




TO: Michael Cravens, Attorney Senior
Department of Law

FROM: 
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Environmental Quality & Public Works

DATE: November 4, 2020

RE: Proposed Closure of Portion of Powell Street

This memorandum is to request the legal review of the proposed closure of a portion of Powell Street (between Race and Warnock) as denoted in the attachments. The appropriate LFUCG Divisions and utility companies have responded with comments, and those comments are enclosed for your review. The property owner (Community Ventures Properties, LLC) is requesting that LFUCG abandon the right-of-way to the adjoining property owners. The original request could not move forward until the requestor filed a consolidation plat, due to an issue of the closure creating landlocked lots. That issue is now addressed as indicated via the attached, signed consolidation plat. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at 258-3407.

The request and pertinent supporting materials were circulated among various divisions and utility representatives to determine impacts to current operations. The comments, which have been again verified as previously submitted or updated following the consolidation plat filing, can be summarized as follows:

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Emergency Services

Division of E911 & Addressing: E-911 and Addressing do not have an issue with the closing of Powell Street with the previous exception that there were four parcels of land listed in the PVA records that would need to be addressed. We are on board with the closure as it appears the parcel issues are going to be handled via a lot consolidation plat that has been filed. (Robert Poage)

Division of Fire: The Division of Fire has been in talks with Community Ventures about the proposed Artist Village coming to Goodloe Street and Warnock Street. The Division of Fire has expressed to Community



Ventures our expectations for this project. The request to close Powell Street will not have a negative effect to the Division of Fire. (Captain Greg Lengal)

Division of Police: I have reviewed the attached roadway closure proposal and the closure of Powell St., and it will not impact the operations of the Lexington Police Department or our ability to provide services. I defer to the experts of other departments such as Traffic Engineering to evaluate any traffic concerns. (Commander Thomas Curtsinger)

Environmental Quality & Public Works Divisions

Division of Building Inspection: No issues on Powell Street. (Dewey Crowe)

Division of Engineering: It appears at a minimum that the other properties along the west side of Powell (owned by the same as 519 Goodloe) would need to be consolidated prior to us relinquishing the right-of-way. If not, we're creating land locked lots (which isn't permitted). Assuming the filing of a consolidation plat is now complete, there is no objection. (Doug Burton)

Division of Streets & Roads: The point is moot as the road has already been removed. There are no objections from Streets & Roads. The stop and street sign need to be removed by TE. (Robert Allen)

Division of Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering has no issue with closing this right-of-way. (Jeff Neal)

Other LFUCG Divisions

Division of Planning: Powell Street is an older public street constructed to function as an alley. It currently provides access to several lots that could be built on if all current requirements can be met. Recommend closure but maintain as Access Easement until such time as the lots are developed. (Max Conyers)

Division of Code Enforcement: I have nothing current on 519 Goodloe. Not outstanding citations or liens in my records. (Alex Olszowy)

EXTERNAL

NISOURCE (Columbia Gas): Columbia gas has no issue with the closure of this street. No lines on this section. (James A. "Tony" Tipton)

Kentucky American Water: Kentucky American would have no issues with this request. (Tobey J. Adams)

Kentucky Utilities: Kentucky Utilities has no objection to the closure. (Kevin L. Long)

Windstream: Should pose no issue. (Aaron Reed)

Metronet: We have no issues with the ROW closure. (Korie Nellis)

