



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2026
To: Codes & Regulation Committee
Members of City Council
From: Timothy Hinkens, City Engineer
Re: **Ordinance Amending Chapter 26, Article I**
Restoration of Brick Paved Streets (Removal of Green Street)

Attached is a committee report recommending the execution of an amended ordinance eliminating Green Street as a protected brick paved street.

In support of the Rock Valley College (RVC) downtown campus development, the City has committed to resurfacing the surrounding public streets, including Green Street. As shown on the attached map, the new campus has vacated Rockton Avenue thus resulting in Green Street being brick paved for only half of the development frontage.

Green Street's brick pavement from Rockton Avenue to Wyman Street has historically been compromised. The Wyman Street Crossover project removed the east block of Green Street. Subsequently, Green Street was overlaid with asphalt from Church Street to Main Street, and most recently Green Street was vacated and removed from Court Street to Church Street for the development of the federal courthouse.

The historic compromises of Green Street brick pavement have left an insignificant portion remaining from Rockton Avenue to Court Street, inconsistent with the other residentially focused brick paved streets within this ordinance.

The restoration of brick pavement for only a portion of the new RVC development's frontage would arguably look out of place. Extending brick pavement to Short Horsman would require the manufacturing and furnishing of historic brick pavers at a significant cost.

Therefore, the Department of Public Works recommends amending Chapter 26, Article I, Section 7-101 to remove Green Street as a protected brick paved street. The resulting work would include removing and salvaging the existing brick pavers for the future restorations of the remaining brick paved protected roads within the ordinance.

Please feel free to contact Timothy Hinkens, City Engineer, with any questions.