vacation does not qualify for exemption and is s	ubject to review and report pu	rsuant to C.G.C. Section		
	65402(a); the vacation request will be scheduled for Planning Commission review				
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Ву:	John H. Ford	l T	Date		
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