



**MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN**

October 24, 2024

Via Electronic Delivery

To the Honorable President and
Members of the Medford City Council
Medford City Hall
Medford, MA 02155

Re: Transfer and Acquisition of Rights in Paper Way

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

I respectfully request and recommend that your Honorable Body approve the following Transfer and Acquisition of Rights in Paper Way along Dexter Street, which will allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement to release the City's rights in one-half to the referenced paper street, in exchange for the City acquiring rights in the other half of the same paper street. Approval of this transfer and acquisition would allow the owners of 2 Joseph Street the ability to construct a retaining wall on the half of the paper street that abuts their property to shore up or stabilize their home. The City will also benefit as, by adding the half-portion of the paper street to the City's adjacent property, the City property may be used as a 2-family as of right. Building Commissioner Scott Vandewalle will be available to answer questions.

TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS IN PAPER WAY

Whereas, the City is the owner of property known as 0 Albion Street, Medford, MA, described more particularly in an instrument recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 8131, Page 527, and further shown as Lot 11 on Assessors Map X-11 (the "City Property");

Whereas, Adam Behrens and Jifei Ou, are the owners of property located 2 Joseph Street, Medford, MA, and described more particularly in the deed recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds at Book 78815, Page 493 (the "Abutting Property");

Whereas, there is an unconstructed way located at the end of Dexter Street, a public way, which paper way is approximately fifty (50) feet in width and approximately seventy-six feet (76') in width, and lies between the City Property and the Abutting Property (the "Paper Way");

Whereas, the parties wish to release to each other all right, title and/or interest to half of said Paper Way, as it abuts the City Property and the Abutting Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

1. The City Council hereby discontinues the Paper Way as a public way, insofar as said Paper Way lies within the layout of Dexter Street, and hereby transfers all right, title and interest in and to said Paper Way from the City Council for public way purposes to the Mayor for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance;

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2. That the Mayor be authorized to release the City's right, title and interest in and to the centerline of the Paper Way, as it abuts the Abutting Property;
3. That the Mayor be authorized to accept, in exchange for the release of the City's rights, all right, title and interest held by said abutters to the center line of the Paper Way, as it abuts the City Property; and
4. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Breanna Lungo-Koehn
Mayor