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**CITY CLERK**

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July 20, 2022

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To All:

The attached street vacation petition was received from Resurrected Life Community Church to vacate the following street:

**Southern Portion of N. Egge Street (partial thoroughfare with no access to other city thoroughfares)  
from W. Turner Street to Lot 3 (private parking lot)**

This petition is hereby referred to the City Engineer, the Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

Please submit your report to this office.

Very truly yours,

Michael P. Hanlon  
City Clerk

Cc: Council  
Christian Brown, Chairman of the Planning Commission  
Brian Borzak, Engineering  
Matthew Kloiber, City Solicitor

## STREET VACATION PETITION

Date 6/22/2022

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Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned and interested parties hereby request your honorable body to vacate

The southern portion of N. Egge Street, a partial thoroughfare with no access to other City thoroughfares

from W. Turner Street

to Lot 3 (private parking lot) ~~with\*~~ without\* utility easements. (\*Strike inapplicable word.)

Reason for Vacation of Street (give details)

N.Egge Street is a partial thoroughfare that terminates on private property owned by Resurrected

Community Church. Drivers who erroneously enter N.Egge St. create safety issues that endanger

the children and families that attend Resurrected Life's Children's Academy and have caused

property damage to the Church's properties as they attempt to back up into W. Turner or drive through  
Resurrected's private parking lot seeking an exit/ street access.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
Resurrected Life Community Church & Resurrected Life Children's Academy	144 N. Ninth Street 916 W. Turner Street	(610) 393-9338	revrlcc@gmail.com
Jenique Jones	142 N. Ninth Street		
Timothy & Amy Driscoll	140 N. Ninth Street		
138 N. 9th St. LLC	138 N. Ninth Street		

NOTE: Send or deliver this petition to:

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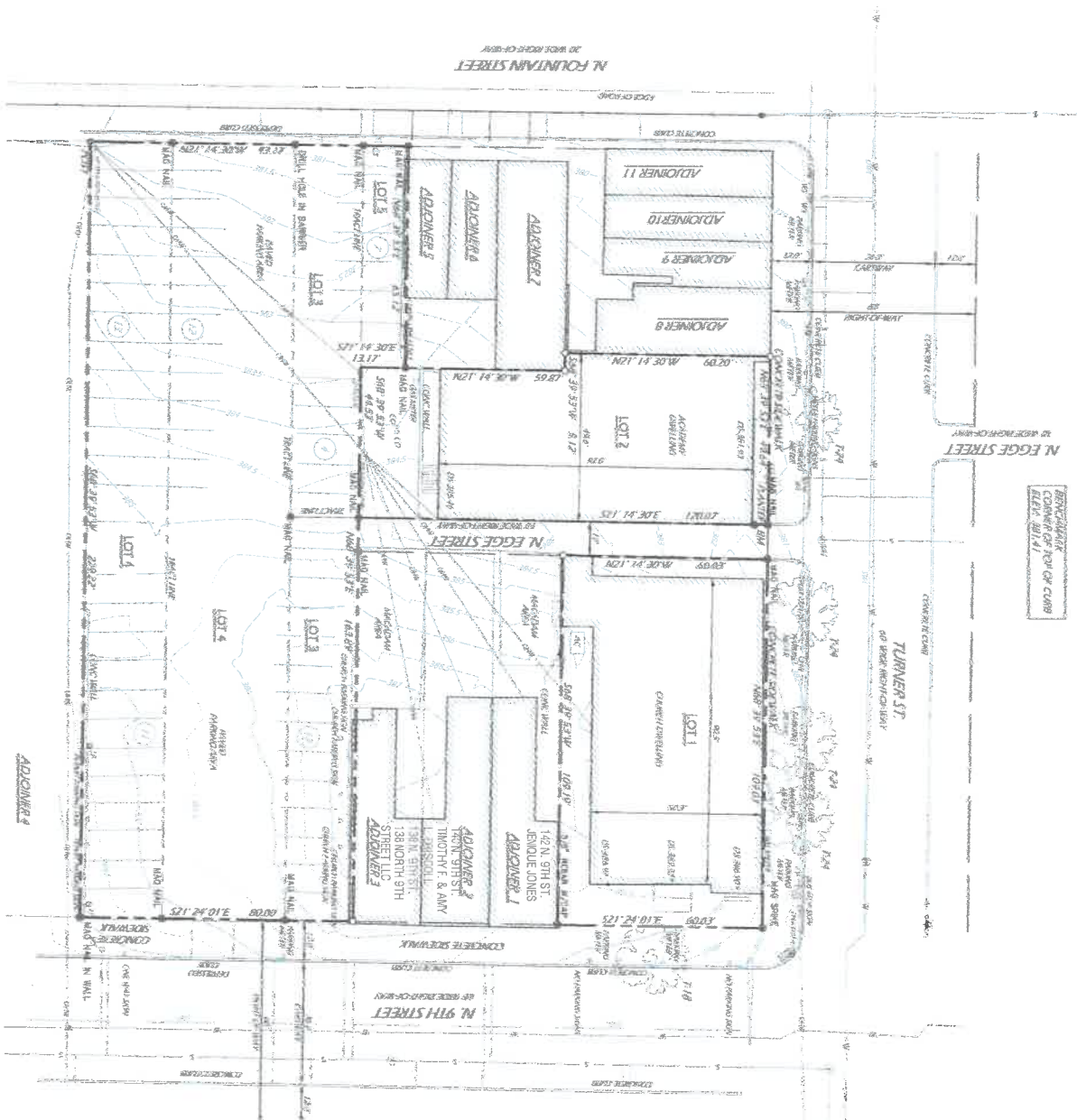
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### 395.25 STREET VACATION FEES

Street Vacations: Petitions for street vacations can be found on the City website or by contacting the City Clerk's Office. A written Petition for a street vacation may be submitted to City Council by a citizen. The petition must be submitted together with a check in the amount of \$300.00 payable to the City of Allentown, to the City Clerk's Office, 435 Hamilton Street. Requests for Street Vacations shall be subject to a Three Hundred (\$300) Dollar fee. In addition, the petitioner must pay in full all costs incurred by the City in publishing the legally required advertising for the vacation prior to the final Council action. (14273 §1 3/3/05; 15173 §1 12/2/14)

Remittance/Check payable to the "City of Allentown"



\*PLAN PER AASA SURVEY DATED 10/14/2021  
\*OWNER INFORMATION PER LEHIGH COUNTY  
PROPERTY RECORDS AS OF 10/28/2021

August 24, 2022

**REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK  
AND THE  
ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION**

**RE:** Request for the vacation of N Egge Street from Turner Street to its South Terminus.

Requested by:  
Resurrected Life Community Church & Resurrected Life Children's Academy  
Owners of 144 n 9th St & 916 Turner St

Prepared by Brian L. Borzak, PLS, Chief Surveyor/Designer  
City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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**HISTORY OF THE STREET PROPOSED TO BE VACATED:**

The subject portion of N Egge Street is in the 7th Ward. N Egge Street has a 10.0' wide Right of Way and was created by Deeds and adopted by the Official City Grade Plan Map 30.

**LOCATION AND CONDITION:**

The subject portion of N Egge Street is an opened street. There is existing Verizon facilities within the subject right of way.

**POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:**

Charles Roca, Chief of Police has not replied.

Efrain Agosto, Fire Chief has not replied.

Dennis Weatherhold, Communications has not replied.

Michael Lichty, Stormwater Engineer has no objection to the street vacation.

Nelson Varughese, Traffic Control Superintendent has no objection to the street vacation.

Report to the  
City Clerk and Allentown City Planning Commission  
August 24, 2022  
SUBJECT: N Egge Street Vacation Request

POLLS UTILITIES:

Verizon Communications, objects to the street vacation due to existing facilities and will need an easement.

PPL Electric Utilities has no objection to the street vacation.

UGI Utilities, Inc. has no objection to the street vacation.

LCA objects has no objection to the street vacation

POLL ADJOINING OWNERS:

Jenique Jones(owner of 142 N 9<sup>th</sup> St) has not replied.

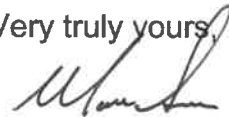
Timothy & Amy Driscoll(owners of 140 N 9<sup>th</sup> St) has not replied.

138 N 9<sup>th</sup> St LLC (owners of 138 N 9<sup>th</sup> St) has not replied.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering objects to the street vacation due to the existing driveways and existing access provided by N Egge St to the rear of the properties 138, 140, and 142 N 9<sup>th</sup> Street. If the vacation is approved an easement should be provided to Verizon.

Very truly yours,



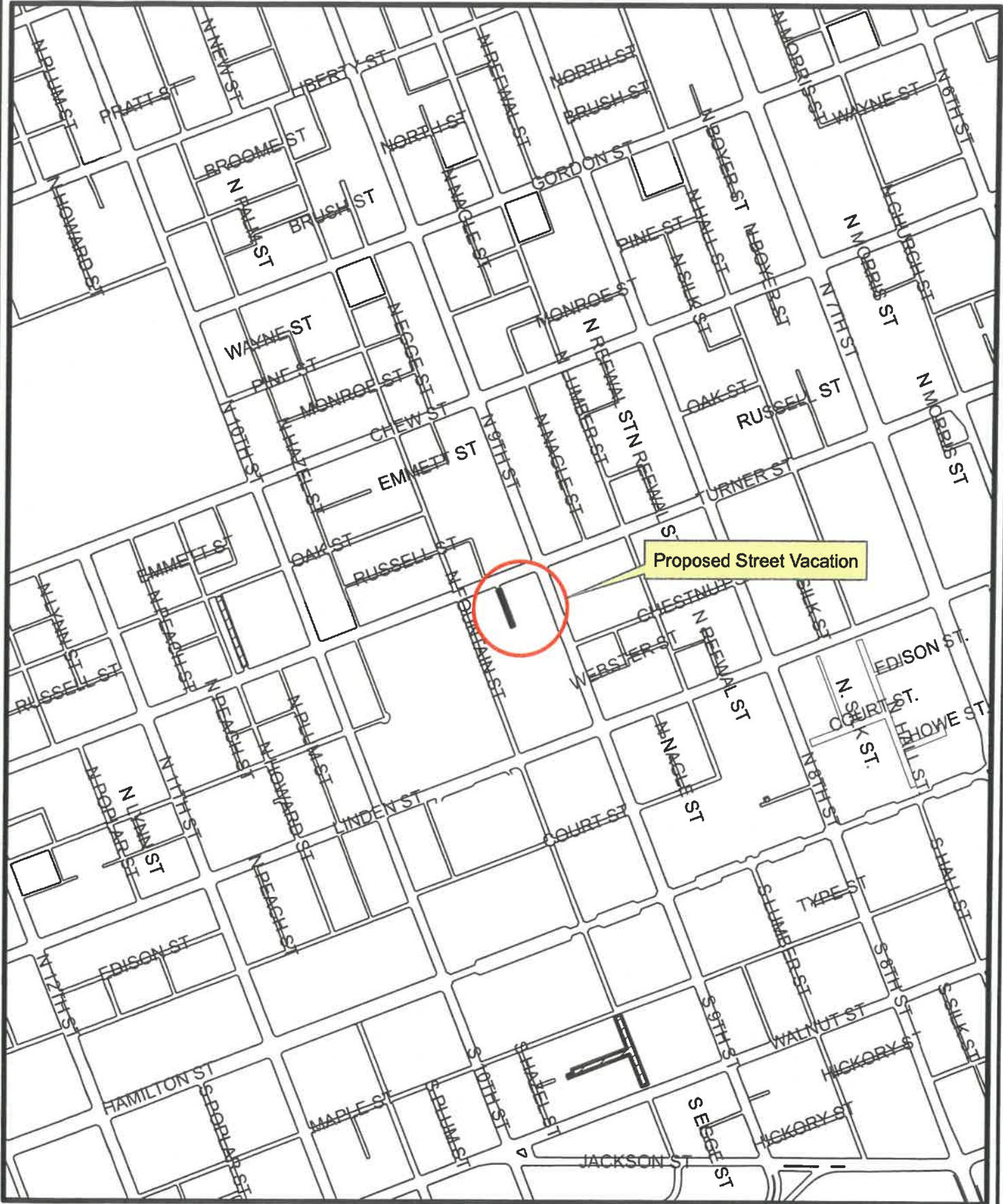
Mark Shahda  
Public Works Director

Attachments

xc: Mark Hartney, Planning Director  
Matt Kloiber, City Solicitor  
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk  
Mark Shahda, Public Works Director



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Proposed Street Vacation

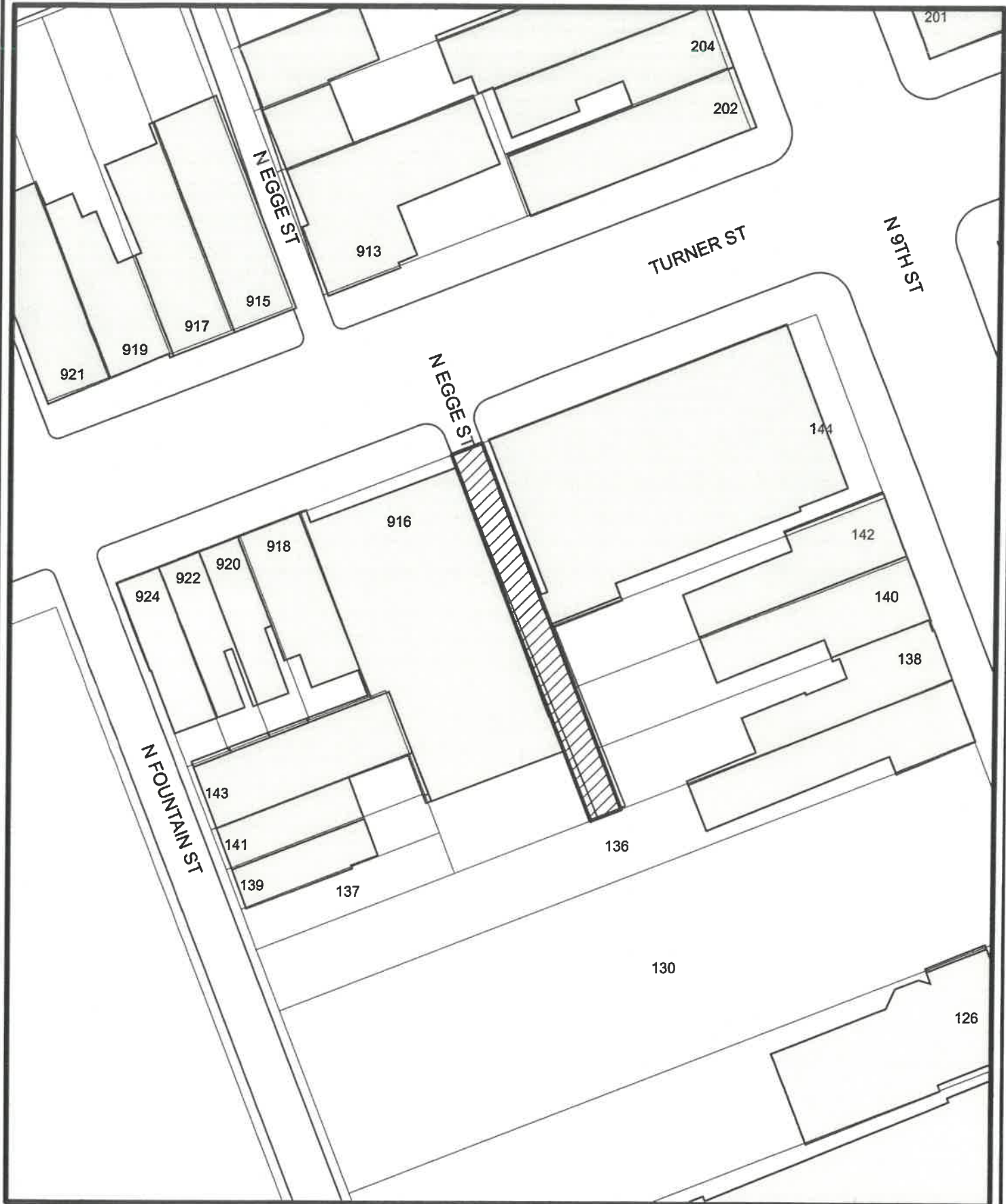


Proposed Street Vacation  
Egge St.  
From Turner St. to its South Terminus

SCALE:  
1" = 400'



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Proposed Street Vacation  
Egge St.  
From Turner St. to its South Terminus

SCALE:  
1" = 40'





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199 N Egge St



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LOOKING  
SOUTH

Google Maps 100 N Egge St



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DRIVEWAYS  
EAST  
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Google Maps 101 N Egge St

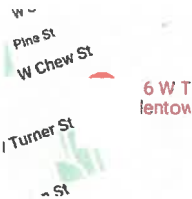


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NORTH  
TERMINUS





All comments in the  
report are advisory.

## Planning & Zoning Staff Report to Allentown City Planning Commission

CPC Case : #22-6 -- Vacation of North Egge Street from Turner Street to its South Terminus

Petitioner : Resurrected Life Community Church & Resurrected Life Children's Academy

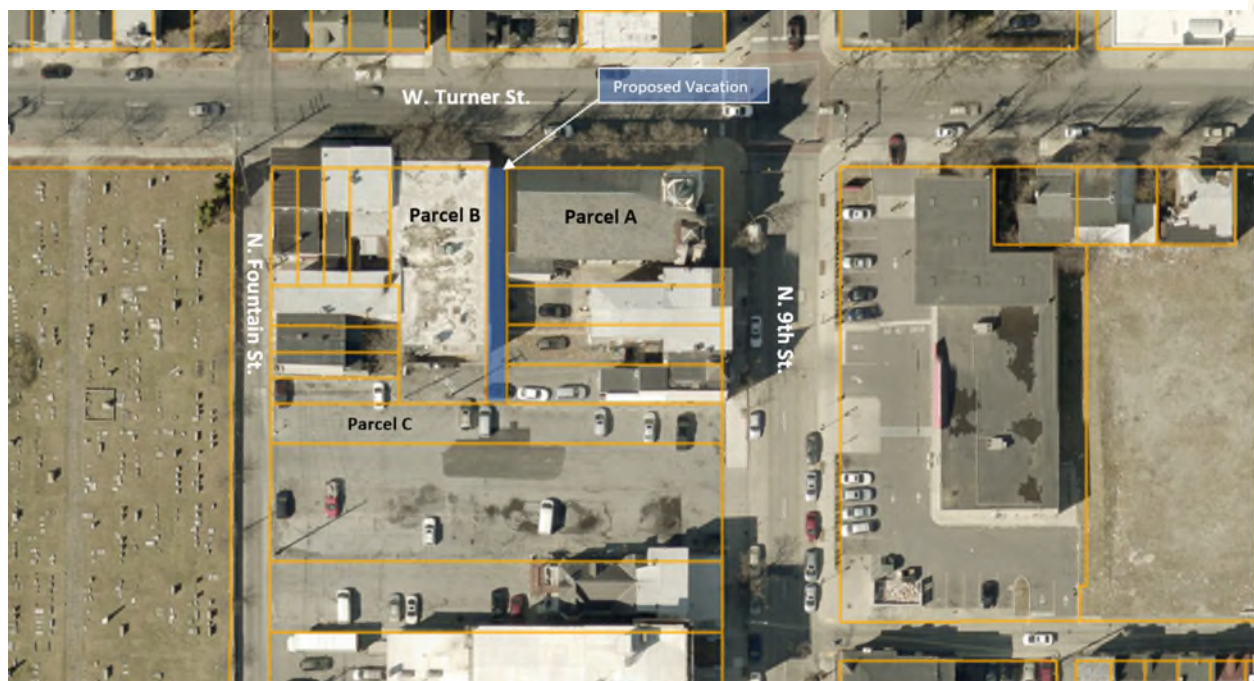
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### Background

1. This proposed street vacation comes from Resurrected Life Community Church & Resurrected Life Children's Academy, owners of 144 N. 9th St. (Parcel A in Fig-1) and 916 Turner St. (Parcel B in Fig-1)
2. The subject roadway is a partial throughfare in Center Allentown that extends 132.8' south from W. Turner Street and terminates on private property owned by the petitioner. (Fig-1).
3. The purpose of this vacation is to eliminate safety issues and property damage caused by drivers who have erroneously entered onto N. Egge St. and must reverse back toward W. Turner Street.

*Figure 1. Aerial. Portion of N. Egge Street proposed to be vacated.*





## Findings

1. The subject portion of N. Egge Steet is an opened street in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward. N. Egge Street has a 10' wide Right-of-Way and was created by Deeds and adopted by the Official City Grade Plan Map 30. Verizon has existing facilities within the subject Right-of-Way.
2. Egge Street is open to vehicular traffic but not circulation as it terminates at its southern end on the petitioner's property (Parcel C Fig-1).
3. Abutting the subject portion of Egge Street to the east are three residential properties in which N. Egge Street provides rear access and parking to. The three residential properties are zoned B2 permitting parking on off-street surfaces as accessory to a use permitted.
  - a. Parcel A (142 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.) is owned by Jenique Jones. This parcel contains a rowhouse with two dwelling units.
  - b. Parcel B (140 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.) is owned by Timothy & Amy Driscoll. This parcel contains a rowhouse with multiple dwelling units.
  - c. Parcel C (138 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.) is owned by 138 N. 9<sup>th</sup> LLC. This parcel contains a rowhouse with multiple dwelling units.
1. Planning Staff also evaluated the proposed vacation against criteria prescribed under Article 915 (re: Street Vacations) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, as follows:
  - a. Whether the right-of-way vacation will adversely affect the street pattern or circulation of the immediate area or of the community.
    - i. *No. The proposed street closures do not appear to have a disruptive effect on the existing street patterns and traffic circulation, since the subject street has no egress on its southern end.*
  - b. Whether the public need will be adversely affected.

- i. *Yes. Considering that this street segment provides rear access and parking for the residents of Parcels A, B, and C. (Fig-2)*

Figure 2. Parcels abutting N. Egge Street.



- c. Whether the public right-of-way may be needed for future public use.
  - i. *Planning Staff defers to the PW Staff as to future plans for this street segment.*
- d. Whether any abutting property owner will become landlocked or will have his access substantially impaired.
  - i. *None. No parcel will be landlocked if the vacation is granted; however, rear access to the abutting properties will be substantially impaired.*

2. Staff Report from the City's Public Works Dept informs of the following:

- a. Comments from abutting properties were obtained with the following results:

Property Owner	Response
Jenique Jones	Not yet replied
Tim & Amy Driscoll (Owners of 140 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St.)	Not yet replied
138 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St. LLC (Owners of 138 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St.)	Not yet replied

- b. Utility agencies were also polled with the following results:

Utility Agency	Response
PPL	No objection
Verizon	<b>Objects</b> , has facilities on ROW. Will need an easement
UGI	No objection
LCA	No objection

- c. City units that have a conceivable interest in vacating the subject street were also polled with the following results:

City Staff / Department	Response
A P D	No response
Communications /EMS	No response
A F D	No objection
Traffic Engineer	No objection
Stormwater Engineer	No objection

### Summary

1. Bureau of Engineering objects to the street vacation due the existing driveways and existing access provided by Egge St. to the rear of the properties 138, 140, 142 N 9<sup>th</sup> Street. ***If the vacation is approved an easement should be provided to Verizon.***
2. Based on evaluation, Planning Staff is inclined to endorse the proposed vacation ***provided that easements are granted to the affected utility agencies to enable them to maintain their respective facilities therein. Petitioner provides an alternative access route or easement to properties 138, 140, 142 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St for rear parking and entry.***