

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ron Bradsby, City Engineer

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF NON-COMFORMING STREET/ALLEY NAME

DATE: April 22, 2020

Background

Recently, the City received an application for a partition at 1331 South 6th Street (See attached Map). Once the division of the parcel is completed, the developer's desire is to construct a duplex on the vacant lot. The duplex would use the public alley for its primary access. As staff was evaluating this application, it was noted there are several deep lots on this alley that could duplicate this application and there would be a need to extend utilities and pave the alley. Thus it is necessary to require a non-remonstrance from this development and future developments along the alley.

To properly address the duplex under this situation according to the Municipal Code, the front of the structure needs to face public right of way and the right of way needs to be named. This right of way is public and Chapter 12.16 outlines how right of ways are to be named as well as which suffix to use after the right of way name, such as street, avenue, court or place.

An alley is not typically seen as a street, avenue, court or place due to factors such as, width, sidewalks and curb and gutter. In 1999, Section C of Chapter 12.16.040 was added to help naming right of ways that do not fit the system outlined in the other sections of 12.16.040. Section C states:

C. Nonconforming Streets. Notwithstanding the above provisions, if a street has both a north-south and east-west direction during the length of the street, or otherwise does not specifically conform to the specifications in this chapter, the city engineer shall, at his or her discretion, name the street in accordance with the street or avenue criteria or such other name as is approved by the city council.

After discussions with other staff members about how to name an alley that would fit into our existing system and to be unique enough to be able to differentiate it from others, I recommend **South 6th Alley** for City Council's consideration and approval.

The proposed name follows Chapter 12.16.020 B because it is South of Main Street and Chapter 12.16.04A (2) by counting alleys east of the Coast Fork of the Willamette River. The suffix could be court pursuant to Chapter 12.16.030A because of the street length, however, Chapter 12.16.030C allows the City Council to deviate from the suffixes of Street, Avenue, Court, Place and Boulevard. Naming the right of way an Alley is more descriptive of what it is and differentiates it from the other names.

12.16.020 Streets and avenues--Prefixes.

For the purpose of establishing and adopting a universal system of naming streets of the city:

B. All streets lying south of Main Street shall bear the prefix "South" and all streets lying north of Main Street shall bear the prefix "North".

12.16.040 Street names.

A. To name a street, order shall begin at the north-south base line and progress as follows:

2. Streets east of the river shall be named numerically beginning with "First".

12.16.030 Streets and avenues--Suffixes.

To indicate the general direction of a street and to indicate other physical features, each street shall bear a suffix as follows:

A. A street generally running north and south and Main Street shall be called a street, except such a street not over three blocks long so located that its extension is impossible or impracticable shall be called a court.

C. A street which is an arterial, collector, or related right-of-way other than a state or county roadway, shall if deemed appropriate by the city council be called a boulevard rather than a street or avenue. In the event the council uses a designation other than street or avenue for a given right-of-way the restrictions of this chapter related to names shall not be applicable to the right-of-way so designated. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

The process for naming this right of way and creating an address for the property may be important as more deep lots seek opportunities to develop housing opportunities. The recommendation attempts to set a process that could be used on future deep lot proposals

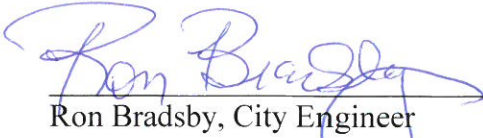
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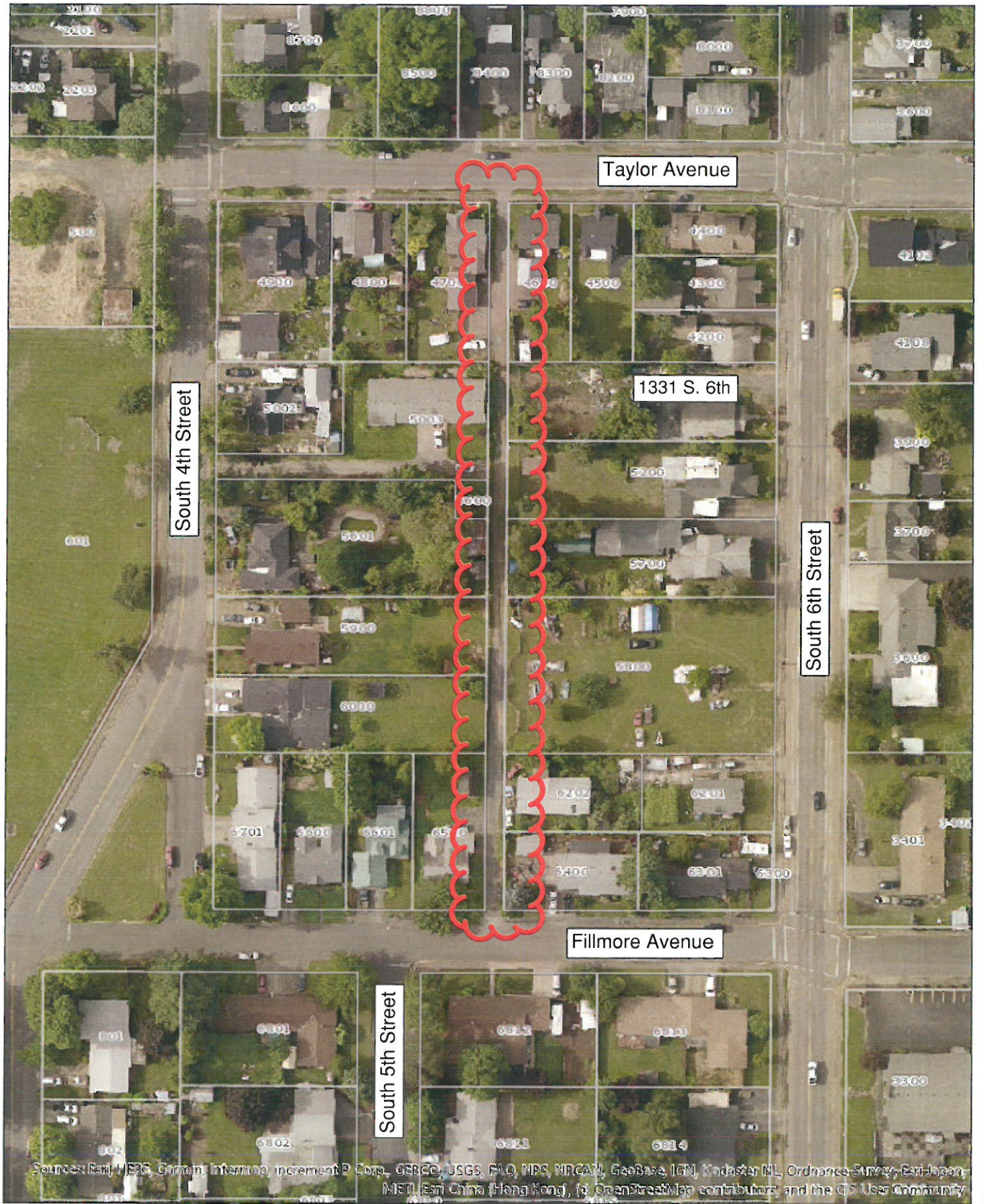
Staff recommends City Council name the public alley between South 5th Street and South 6th Street and between Taylor Avenue and Fillmore Avenue, South 6th Alley and direct staff to draft addition code language to name alleys.

Cost

None

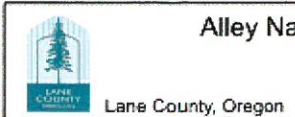
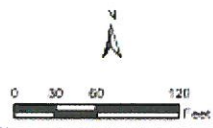

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Alley Naming Exhibit

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