

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Ordinance No. 23-O-02

Date Introduced: February 27, 2023

Sponsored by: Councilwoman Tandra A. Ridgley and Council President Adam M. Hiob

Public Hearing: March 13, 2023

Amendments Adopted: None

Date Adopted: March 27, 2023

Date Effective: April 17, 2023

AN ORDINANCE concerning

RYLAND DRIVE

FOR the purpose of abandoning Ryland Drive as a public road; authorizing Ryland Drive to be removed from the City's public roads inventory; and all matters generally related to the abandonment of Ryland Drive as a public road.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: By Quitclaim Deed dated October 18, 1962, recorded among the Land Records of Harford County, Maryland, the United States of America conveyed unto the Commissioners of Aberdeen, Maryland, predecessor to the City of Aberdeen, a parcel of land in the vicinity of Aberdeen Proving Ground. This parcel is now known as Tax Map Parcel 2058.

Encompassed within the boundary of Parcel 2058, and extending south from East Bel Air Avenue, is a paved road that became known as Ryland Drive. Ryland Drive was created as part of the Aberdeen Proving Ground after the land was acquired by the U.S. government in 1943 and provided through access on the base from East Bel Air Avenue to what is now known as Delaware Court.

Ryland Drive was not referred to in the Quitclaim Deed, was not depicted on any subdivision plat, and was not formally dedicated to public use. While at one time Ryland Drive was a through street within Aberdeen Proving Ground, in 1962 the United States Government closed off Ryland Drive at the boundary of Parcel 2058, thereby making Ryland Drive a dead-end street and eliminating any possible use of Ryland Drive for through vehicular access. Since the elimination of Ryland Drive for through access, Ryland Drive consists of a roadway approximately 30 feet wide and 280 feet long extending south from East Bel Air Avenue.

Ryland Drive is not needed for access to a privately owned abutting property which fronts on and derives its primary access from East Bel Air Avenue. If Ryland Drive is abandoned as a

public road, the City intends to replace the paved road with an open vegetated area, thus contributing to the fulfillment of the City's obligation to reduce impervious surfaces in the City and eliminating the need, cost and expense to repave the road in the future.

Now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that the City Council hereby determines that the property described in the EXPLANATORY STATEMENT above as Ryland Drive is not needed for use as a public road. Consistent with such determination, the City Council abandons the use of Ryland Drive as a public road, authorizes the City to remove Ryland Drive from the City's public road inventory, authorizes the City to cease maintaining Ryland Drive as a public road, and authorizes the City to take such other and further actions consistent with the abandonment of Ryland Drive as a public road.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, that this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following adoption.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN



Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor



Adam M. Hiob, Council President



Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman



Timothy W. Lindecamp, Councilman



Tandra A. Ridgley, Councilwoman

ATTEST:



Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date March 27, 2023

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