



City of Winston-Salem City Council Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of South Spring Street (South Ward) – Petition of Salem Baptist Church Inc.
City Council Committee	Public Works Committee
Meeting Date	August 11, 2026
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Michael Stover, City Engineer
Department Head	Michael Stover, City Engineer
City Manager/ACM	Aaron King, ACM

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Recommended Council Action	Resolution Approval
Suggested Action/ Motion Options	I move to approve this resolution to close and abandon a portion of South Spring Street.
Strategic Focus Area	Not Applicable
Strategic Plan Objective	Not Applicable
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	No Material Fiscal Impact

Summary of Information

The City of Winston-Salem received a petition to close and abandon a portion of South Spring Street and West Bank Street, which was revised to only close and abandon a portion of South Spring Street while leaving West Bank Street open. The area petitioned for closure is an open public right of way containing approximately 21,000 square feet. It is bounded by Tax PINs 6835-03-8723, 6835-03-8665, 6835-03-9516, 6835-03-9349, 6835-03-9758, 6835-13-0607, 6835-13-0559, 6835-13-0590, and 6835-13-2316.

Staff has reviewed the request for this closure. The Police Department has no concerns. The Fire Department states it is not located in a high-response area, or along a major thoroughfare, and therefore have no concerns. WSDOT has no concerns, as we are leaving West Bank Street open for connectivity and conformance. Planning notes that this allows the Salem Baptist Campus to continue growing close to downtown rather than expanding to a greenfield site in a suburban or rural location. The request would also free the City from having to maintain a street which is largely used by and for Salem Baptist Christian School traffic. There are public utilities located in the right-of-way petitioned for closure and the City would need to retain easements. Sanitation services will not be interrupted.

Attachments

Committee Action	
For:	Against:
Remarks:	

- RES – Public Hearing Date South Spring Street
- RES – Closure of South Spring Street
- MAP – Closure of South Spring Street - Utilities
- MAP – Closure of South Spring Street - Owners
- Petition