



MEETING SUMMARY STAYTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Monday, June 12, 2023

Stayton Community Center

400 W. Virginia Street

Stayton, Oregon 97383

Julia Hajduk called the meeting to order at 6:05. In attendance was the following task force members: Steven Halverson, Carri Sessums, Sonja Persey, Tricia Frizzell, David Giglio and Mark McDonnell. In addition, the following Councilors were in attendance: Mayor Quigley, Councilor Patty, Councilor Sims

Review draft code changes

Julia reviewed briefly the timeline that led us to this point and reminded the group that the state law that we are working to meet by July 1st requires that we cannot outright prohibit the act of sitting, lying, sleeping, or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property that is open to the public. She noted that the proposed changes are the first initial iteration and that, after adoption, changes are possible after additional input and discussion with the community. She noted the public outreach, May 8th Task Force meeting and May 15th joint Council/task force meeting. She then reviewed the proposed changes. She noted that the proposed definitions essentially leave 2 areas where camping would not be prohibited or subject to permit [*NOTE: this is what was stated at the meeting, however after the meeting as preparation for the Council packet was being done, it was realized that there are also a few City owned properties that are not considered right of way or facilities. These are shown in May 8th presentation to the task force and included in the meeting summary for reference*].

Comments and clarification questions:

- Would camps have a specific time limit on how long someone could camp for? Answer: not as proposed. Discussion about whether there should or could be time limits. Carrie Connelly noted that you still have authority to regulate all public spaces pursuant to other City laws and state statutes (i.e., garbage, offenses, etc.)
- Should City demark the areas where camping is not prohibited to make it clear to law enforcement and those camping? Julia noted that this would be something we would have to discuss as implementation occurs.
- A communication plan will be needed
- It was suggested that it might be a good idea to include some undeveloped right of way to allow more locations for camping to avoid a high concentration of potential campers in any one area. There was additional discussion on this and no consensus, but Julia agreed to ensure that the Council have access to the presentation and information regarding City owned property and undeveloped right of way.
- Concern about the accessibility of the non-regulated areas for law enforcement and other emergency services.

Question about whether garbage facility and restroom facilities would be provided. Julia noted that this would be something we would have to discuss as implementation occurs.

Public Comment

Public comments were received prior to discussing what information was desired for the next phase. Following is a brief summary of the comments:

- Based on the proposal, it will be hard to get services in to serve people in the camps. It is recommended that the City enact a permitting process to know who is in there and ensure that the City has an accounting of people in an emergency.
- Concern about allowing people to be in these areas and the potential for fires and the need to clean up the area. Expressed concern about the lack of ambition of the homeless individuals.
- Concern that allowing unhoused individual to establish a camp in the City invites others to come to that camp.
- Concern about the fiscal impact and community impact of allowing homeless camps in the community.
- If we have a place that allows camping, it needs to be strictly regulated with a maximum number of people and a maximum number of days.

Preliminary identification of questions for next phase/refinement

Based on prior discussion and public input, the task force discussed what additional information and discussion was needed as we move into the next phase of the project.

- Need to discuss managed versus unmanaged camps. Per Carrie, unmanaged camps with a careful eye on numbers and available space potentially limits City liability because the City is simply not prohibiting sitting, lying, sleeping, keeping warm and dry on all public property in conformance with state and federal law, rather than sanctioning and facilitating. Camp management may not be entitled to recreational immunity and invokes a number of oversight costs and responsibilities. If undertaken, it must be done well to avoid increasing risks to campers associated with dense populations on one site. However, comments received indicate there may be a desire to better track and regulate the participants in the camps.
- How do we regulate the amount of time people can camp in one location so as not to get too established?
- We need to ensure that a balance moving forward that fosters compassionate responsibility.
- Make it clear to the public that this is not a City choice, these amendments are being thrust upon the Council and the City's job is to manage the risk in a fiscally responsible way.
- How do we best partner with other agencies and non-profits?
- How do we ensure that city actions don't contribute to an increase in the homeless problem?
- Explore other ideas beyond the sites initially identified, including the idea of rotating where the camps can be located.
- Need to have more conversations about camping in cars and where this is allowed. [currently it will be regulated by the 72-hour requirement of parking on street]
- Task Force would like to hear from others in upcoming meetings, including ODOT staff who enforce the camping, advocates, existing resource providers.

Julia noted that the Council would be considering the proposed changes at the June 19th Council meeting. The next Task Force meeting is July 10, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM



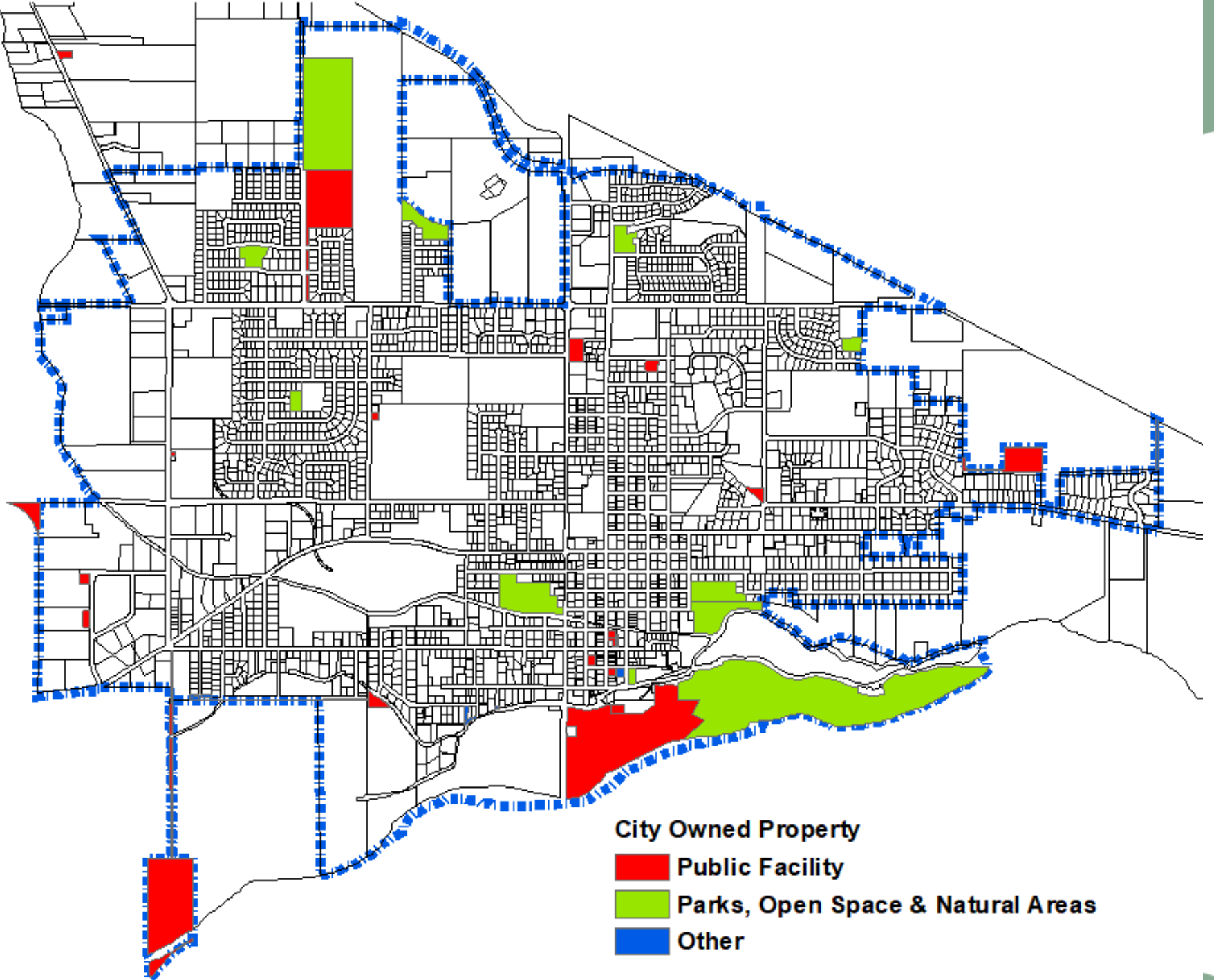
City-Owned Property and Undeveloped Public Rights of Way

Homeless Task Force
May 8, 2023

The City of Stayton is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider



The City of Stayton is the owner of 53 tax parcels, totaling 180 acres.



City Owned Property

- Public Facility**
- Parks, Open Space & Natural Areas**
- Other**



Inventory of City of Property

City Property may be categorized into:

- Parks, Open Space and Natural Areas
- Public Facilities
- Other



Parks, Open Space, & Natural Areas

11 Parcels are managed as Parks,
Open Space or Natural Areas,
totaling 102 acres



Public Facilities

21 Parcels are used as Public Facilities, totaling 76 acres

- City Hall
- Municipal Court
- Water Treatment Plant
- Wastewater Treatment
- Water Reservoirs
- Stormwater Facilities
- City Shops
- Public Parking Lots



Other Land

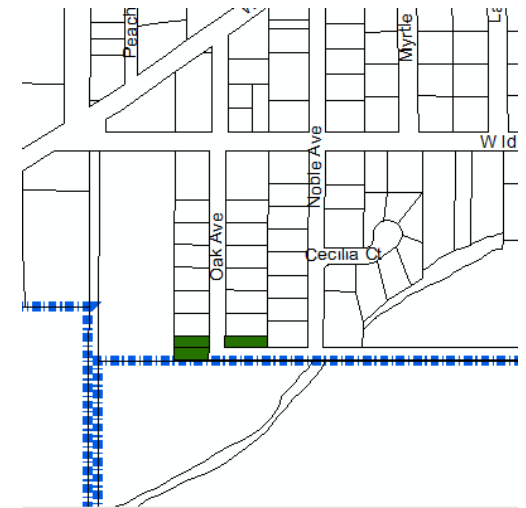
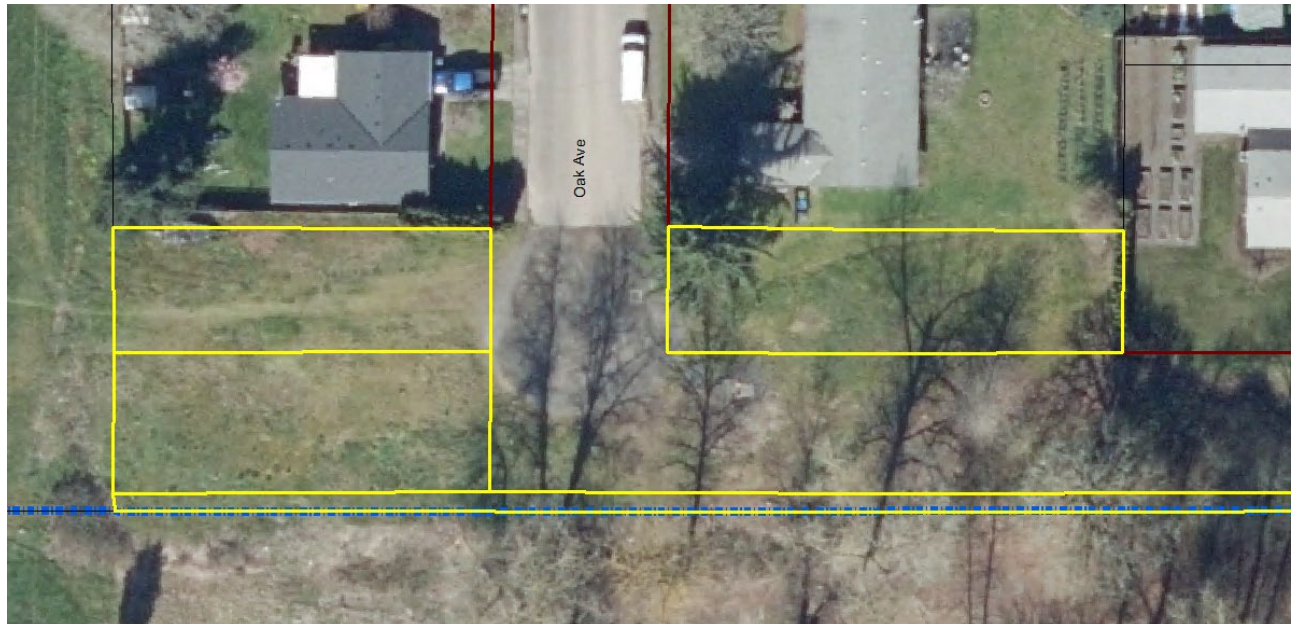
21 Parcels are “Other,” totaling 2 acres

- Land adjacent to street rights of way
- Vacant Unused Parcels



“Other” City-Owned Property

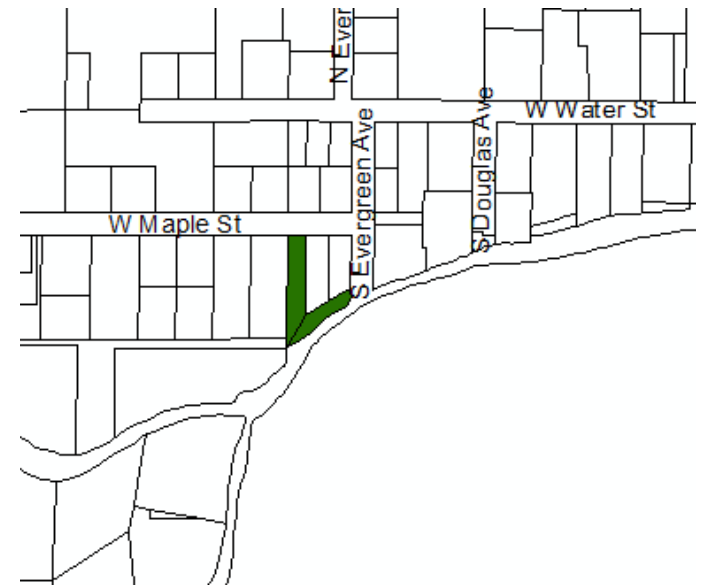
Three Parcels on N Oak Ave





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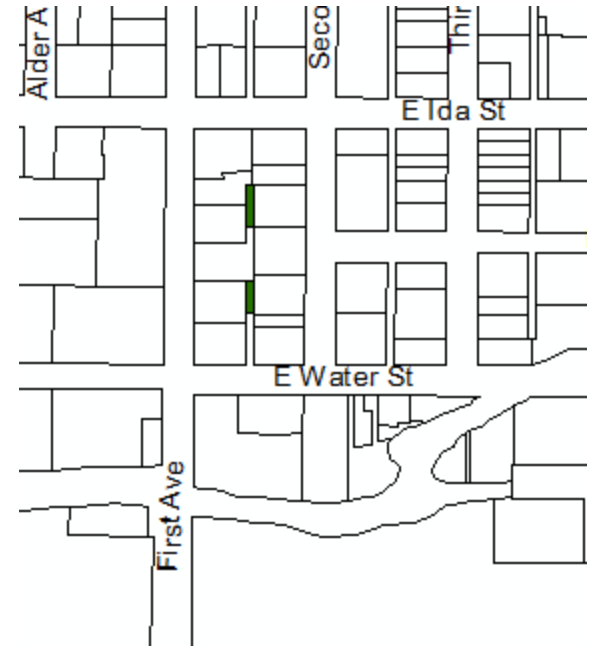
Two Parcels on W Maple St





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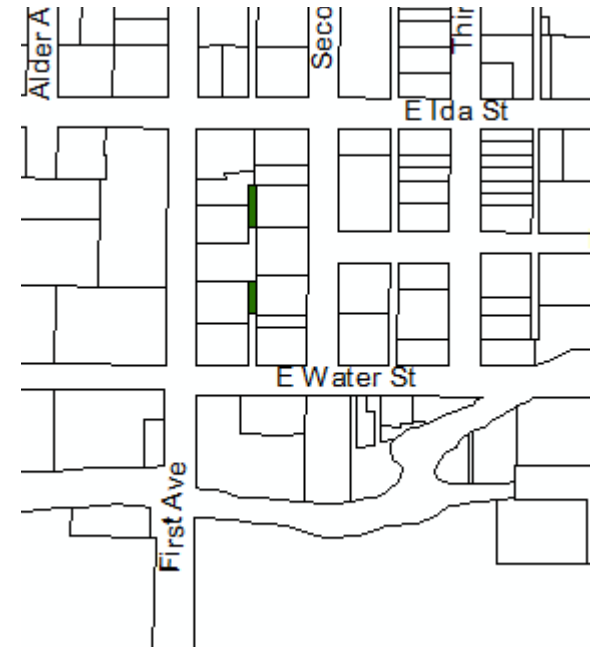
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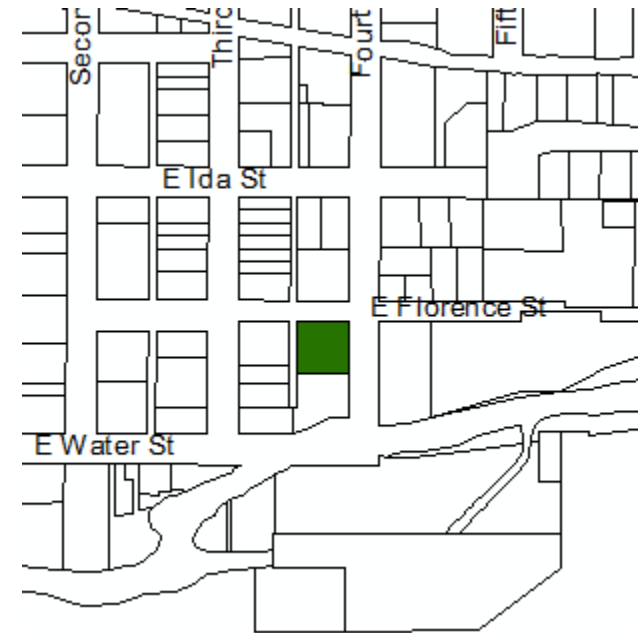
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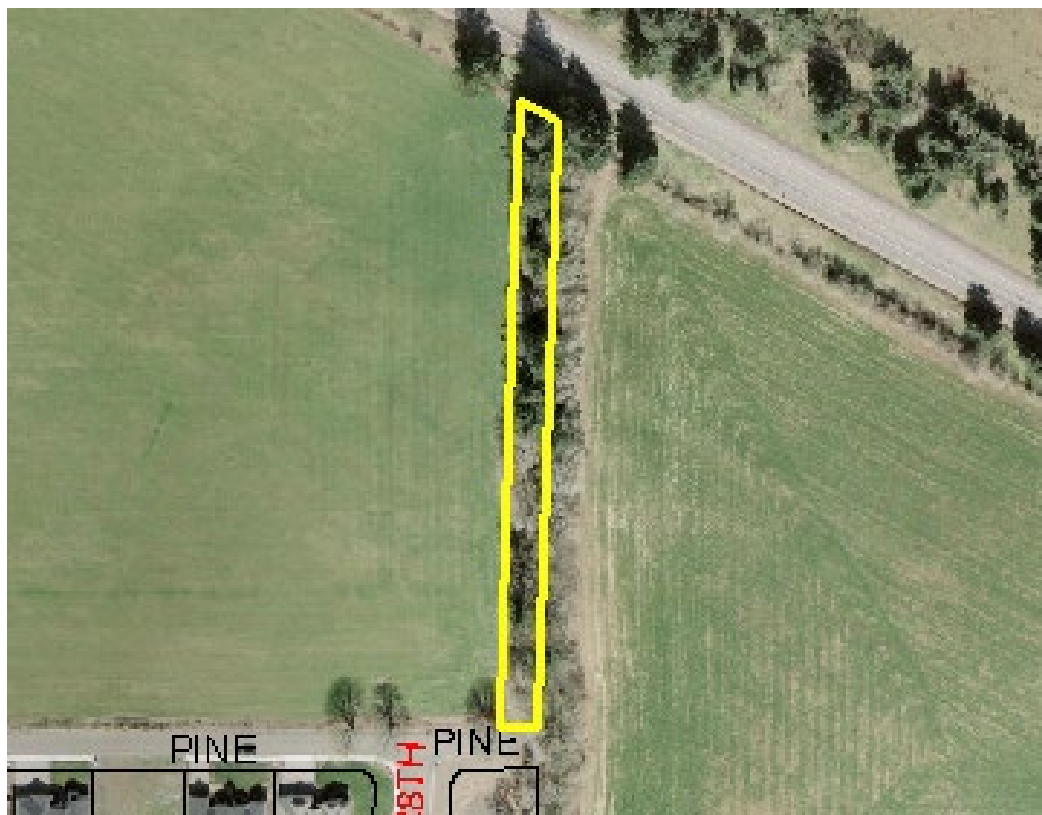
E Florence St – leased to Moose Lodge





“Other” City-Owned Property

E Pine St





Unimproved Rights of Way

There are Ten segments of
Unimproved Right of Way within the
City Limits



Unimproved Rights of Way

E Regis St, east of N Sixth Ave



Right of way is 60 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 70 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

W Water St, btwn N Oak Ave and a point west of N Holly Ave



Right of way is 40 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 1800 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

N King Ave, north of W Water St



Right of way is 40 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 325 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

Industrial Dr, west of Wilco Rd



Right of way is 40 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 325 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

Gardner Ave, south of W Maple St



Right of way is 60 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 125 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

N Fifth Ave, south of E Cedar St



Right of way is 60 feet and 30 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 200 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

N Cherry Ave, north of W High St



Right of way is 60 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 175 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

N Alder Ave, north of W High St



Right of way is 60 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 125 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

N Tenth Ave, south of E Burnett St

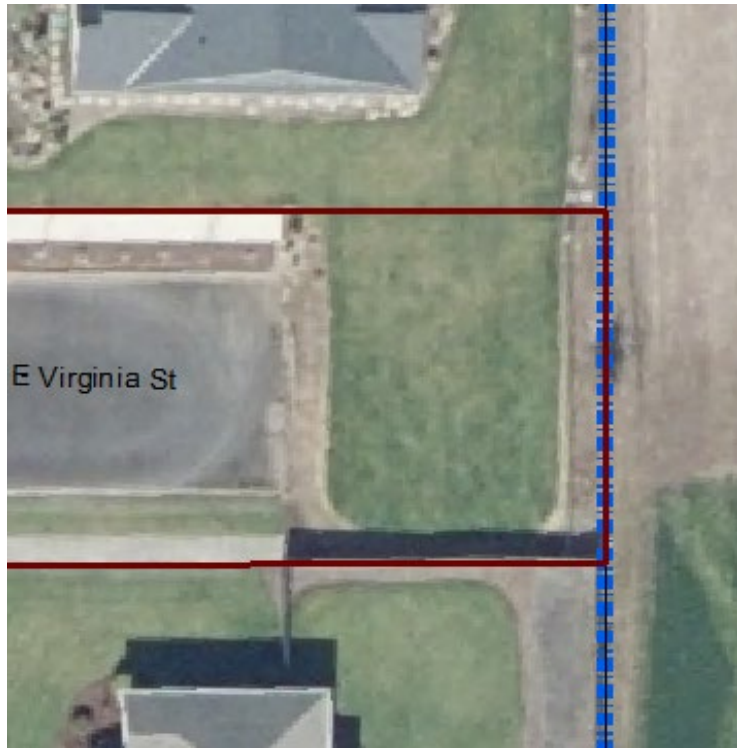


Right of way is 60 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 100 feet in length



Unimproved Rights of Way

E Virginia St, east of 19th Ave



Right of way is 60 feet in width, unimproved portion is approximately 50 feet in length