

Public Hearing: April 10, 2006

FACT SHEET

TITLE: Request for use of public right-of-way for installation of a fence/wall at 1840 "E" Street.

SPONSOR: Public Works and Utilities

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

OPPONENTS: Unknown

APPLICANT: Landon Osborne

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
(See "Discussion" Area Below)

REASON FOR LEGISLATION: Request for use of public right-of-way for installation of a fence/wall at 1840 "E" Street.

DISCUSSION

The Public Works and Utilities Department has received a request for a use of public right-of-way for the installation of a fence/wall at 1840 "E" Street. The fence/wall replaces a block wall which was parallel to the east-west alley at the rear of this property (north side) and a chain link fence that was parallel to the sidewalk along the east side of the property (west side of South 19th Street).

Construction of this fence/wall had begun prior to the application for this use of right-of-way. Applicant and their contractor had not properly located lot corners prior to commencing construction. This wall does not provide for adequate sight distance for traffic exiting the alley and pedestrians on the sidewalk. Providing approval is granted for this use of right-of-way, the Public Works Department has agreed to a compromise. The wall along the alley would be stopped at a point 11' west of the sidewalk and a column would be allowed at the original proposed corner. Four concrete wall/fence sections were constructed 3' off the sidewalk in South 19th Street. The first three of these sections starting at the alley must be reduced to a maximum height of 30" to provide adequate sight distance. Wrought iron fencing then can placed on top of and between these sections.

Because the concrete block section adjacent to the alley exceeds the 6' 4" height limit the applicant is required to apply for a building permit from the City of Lincoln Building and Safety Department. In addition, since no inspections were conducted by the City of Lincoln during this construction of the wall, the City will require that a stamped copy of construction plans and a signed certificate by a Registered Structural Engineer be provided, which states that the wall will meet or exceed the City of Lincoln's building requirements for a wall of this construction. The only option which will not require this building permit is removal of the wall in the public right-of-way and reduction of the height of the wall along the alley to a maximum of 6'4".

This use will occupy 704 square feet of public right-of-way.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: No

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: Unknown

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: None

NON CITY: Unknown

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