



GENERAL GUIDELINES TO ABANDON ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY

- Abandonment Application forms may be obtained online by visiting Real Estate Services website at www.mesaaz.gov/realestate, or by calling the Real Estate Services office at 480-644-2577. The following shall be included with the completed Abandonment Application:
 - Check payable to the **City of Mesa** in the amount of \$750.00. This fee is **non-refundable**. There is no charge for residential alley abandonment requests.
 - Drawing/map and legal description of the area to be abandoned.
 - Petition to Abandon Right-of-Way signed by property owners affected by the request to abandon the alley right-of-way.

- Submit to: Real Estate Services
 City of Mesa
 P.O. Box 1466
 20 E. Main Street
 Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

- Real Estate Services will solicit approval from City departments, as well as utility companies (QWEST, SRP, Cable and Gas Companies, etc.) that may be affected by the request to abandon the alley right-of-way. Applicant will be notified of any denials or stipulations to the abandonment request.

- Public Utilities and Facilities Easements will be retained over abandoned alley right-of-way where public utilities exist or are planned, and where ingress and egress is necessary to maintain those utilities. If vehicle access to the alley is necessary, property fences may not be relocated into the abandoned alley right-of-way. Construction of gates at either ends of the abandoned alley right-of-way may be considered at the property owner's expense. Property owners are responsible for maintenance of the alley and replacement of gates. (See General Guidelines to Gate Abandoned Alley Right-of-Way)

- Real Estate Services will submit the request to abandon the alley right-of-way for City Council authorization.

- The process to abandon an alley right-of-way normally takes eight (8) to twelve (12) weeks to complete after the applicant has submitted the Abandonment Application to Real Estate Services.

- Alley right-of-way that has been abandoned is returned to the land from which it originally came in accordance with Arizona Revised Statute, Section 28-7205.

- Per Mesa City Code 9-10-1 to 9-10-5, the value of the abandoned land, if any, must be paid to the City of Mesa at the end of the abandonment process. Residential alley rights-of-way may have no value due to an easement that must be retained by the City of Mesa.