

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
January 20, 2026	5.a

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo and City Councilors

FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator

THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

ISSUE: Public Hearing for Consideration to Approve the Vacation of South 15th Street Right-of-Way North of Pennsylvania Avenue - Would Require Enactment of Ordinance

SUMMARY:

The City Council, on behalf of property owner Compass Communities Englewood LLC, initiated a right of way vacation request for a portion of South 15th Street just north of Pennsylvania Avenue. Staff is requesting Council hold a public hearing and, after taking public comment/testimony, consider enactment of proposed ordinance to vacate the improved right of way.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, hold a public hearing to take comments, and if desired enact an ordinance providing for the vacation of South 15th Street right-of-way just north of Pennsylvania Avenue. The ordinance will only be enacted if the Land Use Application (Number 187-25-000154-PLNG) is approved.

BACKGROUND:

At the October 7, 2025 City Council, on behalf of property owner Compass Communities Englewood LLC, initiated a right of way vacation request for a portion of South 15th Street just north of Pennsylvania Avenue. The vacated right of way will facilitate the construction of the proposed development of the property previously known as the Englewood Elementary School. Comments were sought from all city departments and there were no objections. Comments were also solicited from local utilities companies and there were no objections. As the vacation is within 1,000 feet of the shoreline, the city is required to seek input from the International Port of Coos Bay. The Port Commission considered and approved of the vacation application at their November 20, 2025 Commission meeting. At the writing of this staff report, city staff had received no public comments for or objections to the proposed vacation.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Approval of the right of way vacation will add the property to the tax roll.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Copy of Hearing Notice to Applicant, Utilities, and Affected Property Owners
- Copy of Posted Notice
- Englewood R-O-W vacation Legal Description
- S. 15th Street Notes
- S. 15th St GIS Exhibit
- ___ Ordinance S. 15th Street Vacation.pdf