

**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
Title:	<b>Public Hearing and Ordinance to vacate a natural gas easement (Old Ivy Road)</b>

**Background**

In 1990, an easement for a natural gas line was granted and recorded to serve University Village along Old Ivy Road. The natural gas line was installed in conjunction with a parallel water line for the Albemarle County Service Authority. The current owner, GS Old Ivy Property Owner BFR, LLC, is requesting the easement be vacated to develop the land.

**Discussion**

The current landowner, GS Old Ivy Property Owner BFR, LLC, has granted the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), a new natural gas easement, dated November 14, 2024, to relocate the gas line and continue service to University Village. The natural gas line has been rerouted into the new easement, and the former gas line has been abandoned. With the gas line rerouted and occupying the new easement, the gas facilities in the former easement have been abandoned. The attached Ordinance proposes to vacate the former natural gas easement to remove an encumbrance for the owner, GS Old Ivy Property Owner BFR, LLC, to develop their land.

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

Per Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B), a Public Hearing is required to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed conveyance of a property interest. Notice of the Public Hearing was advertised in the local newspaper at least seven (7) days in advance of the Public Hearing.

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

This potential action has no budgetary impact.

**Community Engagement**

Following conducting the legally required Public Hearing, City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Ordinance vacating the former natural gas easement to remove an encumbrance allowing the owner, GS Old Ivy Property Owner BFR, LLC, to develop their land.

### **Budgetary Impact**

"I make a Motion to adopt the attached Ordinance vacating the former natural gas easement to remove an encumbrance for the owner, GS Old Ivy Property Owner BFR, LLC, allowing the development of their land."

### **Recommendation**

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

### **Alternatives**

If the ordinance is not approved, the owner will not be able to develop their land with this natural gas easement in place.

### **Attachments**

1. Ordinance - Vacation of Easement GS Old Ivy Property Owner BFR
2. Deed of Vacation - GS Old Ivy Owner BFR (2.24.2025)
3. Old Ivy Rd Gas Easement Plat