# **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

# HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:	August 19, 2020
SUBJECT:	Closing unopened portions of Dove Haven Lane Road Right of Way
PRESENTER:	Sam Starr, Property Addressing Coordinator Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol> <li>Site Map depicting proposed RROW closure</li> <li>Applicant's letter to Henderson County Property Addressing Office</li> <li>North Carolina General Statute 153A-241</li> <li>Proposed Resolution</li> </ol>

#### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Planning and Property Addressing staff have received the attached petition and survey to close an unopened portion of Dove Haven Lane. Under North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 153A-241, counties have the power to close any public road or easement not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under control of the Department of Transportation. To close any road, the Board must:

- Vote to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement.

- Call and notice a public hearing on closing the road or easement, with notice "reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement".

- Hold the public hearing, where the Board must "hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights".

- Then, if the Board "is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road or easement".

- File a copy of the Board's order with the Register of Deeds.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution and the setting of the public hearing to September 8, 2020 at 5:30PM or as soon as practicable thereafter.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

I move that the Board adopt the proposed resolution and set the public hearing for September 8, 2020 at 5:30PM or as soon as practicable thereafter.

# Site Map With Highlighted Area Indicating Proposed RROW Closure



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0.05 Miles

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July 7, 2020

Sam Starr Henderson County Property Addressing 100 N. King St. Hendersonville, N.C. 28792

Re: Permanent Road Closure - Section of Dove Haven Lane

Dear Mr. Starr:

I am writing on behalf of Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc. regarding the permanent closure of an unopened street or alley pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241. Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc. requests that the county permanently close that that section of Dove Haven Lane and the adjoining alleyway identified on the attached survey entitled "Plat of Boundary Survey for Dove Haven Lane Closure (Formerly 5<sup>th</sup> Street)" by Freeland-Clinkscales & Associates, Inc. of NC as **Tract A** and **Tract B**.

**Tract A** (4,562 sq. ft.+/-) adjoins the property of Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc., identified on said plat as Lots 42 & 43; **Tract B** (4,319 s q. ft.+/-) adjoins the property of Darryl Thien, identified on said plat as Lot 46. Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc. is joined in this request by the adjacent property owner, Darryl V. Thien.

A map of the street to be closed is attached. Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc. and Darryl V. Thien comprise all of the affected owners of property adjoining the section of unopened street to be closed. The section of street to be closed is not necessary for access to either lot. This unopened section of street is not needed to provide access to any other property, and no nearby property owners will be negatively affected by a permanent closure of the street. The above-described properties of Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc. and Thien and the portion of the street to be closed are also shown on that plat entitled "Map of Mountain Home, Henderson Co., NC" dated October 1914 and recorded in Plat Book 1, at Page 37 (now re-indexed to Plat Cabinet B, Slide 18-A), Henderson County Registry. Since its dedication in 1914, these portions of the streets have never been opened.

It is the desire of Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc. and adjoining owner, Darryl V. Thien, to permanently close the unopened sections of Dove Haven Lane as indicated. It is the understanding of the parties that once closed, one half of each right of way will vest in the adjoining owner. Should you have any questions or require any further documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am enclosing a check for \$450.00 for the application fee due to Henderson County.

Yours sincerely,

Edward L. Harrelson ELH/lb Enclosures

#### CONSENT TO REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE PORTION OF DOVE HAVEN LANE

We join in this petition to permanently close the unopened streets identified in the letter of Edward L. Harrelson dated July **7**, 2020.

#### CAROLINA REAL ESTATE PROS, INC.

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Carolina Real Estate Pros, Inc. Portion to be closed

#### § 153A-241. Closing public roads or easements.

A county may permanently close any public road or any easement within the county and not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under the control and supervision of the Department of Transportation. The board of commissioners shall first adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement and calling a public hearing on the question. The board shall cause a notice of the public hearing reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement. At the hearing the board shall hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights. If, after the hearing, the board of commissioners is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the board may adopt an order closing the road or easement. A certified copy of the order (or judgment of the court) shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county.

Any person aggrieved by the closing of a public road or an easement may appeal the board of commissioners' order to the appropriate division of the General Court of Justice within 30 days after the day the order is adopted. The court shall hear the matter de novo and has jurisdiction to try the issues arising and to order the road or easement closed upon proper findings of fact by the trier of fact.

No cause of action founded upon the invalidity of a proceeding taken in closing a public road or an easement may be asserted except in an action or proceeding begun within 30 days after the day the order is adopted.

Upon the closing of a public road or an easement pursuant to this section, all right, title, and interest in the right-of-way is vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road or easement, and the title of each adjoining landowner, for the width of his abutting land, extends to the center line of the public road or easement. However, the right, title or interest vested in an adjoining landowner by this paragraph remains subject to any public utility use or facility located on, over, or under the road or easement immediately before its closing, until the landowner or any successor thereto pays to the utility involved the reasonable cost of removing and relocating the facility. (1949, c. 1208, ss. 1-3; 1957, c. 65, s. 11; 1965, cc. 665, 801; 1971, c. 595; 1973, c. 507, s. 5; c. 822, s. 1; 1977, c. 464, s. 34; 1995, c. 374, s. 1.)

## Henderson County North Carolina

### Before the Board of Commissioners

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241, this Board has the power to close public roads and easements which are not within a municipality except public roads and easements and under the control and supervision of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The Office of Romeo, Harrelson, and Coiner, on behalf of Carolina Real Estate Pros. Inc., has petitioned the Board for the closure of an unopened portion of Dove Haven Lane located in Henderson County which meets the criteria, above.

Prior to closing such an easement, the Board must first adopt a resolution indicating its intent to consider the same and call a public hearing on the issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board will consider the closing of

portions of Dove Haven Lane at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 8, 2020, after a public hearing. The Board hereby calls a public hearing to be held on this issue on such date, and directs staffto provide notice, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241, of the same

Adopted by the Board by motion duly made, this the 19th day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY

By:\_

Grady Hawkins, Chairman

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board