

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-509

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

SUBJECT:

POLICY FOR
SALVAGE OF
EXCESS BRICK IN
THE CITY RIGHT-OF-
WAY

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

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ITEM79

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
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SYNOPSIS —

Policy for salvage of excess brick in the City right-of-way.

FISCAL IMPACT —

NA

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

At various times, the City will have cause to replace or remove public walks, alleys, or streets that are of brick construction. Neighborhood organizations, and in particular citizens within historic districts, have expressed an interest in salvaging the bricks from these projects. At its April 22, 2002 meeting, the City Council asked to have a formal policy on the salvage of brick.

The Departments of Engineering, Public Works, and Community Development have collaborated and are recommending the attached policy. The policy ensures that bricks with no overlay are salvaged and not sent to the landfill. It provides the option of working with the Parks and Recreation Department if a particular project needs bricks, the contractor if significant cost savings can be shown, or a neighborhood association to salvage the bricks. The City will require the neighborhood to sign agreements to limit the City's and contractor's liability and follow the City's safety rules. If a street or alley has an asphalt overlay, salvage potential will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

On Saturday, August 10th, the Sherman Hill Association hosted a brick salvage on 15^h Street south of Walnut as approved by City Council at its July 22, 2002 meeting, Roll Call 02-1848. The neighborhood association advertised the brick as being for sale and took advance orders. The Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association carries a \$1,000,000 insurance policy. The association members taped the street into lots of 1000 brick, instructed salvagers where to start, and had everyone sign an agreement that held the City and contractor harmless from injuries. The bricks were all picked up between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Everyone expressed delight at being allowed to salvage the brick and thanks to the Sherman Hill Association for sponsoring the event. The Sherman Hill Association charged fifteen cents a brick and made around

	<p>\$3,000 on the event which will be used to subsidize two recent house moves.</p> <p>Attachments</p>
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