

— Public Works Right of Way Services

Engineering Regulatory
Public Right of Way Vacations.
2099 Chestnut Pl

General Vacation information

What is a vacation

- A vacation is the release of Public Right of Way, when the City and County of Denver deems it is no longer necessary.

What is the vacation process

- Once the request is received it goes through a 3 week review to any where between 30-39 agencies, internal and external
- Once all comments received have been approved, it goes through a 21 day public notification period, where signs are posted by the requestor, and letters are sent to all adjacent landowners and RNO's within 200 feet of the vacation area

Protests

- If no protests are received, it moves to City Council for final approval.
- If protests are received, the City reviews each one to determine if they have technical merit.
 - If they do not, it moves to council
 - If they do, we put the requestor in touch with the protestor to resolve the issues

What is Technical Merit

- The City of Denver holds in Trust certain pieces of property which are dedicated as Right of Way's for Transportation and Utility needs. When a request to vacate a Right of Way is made, a review is completed to determine if the required utility and transportation needs can be met without this piece of property being a dedicated Right of Way

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Cost for a Public Right of Way Vacation

- Initial Review fee - \$1000.00
- Legal description review fee - \$300.00
- Ordinance request fee - \$300.00
- Total \$1600.00

In the past 5 years we have had the following amount of vacation projects

- 2019 – 8
- 2018 – 17
- 2017 – 22
- 2016 – 32
- 2015 – 23

And in these past 5 years, the number of project that received protests are as follows:

- 2019 – 1
- 2018 – 2
- 2017 – 6
- 2016 – 7
- 2015 – 2

Of the projects with protests, all but 3 have passed council. The other 3 are still being resolved

2099 Chestnut PI Vacation Request

- Original request was July 24, 2017
- Revised request was June 28, 2018 addressing reviewer comments
- Public Notification – May 17, 2019 signs were posted and letters sent
- Public notification ended June 6, 2019
- 42 protests were received
- All 42 protests were deemed to lack technical merit
- Lack of merit emails were sent to the 42 protestors on July 22, 2019

