

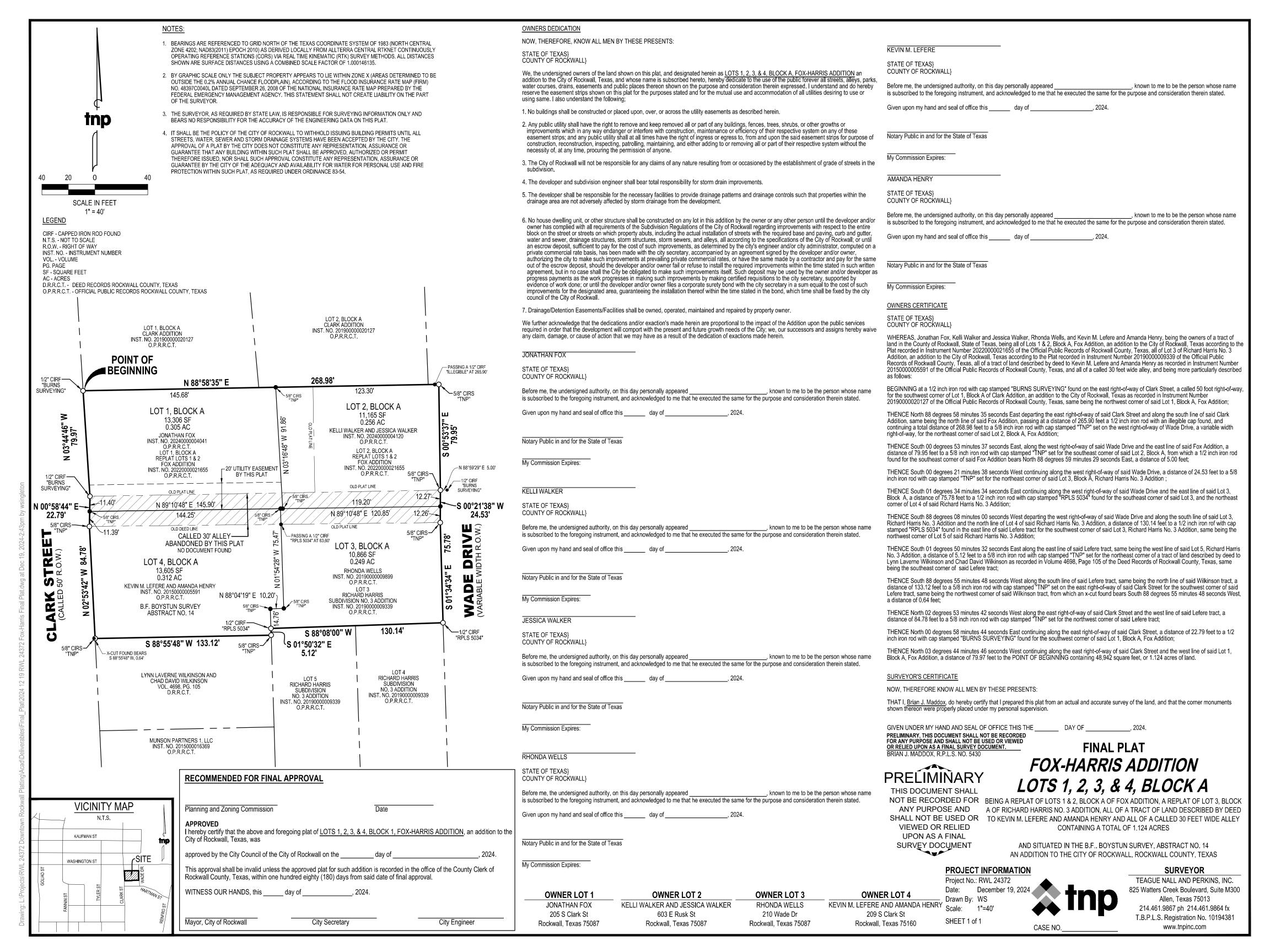


## City of Rockwall Planning & Zoning Department 385 S. Goliad Street Page 1 Towns 75097

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May 29, 2024

TO: Johnathan and Sydney Fox

205 S. Clark Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

FROM: Ryan Miller, AICP

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department

385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

SUBJECT: Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Abandonment of the Alleyway between Clark Street and Wade Drive

Mr. and Ms. Fox,

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Rockwall regarding the abandonment of the alleyway between Clark Street and Wade Drive, which is directly adjacent to your property at 210 Wade Drive. As you may be aware, the City of Rockwall has identified several unimproved or underutilized City rights-of-way within our jurisdiction that provide limited to no public benefit. These rights-of-way have been maintained by the City for decades without plans for future improvement. In some cases, adjacent properties have constructed improvements within these rights-of-way, further complicating their potential use by the City.

On February 5, 2024, the City Council approved a motion to direct staff to proceed with the abandonment of these rights-of-way to the adjacent property owners. Following this action, the City has decided to abandon the alleyway between Clark Street and Wade Drive, and we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to acquire this land at no cost. The abandoned right-of-way encompasses the entire alleyway between Clark Street and Wade Drive. By acquiring this land, you will have the opportunity to expand your property and utilize it according to your needs and preferences. This offer aligns with the City of Rockwall's objective of promoting responsible land use and supporting efficient land utilization within our community.

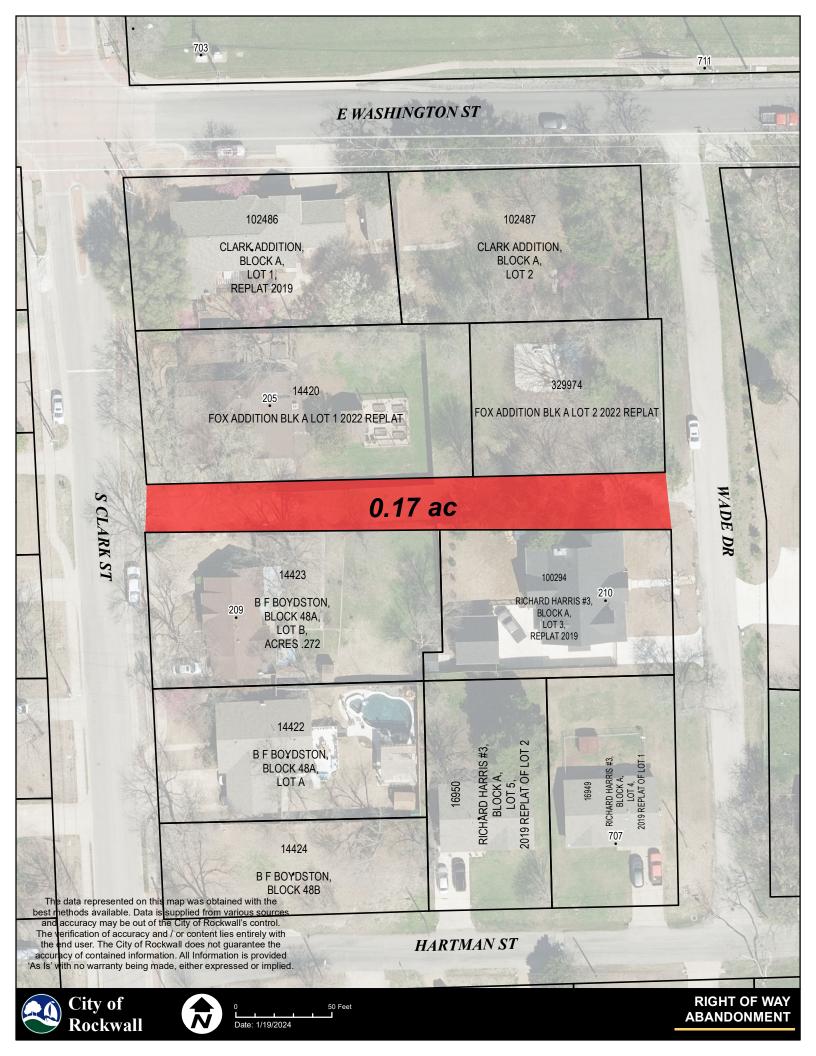
In order to proceed with this transaction, I kindly request your cooperation in signing the attached Letter of Intent (LOI), acknowledging your acceptance of the abandoned right-of-way. Additionally, by signing this letter, you agree to allow the City of Rockwall to file a subdivision plat, which is necessary to accommodate the acquisition of the abandoned land, and you agree to maintain the acquired land. Please note that should you choose not to allow a subdivision plat to be filed after signing this Letter of Intent (LOI), you acknowledge your responsibility for reimbursing the City for any costs associated with the subdivision plat. If you decide not to acquire the abandoned land, please take note that other adjacent property owners will be given the opportunity to acquire the abandoned land.

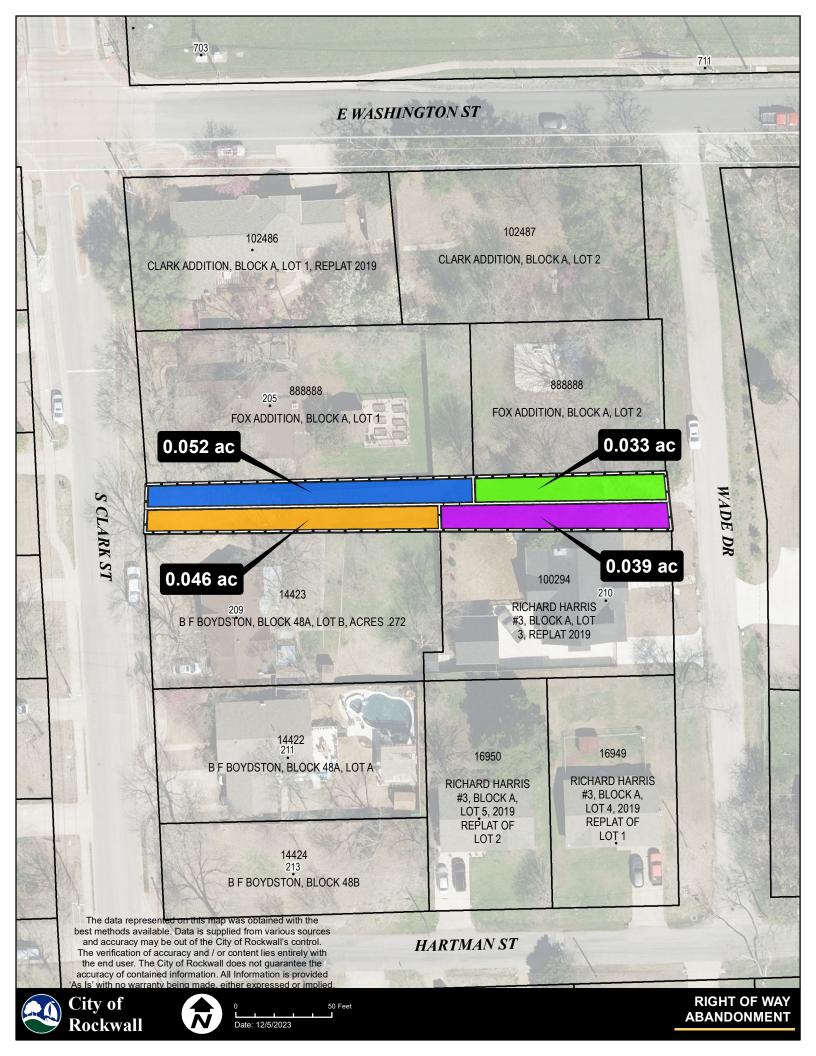
Please review the attached map, which outlines the details of the abandonment and the terms and conditions of the Letter of Intent (LOI). Please provide all required information back to the Planning and Zoning Department of the City of Rockwall by no later than August 1, 2024 to proceed with the program. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (972) 772-6441 or by email at <a href="mailto:rmiller@rockwall.com">rmiller@rockwall.com</a>.

The City of Rockwall appreciates your cooperation and looks forward to working with you to finalize this transaction. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ryan Miller, AICP Director of Planning and Zoning





DATE:

7-11-24

TO:

Ryan Miller, AICP

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department

385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:

PROPERTY OWNER NAME(S):

PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS:

Jonathan Fox dos s. Clark St.

Rochwall, Tx 750

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

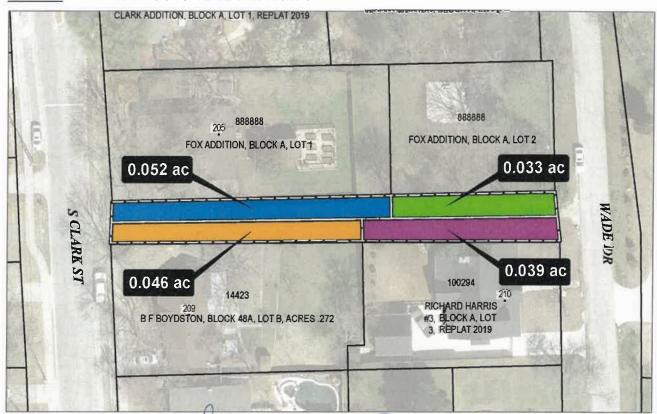
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EXHIBIT 'A': PROPOSED DIVISION OF ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY



PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

6/24/4

TO:

Ryan Miller, AICP

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department

385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:

PROPERTY OWNER NAME(S): PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS:

WADE Drive (Fox Addition, Block A lot 2)

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

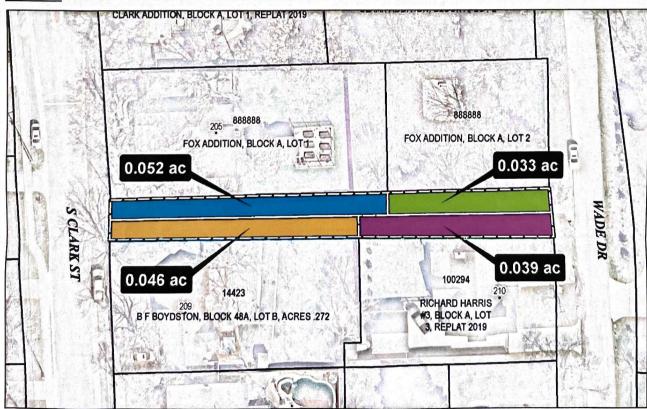
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TO: Ryan Miller, AICP

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department

385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

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PROPERTY OWNER NAME(S):

PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS:

209 S Clark St. Lockwall, Tx 75087

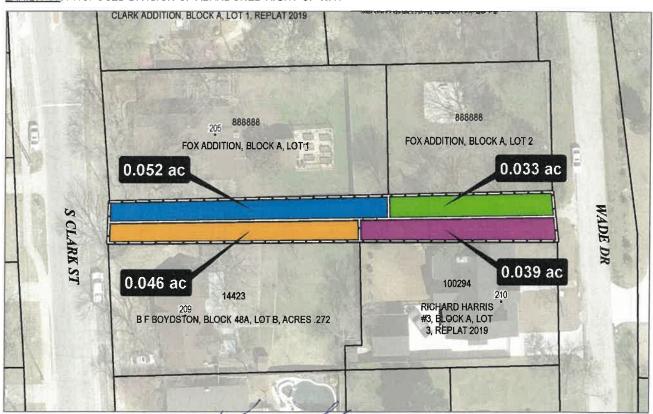
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DATE:

7-19-24

TO:

Ryan Miller, AICP

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department

385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:

PROPERTY OWNER NAME(S):

PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS:

Rhonda Wells 210 Wade Dr. POCKWALL TX 75087

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

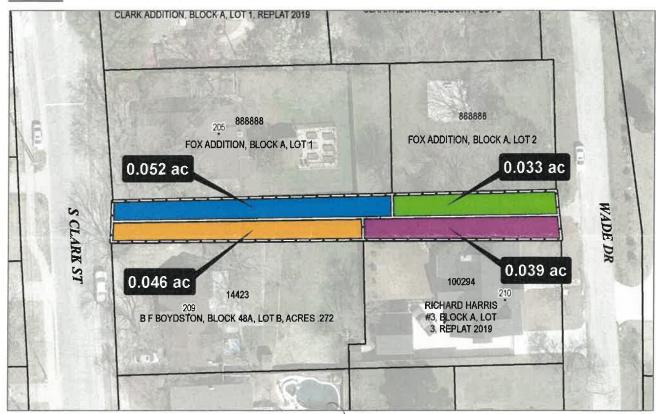
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## **CITY OF ROCKWALL**

## **ORDINANCE NO. 24-XX**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, CLOSING, ABANDONING AND VACATING A DEDICATED PUBLIC ALLEYWAY MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE AND CONVEYING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE MANNER DEPICTED IN THIS ORDINANCE; IDENTIFYING A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Subsection 311.007, *Closing of Street or Alley by Home-Rule Municipality*, of Chapter 311, *General Provisions Relating to Municipal Streets*, of the Texas Transportation Code grants a home-rule municipality the powers to vacate, abandon, or close a street or alleyway; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 272.001(b) of the Texas Local Government Code provides that land -- *including streets or alleys* -- owned in fee or used by easement by a political subdivision of the state, may be conveyed, sold or exchanged for less than fair market value with one or more of the abutting property owners who own the underlying fee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockwall currently incurs costs annually associated with the maintenance (*i.e. mowing*) of the dedicated public alleyway – *described and depicted in Exhibit 'A' of this ordinance* -- which is currently unimproved; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Rockwall has determined that the dedicated public alleyway -- described and depicted in Exhibit 'A' of this ordinance -- is no longer needed for public purposes, and finds that it is in the best interest of the City to convey the alleyway to the adjacent and abutting property owners -- in the manner depicted in this ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, with proper notice to the public, a public hearing was held on <u>February 3, 2025</u> at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Rockwall, during which all interested parties and citizens were allowed to appear and be heard; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockwall has determined that it is feasible and advantageous to abandon this City property subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1. PROPERTY.** The *Property* shall be as described and depicted in *Exhibit 'A'* of this ordinance, and shall be incorporated by reference herein.

**SECTION 2. QUITCLAIM.** Section 272.001(b) of the Texas Local Government Code allows the City the power to convey city-owned property at less than fair market value to the abutting property owners. The Mayor of the City of Rockwall or the City Manager, as the case may be, are authorized to quitclaim the *Property* described in *Section 1* hereof to the abutting property owner upon the approval of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS.** The abandonment of the *Property* shall extend only to the public right, title and easement in and to the tracts of land described and depicted in *Exhibit 'A'* of this ordinance, and shall be construed only to that interest the governing body of the City may legally and lawfully

abandon.

**SECTION 4. MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.** The *Property* described in *Section 1*, save and except the municipal utility easements located thereon, is no longer needed for municipal purposes and it is in the public interest of the City, to abandon said described portions of the right-of-way as depicted in *Exhibit 'A'* to the adjacent and abutting property owners.

**SECTION 5. SCOPE.** That the abandonment provided for herein shall extend only to the public right, title and easement in and to the tracts of land described in *Section 1* of this ordinance, and shall be construed only to that interest the governing body of the City of Rockwall may legally and lawfully abandon.

**SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS.** In addition to the express reservations provided for in *Section 1* hereof, the conveyance is made subject to any and all valid, conditions, easements, restrictions and the like, whether record or not in the real property records of Rockwall County Texas.

**SECTION 7. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The City Council finds the recitals contained in the preamble to this *Ordinance* are true and correct and incorporates them as findings of fact.

**SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.** If any section or provision of this ordinance or the application of that section or provision to any person, firm, corporation, situation or circumstance is for any reason judged invalid, the adjudication shall not affect any other section or provision of this ordinance or the application of any other section or provision to any other person, firm, corporation, situation or circumstance, and the City Council declares that it would have adopted the valid portions and applications of the ordinance without the invalid parts and to this end the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This *Ordinance* shall be effective immediately following its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, THIS THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

	Trace Johannessen, <i>Mayor</i>
ATTEST:	
Kristy Teague, City Secretary	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Frank J. Garza, City Attorney	

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *February 3, 2025* 

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *February 18, 2025* 



Exhibit 'A'
Abandonment and Conveyance of Right-ofWay to the Adjacent and Abutting Property
Owners

