ORDINANCE NO. 9293-97

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE VACATING OF A STREET

WHEREAS, as the City develops and redevelops, it is sometimes necessary to consider the vacating of certain public streets; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council recognizes that the vacating of any public street affects some citizens in the conduct of their daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, although the Illinois Municipal Code does not require a public hearing prior to the vacation of any street, it is the opinion of the Urbana City Council that the public interest is best served by providing a public hearing prior to vacating any street,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE URBANA CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. During the period which is not greater than 365 days, but not less than 45 days prior to the City Council considering an Ordinance to vacate any street or portion thereof, but not, however, an alley, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the question after first providing the notice set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 2. At least 15 days, but not more than 30 days before the public hearing on the question of whether to vacate a certain street or portion thereof, notice of the time, date and place of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Urbana. The notice so published shall contain the name of the street and a description of the portion of the street proposed to be vacated.

Section 3. The Zoning Administrator shall also cause to be mailed, at least 15 days prior to the public hearing, a copy of the aforesaid newspaper publication to each of the last-known taxpayers of record as reflected in the most recent Champaign County records available for such purpose of all property adjacent to or within 250' in each direction of the portion of the street proposed to be vacated. The measurement of all public roads, streets, alleys and other public ways shall be excluded in determining the 250' requirement. If any part of a condominium property is located within 250' of the street proposed to be vacated, the name of each taxpayer of record of the condominium shall be included in the mailing. The Zoning Administrator shall file with the City Clerk an affidavit that such mailing described herein has been accomplished.

This Ordinance shall be effective on the 1st day of July, 1993.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 1944 day of 1993.

Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 22 day of _

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Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor