



**TO:** T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
**FROM:** Phyllis K. Macleod, Hearing Examiner *PKM*  
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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Request No. 16-0820 SV# 124.1366 – October 4, 2016  
**DATE:** August 24, 2016

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance to vacate a portion of the alley between East 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Puyallup Avenue, lying between “A” Street and State Route 705 (SR-705), for a private driveway.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

N/A.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

The proposed street vacation would support the following strategic policy priority:

- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

**BACKGROUND:**

Skookum Holdings, LLC, is petitioning the City to vacate a portion of the alley between East 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Puyallup Avenue, lying between “A” Street and SR-705, for a private driveway. Skookum Holdings owns property adjacent to the proposed vacation area and that property is improved with a commercial structure. By obtaining the requested alley segment, Skookum would be able to provide better circulation and parking for its adjacent building. The property to be vacated is unimproved and contains minimal vegetation. The alley segment is not used for general traffic circulation and is not situated to be part of general traffic circulation in the future. The Petitioner has agreed to conditions proposed by consulted departments that address utility installations on the subject property. No members of the public appeared at the hearing, or submitted written comments, opposing the alley vacation. The Hearing Examiner found the proposal consistent with standards for approving street vacations and is recommending approval of the Petition.

**ISSUE:**

Whether the Council should approve the requested street vacation?

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Council could choose to deny the requested street vacation; however, the application appears to meet the criteria for approval of a street vacation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The vacation requested is hereby recommended for approval, subject to the conditions contained in Conclusion 6 of the Hearing Examiner’s Recommendation.