

May 21, 2014

Mr. Kurt Hodgen City of Harrisonburg City Manager 345 South Main Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801

RE:

Closure of South Mason Street, East Grace Street and Alley between South Main Street and South Mason Street and Chesapeake Avenue near the former Rockingham Cooperative site

## Dear Mr. Hodgen:

James Madison University (JMU) has recently completed the acquisitions of all real property adjacent to the portion of South Mason Street which enters the JMU campus from Martin Luther King Jr Way, as well as all parcels which are adjacent to the section of East Grace Street and alley both which are located between South Main Street and South Mason Street. The university also owns all real property bordering a section of Chesapeake Avenue near the former Rockingham Cooperative site.

The university respectfully requests that the City close, vacate and transfer to the University the above-referenced streets in order to make those areas more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly as a part of the Grace Street Corridor and the opening of the Student Success Center. JMU also wishes to close the alley to accommodate a planned parking deck to be located at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr Way and South Mason Street which is already in design and is intended to support the newly renovated Student Success Center and the pending construction of the College of Health and Behavioral Studies located on the site of the former East Tower of Rockingham Memorial Hospital. The University would like to close a section of Chesapeake Avenue in order to support the construction of a 20,000 square foot annex for our Facilities Management staff.

The university has procured the services of Hurt & Proffit to complete the surveys necessary for the closures as a part of the City of Harrisonburg's Street/Alley Closing Application.

The University looks forward to working with the City on these projects just as we have fully cooperated with the City on several projects which addressed its needs including granting the City several rights-of-way, at no charge, in conjunction with the widening of the Reservoir Street project on Neff Avenue, University Boulevard and Reservoir Street. In addition to JMU's support of the Reservoir Street project, the University has granted the City a right-of-way in support of the Bluestone Trail and paid \$350,000 towards completion of the project. The University has also donated approximately 112,500 cubic yards of dirt valued at \$375,000 to the City at no charge.

In the spirit of continuing our mutual and complementary efforts to improve facilities of all purposes and better serve students and citizens, I look forward to working with you on these closures. Please let me know the next steps that are required by the City to complete this process. You may contact me at 540.568.1551 or <a href="kingcw@jmu.edu">kingcw@jmu.edu</a> or Jini Cook at 540.568.7204 or <a href="cookvg@jmu.edu">cookvg@jmu.edu</a>.

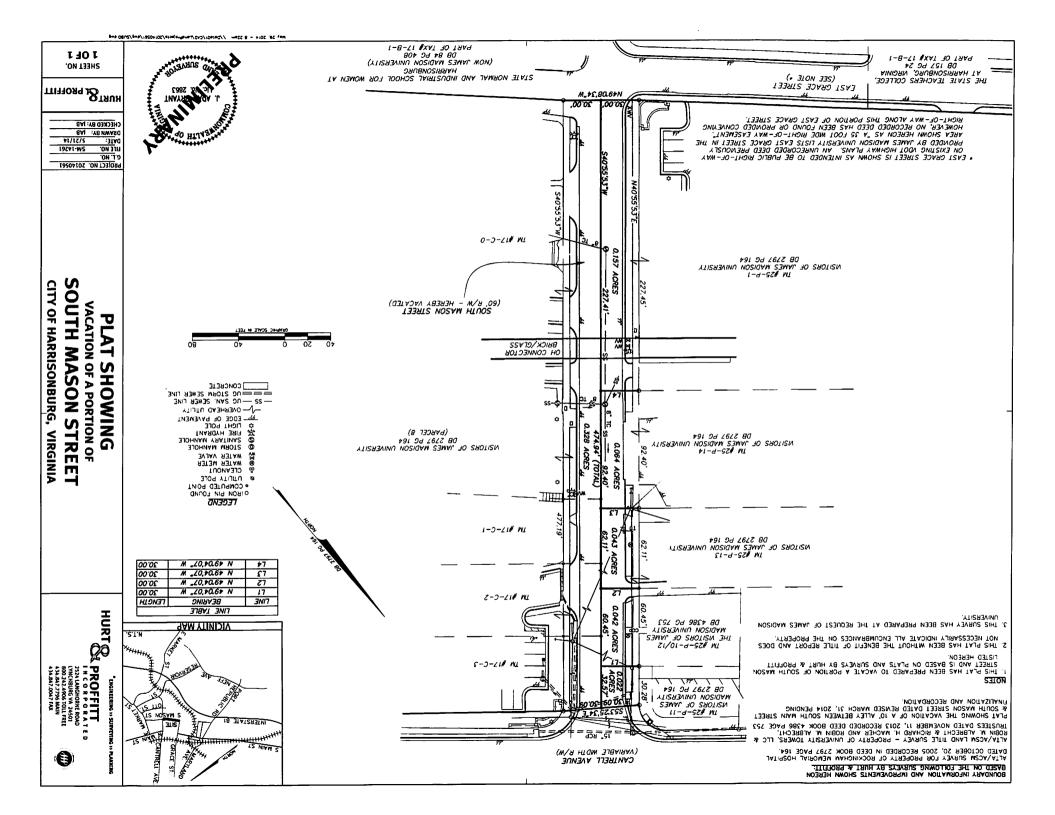
Sincerely,

Charles W. King Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance James Madison University

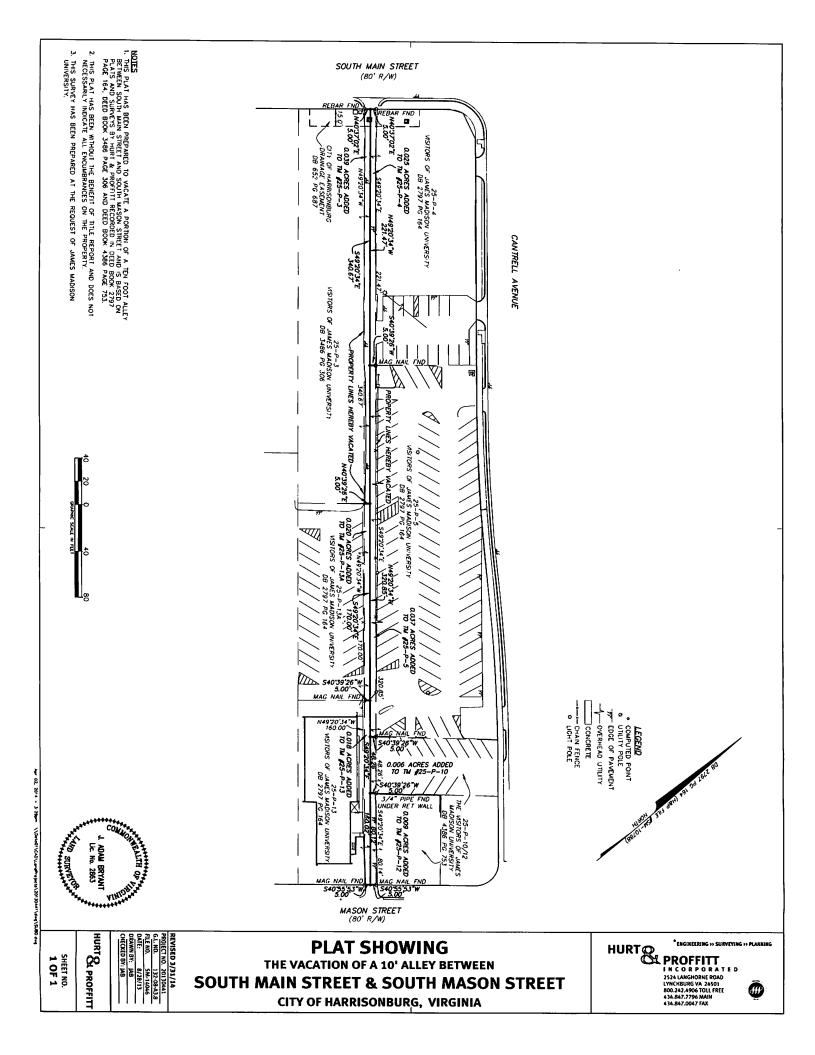
cc: Jini Cook Jack Knight

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City: Harrisonbu	rg	State: VA		Zip: <u>22807</u>		
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Date application received:
Application for Street or Alley Closing City of Harrisonburg, Virginia
Review fee: \$\_\$50.00 Board of Viewers appointment \$\_\$ Total Paid: \$\_\$
Applicant's Name: <u>James Madison University</u> Street Address: <u>1015 Harrison Street, MSC 5806</u> E-mail: <u>cookvg@jmu.edu</u>
City: Harrisonburg State: VA Zip: 22807
Telephone: Work <u>540.568.7204</u> Fax <u>540.568.7011</u> Mobile <u>540.421.9924</u>
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Description of Request
Location Closure of South Mason Street from MLK Way to East Grace Street
Square footage of area to be closed: 328 acres
Cost per square foot: \$Total cost: \$
Please provide a detailed description of the proposed closure (  additional pages attached):  Proposed closure to support a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly area immediately in front of the newly opened Student Success Center.  Name and addresses of adjacent property owners ( Additional names listed on separate sheet)
North: City of Harrisonburg (MLK Way)
South: James Madison University
East: James Madison University
West: James Madison University
I hereby certify that it is my intention to have the above described Street(s) or Alley(s) closed and that the information contained herein is true and accurate. In addition, I understand that all required advertising and associated costs will be at the expense of the applicant.  Date: 6/27/14
ITEMS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION  Completed application Letter described proposed use Adjacent property owners Survey & metes and bounds description (prepared by a surveyor, engineer, or other person duly



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Description of Request					
Location Closure of 10' Alley between South Main Street and South Mason Street					
Square footage of area to be closed: 1,371 sq ft					
Cost per square foot: \$Total cost: \$					
Please provide a detailed description of the proposed closure ( additional pages attached):  Proposed closure to support future construction of a parking deck and proposed building per the Campus Master Plan.					
Name and addresses of adjacent property owners ( Additional names listed on separate sheet)					
North: James Madison University					
South: James Madison University					
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Description of Request					
Location Closure of portion of Chesapeake Avenue					
Square footage of area to be closed: .555 acre					
Cost per square foot: \$Total cost: \$					
Please provide a detailed description of the proposed closure (  additional pages attached):  Proposed closure to support future construction of 20,000 square foot annex for Facilities Management Building.					
Name and addresses of adjacent property owners ( Additional names listed on separate sheet)					
North: City of Harrisonburg (remaining piece of Chesapeake Ave)					
South: James Madison University					
East: James Madison University					
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