

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 126 - 2021

DECEMBER 15, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the relinquishment of easements from the Howe Street vacation Ordinance No. 13814 from the centerline of North Lumber Street to the Eastern property line of 815 Hamilton in the Fourth Ward of the City of Allentown:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION 1. That the City of Allentown relinquishes any easement rights remaining from the Howe Street vacation Ordinance No. 13814 from the centerline of North Lumber Street to the Eastern property line of 815 Hamilton in the Fourth Ward of the City of Allentown.

Section 2. That the City of Allentown relinquishes the requirement of Section two of the Howe street vacation Ordinance No. 13814 that a turning area at the terminus of the remaining open section of Howe Street, approximately 15' by 15' in size, either by easement or dedicated right-of-way

SECTION 3. That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Administration and Planning Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The request is for City Council's authorization to convey a 1,800 square foot portion of the City- owned property located at 821 West Hamilton Street (the "Parcel") to Da Vinci Science City, LLC ("Da Vinci") to be used by Da Vinci as the entrance way to its Science Center for the encouragement, demonstration, education, exhibition of science, technology, mathematics and similar fields of study and creativity for the young and adult residents of and visitors to the City.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Resolution, if approved, will give the City Administration the ability to convey the Parcel to Da Vinci for the Science Center.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The City is using a HUD loan to assist with the design, property acquisition, construction and operation of the Science Center which Da Vinci will repay under a Subrecipient Agreement. The benefit is the increase tax revenue to the City.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Loan from HUD to the City which will be repaid by Da Vinci.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The anticipated closing on the HUD loan to the City will occur by December 31, 2021. Construction of the Science Center is anticipated to begin in March, 2022.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

City Council should unanimously support this Resolution because the Science Center will offer educational opportunities to its patrons, especially children who live in the City, and promote businesses in the downtown area.

- **Committee Action**

- **Public Comments**

- **Body/Text of the Bill**

- **Exhibits**

- **Vote**