

REQUIREMENTS FOR VACATION OF PROPERTY

Chapter 272, Texas Local Government Code, and Ordinance No. 6417 adopted by the Amarillo City Commission on May 25, 1999 stipulates that the City of Amarillo may only vacate street, alley, or easement right-of-way when said right-of-way is appraised by a Texas licensed real estate appraiser to determine fair market value to provide a basis for one of the following:

- a monetary settlement based on the appraised value between the City and the applicant(s) seeking the vacation; or
- an exchange of said right-of-way or easement for property of equal value as a replacement for the vacation.

Upon the filing of the attached application, the applicant(s) shall pay the City of Amarillo Planning Department THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350) for each alley, easement vacation and street right-of-way vacation. The filing fee is used to help defray necessary costs of processing the application.

Prior to the consideration of any vacation application by the Amarillo Planning and Zoning Commission, the applicant shall provide the Planning Department with an appraisal, prepared by a Texas licensed real estate appraiser, as to the fair market value of the property under vacation consideration.

In order for any vacation application to be favorably considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the request must be found to be in order and the required fair market value settlement must be paid. Vacation applications shall be denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission in which the required settlement fee has not been paid by the applicant.