

**PETITION TO VACATE IMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY
CITY OF WABASH
ALLEY NORTH OF WEST SINCLAIR STREET**

Applicant Information

Name: Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc.
Address: 207 N. Cass Street, Wabash, 46992
Phone: 260-563-4750

Property Information

Subdivision: N/A
Lot Number(s): N/A
Other: N/A

Describe in detail the plat (or portion thereof), public way, place or easement to be vacated:

The alley north of W. Sinclair Street and adjacent to Applicant's property to the west (tax parcel 85-14-11-302-104.000-009; 158 W. Sinclair Street) and to the east (tax parcel 85-14-11-302-105.000-009; 146 W. Sinclair Street). The north boundary of the alley to be vacated is adjacent to an east -west alley between N. Main Street, to the east, and N. Cass Street, to the west.

Reasons for Request – describe how the request meets the following criteria (attach additional pages):

- 1) Conditions in the area have changed so as to defeat the original purpose of the alley.

See EXHIBIT A.

- 2) It is in the public interest to vacate the alley.

See EXHIBIT A.

- 3) The value of that land not owned by the Applicant will not be diminished by vacation.

See EXHIBIT A.

By signing below, the applicant attests that the information presented in association with this Application is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc.

Agent's Signature: _____


Reverend Jay Horning, Pastor

Date: December 12, 2025

EXHIBIT A

- 1.) Conditions in the area have changed so as to defeat the original purpose of the alley.

This alley is in between two parcels of Applicant, including the parcel to the west which is St. Bernard's church and associated parking lot. This portion of the alley is not used by or for the general public. Public safety is enhanced with vacation of the alley as it will afford Applicant to better utilize the vacated property as part of its overall parish operations for the benefit of the parish and general public that visits the parish.

- 2.) It is in the public interest to vacate the alley.

The public interest is served by vacating the alley as public responsibility for maintenance of the right of the way will cease, saving the public time and resources. Additionally, by placing the area consisting of the alley under private ownership will enhance public safety and place the vacated land in a more productive use for the benefit of St. Bernard's parish. Applicant further believes that eventual incorporation of the alley into the adjoining properties of Applicant will increase surrounding property values of nearby properties.

- 3.) The value of that land not owned by the Applicant will not be diminished by vacation.

Given the nature of the alley, no impact to surrounding land in the not owned by the Applicant is expected to occur. The alley is materially under-utilized as a public right of way and surrounding properties will benefit by the alley being incorporated into the overall land holdings of Applicant. The highest and best use for the alley is to incorporate same into the adjacent land holdings of Applicant where the alley will be put to more productive use.