



**BACKGROUND**

The adjacent property owners propose to abandon that portion of West 8<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way, located between the Interstate 630 west on-ramp and Cross Street, the south 140 feet of Ringo Street right-of-way, located between Blocks 263 and 289, Original City of Little Rock, Arkansas, the south thirty-eight (38) feet of Cross Street right-of-way, located between Blocks 289 and 306, Original City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the west half of the twenty (20)-foot wide alley right-of-way, located within Block 289, Original City of Little Rock, Arkansas. The abandonment is requested in order to fence the adjacent Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) properties for safety of personnel and equipment.

The West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Ringo Street and Cross Street right-of-way are currently paved with curbs, gutter and sidewalks. The alley right-of-way is currently paved.

Existing MEMS facilities are located on the north and south sides of West 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Chester Street and Cross Street. Mixed uses are located further north and to the east and west. Interstate 630 is located to the south.

As noted in Paragraph G, of the attached staff report, none of the utility companies object to the abandonment request. Several of the utilities request to retain the entire area of abandonment as a utility easement. The Public Works comment is as follows:

1. Easements are required to be maintained for all storm water drainage areas.
2. Vehicle turnarounds will not be required at the south ends of the Cross Street and Ringo Street right-of-ways. Security fencing and gates will be installed at the south ends of the Cross Street and Ringo Street right-of-ways. The applicant has agreed to install a call box and system of procedures to allow vehicles that cannot turnaround to pass those vehicles thru the applicants' property when warranted.

There are no Master Street Plan issues associated with this abandonment request, as the rights-of-way are not classified as collector streets or higher.

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The rights-of-way are located within the Original City of Little Rock. Information submitted by an abstract company notes that there were no reversionary clauses/rights found of record. Based on the fact that the rights-of-way are within the Original City of Little Rock, the City will retain ownership of the area after abandonment. The applicant must follow the established procedure to purchase the property from the City after abandonment. The applicant has been provided a copy of the procedure.

Abandoning these rights-of-way will have no adverse impact on the public welfare and safety. The Little Rock Fire Department has reviewed and approved the abandonment request.