ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION FACT SHEET	CITY OF SHREVEPORT		
AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A 50 FOOT-WIDE PORTION OF INDEPENDENCE AVENUE RUNNING BETWEEN SOUTH FAIRWAY DRIVE AND CLOVERDALE IN THE COUNTRY CLUB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, LOCATED IN SECTION 8 (T17N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.	DATE 05-01-14	ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV. CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION SPONSOR OR COUNCIL MEMBER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION ROSE WILSON-McCULLOCH, COUNCILWOMAN DISTRICT A	

PURPOSE

This ordinance is needed to officially close and abandon a portion of Independence Avenue between South Fairway Drive and Cloverdale.

This proposed ordinance will have direct impact on Council District A.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City Engineer's Office has received a request from Sarah Cain and Jan Dexter to close and abandon a 50 foot wide, 280 foot long unimproved portion of Independence Avenue, between South Fairway Drive and Cloverdale Street. Mr. Dexter owns the lot west of the proposed closure. Ms. Cain owns the lot to the east of the proposed closure. The City of Shreveport does not have any utilities in this portion of the alley; however it will be retaining a permanent utility servitude over the entire area for the other utilities. This proposed closure and abandonment was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission on April 2, 2014 and is acceptable to the City Engineer's Office as presented.

TIMETABLE

It is requested that the City Council introduce this closure at its May 13, 2014 meeting with a second reading and final passage on May 27, 2014.

Introduction: May 13, 2014

Final Passage: May 27, 2014

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MASTER PLAN CONSIDERATION

The Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Master Plan recommends transportation goals intended to promote improved design, function, and efficiency of our overall transportation network. The surrounding properties to the north, east, and west are undeveloped; therefore, the proposed abandonment of this portion of Independence Avenue will likely have little impact on the network as the surrounding properties continue to develop. Careful analysis should be applied to future closure and abandonment requests of unconstructed rights-of-way in the immediate area.

FINANCES	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
Cost for this project: N/A Cost of this parcel: N/A	Capital Budget	
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CONCLUSION

The City Engineer's Office has no objections to this closure.

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WHEREAS, on April 22, 1948, Independence Avenue was dedicated to the public and was filed and recorded in Book 600, Page 191, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana on May 11, 1948; and

WHEREAS, this publicly dedicated roadway lies south of South Fairway Drive and north of Cloverdale Street;

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received a request from all of the adjacent property owners to close and abandon this street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the closed and abandoned area; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission approved this closure and abandonment at their meeting on April 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure and abandonment meets the requirements and approval of the City Engineer's Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the 50 foot wide, 280 foot long portion of Independence Avenue between South Fairway Drive and Cloverdale Street of the Country Club Heights Subdivision, Unit 5, as shown and indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is officially closed and abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the entire area of the closure and abandonment.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed

and recorded in the official records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the

application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or

applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and

to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in

conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED	AS TO	LEGAL	FORM:
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