



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Petition of Robert D. Saner, Jennifer L. Saner, Ben Warren Gillen, Molly Glaser, 2013-1 IH Borrower LP, and Jeffrey L. Gray to vacate the south 260 feet of 18th Street lying north of and adjacent to the north right-of-way of Georgia Avenue and east of Block 79 and west of Block 78, Map of Sutherland, Plat Book H1, Page 1, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, lying in Section 1-28-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

### **Recommended Action:**

Denial of the petition to vacate the south 260 feet of the 18<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way based on County staff objections. If granted, adopt the attached resolution pursuant to §336, Florida State Statutes.

- There is a 260-foot platted and unimproved right-of-way adjacent to the petitioners' properties.
- The petitioners are requesting the vacation to allow for an increase in property size and to resolve existing encroachments in the right-of-way.
- County staff recommend denial of the vacation request because the vacation of 18<sup>th</sup> Street would result in a "superblock", exceeding the maximum of 900 feet allowed per the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Section 154-126.
- If vacated, County staff has requested that the vacation be contingent upon the retention of a 12-foot wide utility easement centered over an existing water line within the proposed vacation area.

Authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to record the resolution in the public records of Pinellas County.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

The purpose of the request is to vacate the south 260 feet of the 18th Street platted and unimproved right-of-way adjacent to petitioners' properties. The petitioners are requesting the vacation to allow for an increase in property size and to resolve existing encroachments in the right-of-way.

### **Background Information:**

County departments were queried and have objections to the vacation request because the vacation of 18th Street would result in a "superblock", exceeding the maximum of 900 feet allowed per the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Section 154-126.

If vacated, Pinellas County Utilities Department has requested the retention of a 12-foot wide utility

easement centered over an existing water line within the proposed vacation area.

Letters of no objection were received from Pinellas County Utilities, Duke Energy, Frontier, TECO Electric, TECO Gas and WOW! Spectrum has no objection to the request, but did advise that the Petitioner will bear the expense for the relocation of Spectrum facilities, if any, necessitated by the proposed petition to vacate.

The petition was properly advertised in accordance with §336, Florida State Statutes. Pursuant to the Real Property Division Procedures, notice was mailed by the Clerk of the Court to property owners within two hundred fifty feet of the subject property and two-yard signs were placed on the property. The Deputy Clerk will report to the Board any citizen support or opposition.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$750.00 has been received for this request.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Blake Lyon, Director, Building Development and Review Services  
Carol Stricklin, Director, Housing and Community Development

**Partners:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Exhibit A  
Location Map  
Advertising Packet  
Petitioner Application