

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	May 19, 2025
Action Required:	Public Hearing and Ordinance Adoption
Presenter:	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities
Staff Contacts:	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Public Hearing and Ordinance to vacate a natural gas easement (Belvedere Subdivision Block 4B)</b>

**Background**

In 2018, the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), acquired a natural gas line easement from New Belvedere, LLC. The easement is located within Belvedere Boulevard, in the Belvedere Subdivision in Albemarle County, Virginia. Since the granting of this easement, the subdivision design has been altered and ownership has been transferred to Belvedere Long Holdings, LLC.

**Discussion**

The attached Ordinance proposes to vacate a portion of the existing natural gas easement to allow the lots overlapping the easement to be developed. The curvature of future roadways within the subdivision has changed to cause the existing easement to be in conflict with the proposed lots. There are currently no natural gas facilities within the portion of the easement to be vacated. The current owner, Belvedere Long Holdings, LLC, requests to have this portion of the easement vacated.

This supports City Council's vision and contributes to the Strategic Outcome Area of Organizational Excellence.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan**

This item has no budgetary impact.

**Community Engagement**

Following conducting the Public Hearing as legally required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B), City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Ordinance vacating a portion of the existing natural gas easement to allow the lots overlapping the easement to be developed.

**Budgetary Impact**

"I make a Motion to adopt the attached Ordinance vacating a portion of the existing natural gas easement to allow the lots overlapping the easement to be developed."

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the approval of the attached ordinance and deed of vacation.

### **Alternatives**

If the ordinance is not approved, Belvedere Long Holdings, LLC will not be able to develop their proposed lots.

### **Attachments**

1. Ordinance - Vacation of Easement Belvedere Long Holdings LLC (2025 0408) CED
2. Deed of Vacation - Belvedere Block 4B
3. Belvedere Block 4B Deed of Vacation Plat\_8.5x11 vertical