ROCHESTER HILLS MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Department of Public Service 1000 Rochester Hills Drive Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309-3033

APPLICATION and REQUEST for VACATION of STREETS, ALLEYS or PUBLIC GROUNDS

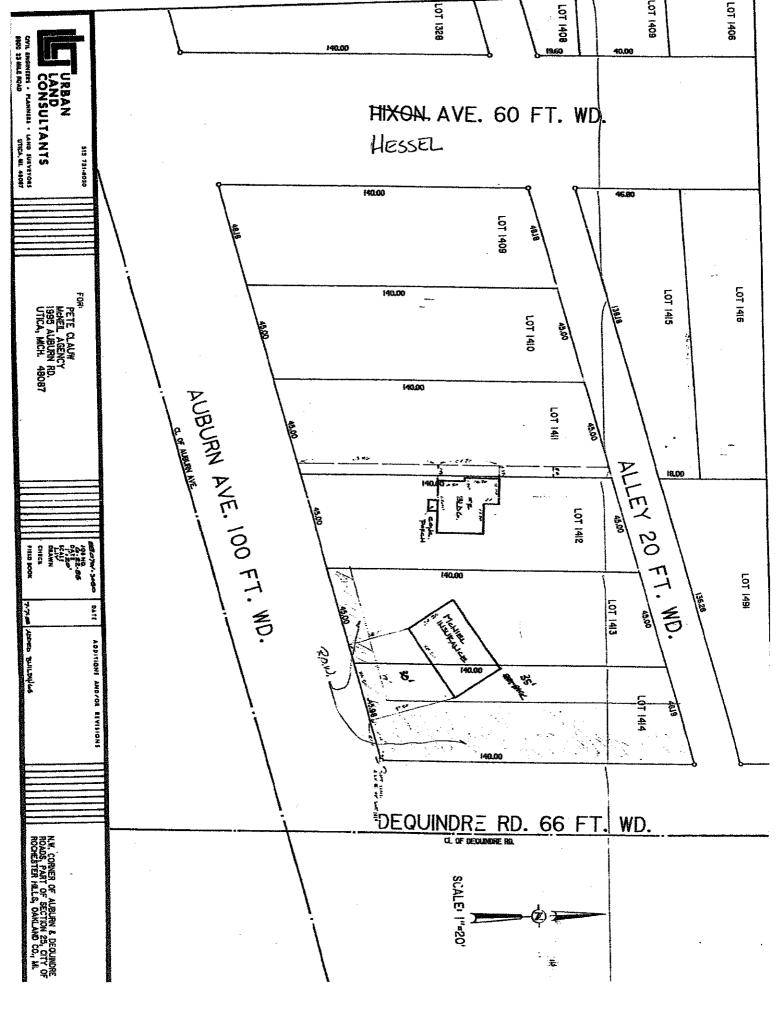
	Date: 12/08/2005 Application Fee: \$200.00 Dated Paid:
	Applicant Name: Peter C. Clauw, president of C&F Investment Co.
	Applicant Address: P.O. Box 180167
	City, State, and Zip: <u>Utica, MI 48318</u>
1	Phone: (248) 863 (222) Fax: (248) 853-2114
	I, (signature) hereby apply for and request the City to vacate discontinue or abolish (description of street, alley, public ground or part thereof, to be vacated)
	20 ft. wide alley adjacent to Lot 1414 and all of Lot 1413, starting westward off of Dequindre
	Rd. at the north-end of Lot 1414; See attached Survey
	Sidwell number of applicant's property 15- <u>25-483-006</u> Property
	Address: 1995 E. Auburn Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307
	Sidwell number of abutting property 15-25-483-008
	Abutting property owner's name: Peter C. Clauw
	Address: P.O. Box 180167, Utica, Michigan 48318

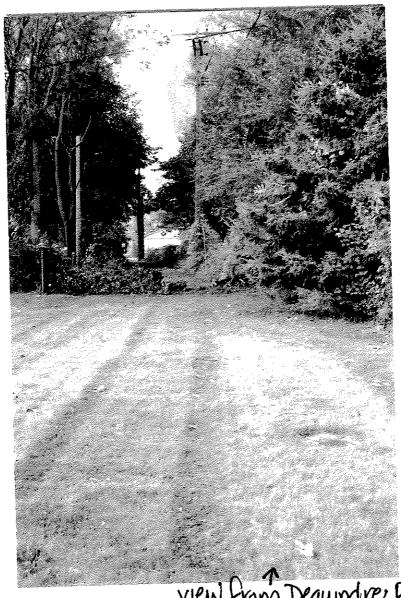
Chapter 94, ARTICLE IV: VACATING, STREETS, ALLEYS OR PUBLIC GROUNDS, of the City of Rochester Hills Ordinances, Sec. 94-172: Purpose states the following:

"As it is occasionally necessary for the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the people of the city to vacate, discontinue or abolish an existing street, alley, public ground, or part thereof, a procedure is established as provided in this article."
(Code 1976, §4-10.01)

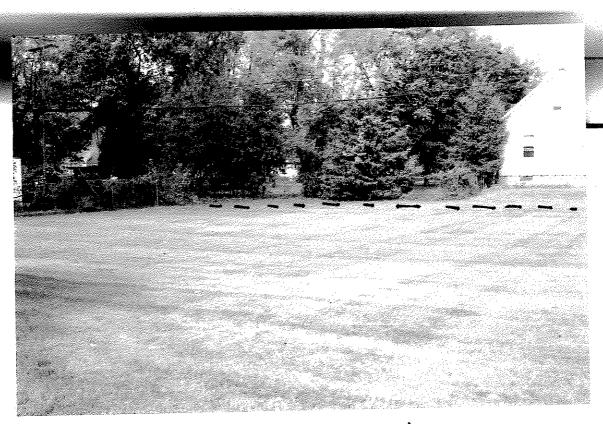
Bearing in mind the above Ordinance, please explain the basis on which you believe the City should consider the vacation of the street, alley, public ground or part thereof.

This property described as an "alley" is a grassy area that abuts my business property. The business has maintained the property for 46 years. The property actually appears to be contiguous to my lot (there are no distinctions as to where the properties are divided). See attached photos. Neither the City nor the citizens of Rochester Hills have a need for access to this property, as it leads through a heavily wooded area to a perpendicular street. As a "public" alley, it is a hazard to allow citizens free access to this area, to the extent that young citizens with access to this area could utilize it for a haven of illegal activity. It is not "patrolable" by police, as it is not actually a roadway for vehicles to pass through. Again, see attached photos. I request that the city vacate either the property that directly abuts the business property to your applicant as the adjacent owner, with an easement for utilities, the only purpose for its existence. It is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the people to vacate this property, as it relieves the city of a maintenance liability, a potentially dangerous area, an area that cannot be policed, and an area that it not used, nor has it ever been used by the City of Rochester Hills or its citizens.





view from Dequindre Rd Alley begins at arrow



"Alley" runs at dashed line



Alley leads through wooded; unpatrolled area: