

Pinellas County Real Property Division
Petition to Vacate
509 East Avenue South
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Re: Additional information to the Petition to vacate

Dear sir or madam,

This letter is an attachment to our Petition to Vacate Pre-Application Meeting Request Form. The purpose of this Letter is to provide a brief background/description of the reason of the vacation request.

Applicants are seeking to vacate two pieces of the adjacent properties. The first one is a 10 ft wide piece of county property that merely divides our parcel (728 Elm Street) and our neighbor's parcel (734 Elm Street). This 10ft wide piece of land does not serve any public purpose: it starts at the Palmetto Ave and ends at the private property. Our neighbor at 734 Elm street consented to this vacation process. Please see attached to the Petition Exhibits A and B that illustrates the area to be vacated under this paragraph.

The second piece of property that is subject to our request is a right-of-way, namely Palmetto Ave (Exhibits C and D). This is a critical part of our request because at this moment we cannot start building our house without having access to our parcel. Here is a brief description of the challenges that we faced since we had purchased our parcel in May 2020.

1. We bought our property at 728 Elm Street in May 2020 with the purpose to build a house on it.
2. In July 2020, we sold the house we lived in, so we can use sale money for the construction.
3. We planned to place some temporary dwelling on our new property; this will allow us to save on rent while to be close to the construction site to manage the process.
4. Two months were spent in attempt to receive an approval either to place a mobile home, a recreational vehicle or manufacture home as a temporary shelter for our family of five. We gave up on this idea because the county would not allow us to do it or the cost were not feasible.
5. Since we were not allowed to place a temporary dwelling, we were forced to rent a space.
6. Our next step was to obtain a legal access to our parcel so we can apply for permits to build the house.
7. Our application for right-of-way permit through Palmetto Ave was not approved.

Vacation of the Palmetto Ave would give us an access to the property so we can submit our plans and all other documents for review by county. Also, it would allow us or will make it less burdensome to connect utilities to our parcel.

We would be happy to schedule an appointment and/or provide any additional information to support our vacation Petition.

Sincerely,
Mikhail Fokin and Zilya Ruga

Exhibits A-D.