BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF OZARK, ARKANSAS

# PETITION TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PLATTED BUT UNOPENED ALLEY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF OZARK

COME NOW the undersigned, and respectfully petition the City Council pursuant to the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. §14-301-301, et seq., to vacate and abandon that platted but unopened alley described in the body of this Petition, and in support hereof state:

I.

Petitioner, First United Methodist Church of Ozark, Arkansas, is the record title holder of the real property more particularly described below which is part of the Original Town of Ozark, Arkansas:

All of Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), and the West forty feet of Lot Three (3) all in Block Six (6), to the Original City of Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas.

П.

Frontenac Properties, Inc. is the record title holder of the following described real property which abuts the alley Petitioners seek to close and vacate by virtue of this proceeding:

Lots one (1) and two (2) and the East 20 feet of Lot three (3), all in Block six (6) of the Original City of Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas, and the North half of a twenty (20) foot alley lying immediately South of the above described lands. All lying in Franklin County, Ozark, Arkansas.

III.

Jurisdiction of this matter is properly placed in the City Council pursuant to the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. §14-301-301(a).

This Petition seeks adoption of an ordinance by this Council to close, vacate and abandon the following described alley in the City of Ozark which was platted as a part of the Town of Ozark many years ago. To the Petitioner's knowledge, that portion of the alley in question has never been utilized by the public at any time, but certainly not within five (5) years prior to the date of filing of this Petition.

Petitioner would respectfully request that the alley hereinafter described be closed, abandoned and vacated, to-wit:

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Attached to this Petition as Exhibit "A" is a true photostatic copy of a plat of the Original Town of Ozark which depicts in yellow the aforementioned alley sought to be closed, vacated and abandoned by virtue of this proceeding.

V.

The Petitioner believes and would show to the Council that the closure, vacation and abandonment of the alley more particularly described above will not be injurious to the public health, safety or well being, and that no individual or entity will be prejudiced thereby.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray that an ordinance of this Council be adopted in accordance with the provisions of <u>Ark</u>. <u>Code Ann</u>. §14-301-304 closing, vacating and abandoning that portion

of the alley more particularly identified above and for any and all other relief to which they may show themselves entitled.

Respectfully submitted:

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OF OZARK, ARKANSAS

BY:

RALPH JOHNSON, JR., CHARMAN

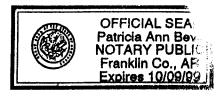
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

MARILYN OTT, SECRETARY

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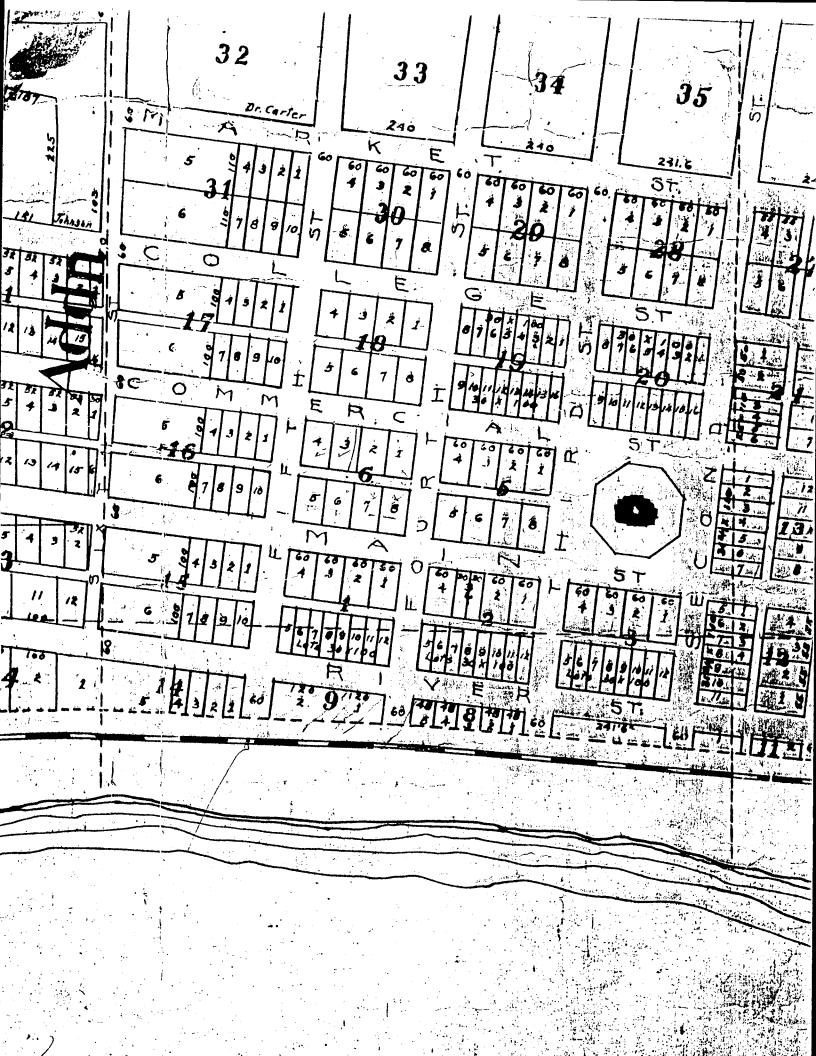
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WITNESS MY HAND as the Clerk of the City of Ozark this 8th day of September, 1997.

Carol Sneath,

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## CONSENT TO CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT OF PORTIONS OF A CERTAIN ALLEY

WE, the undersigned, having full authority to execute this document on behalf of Frontenac Properties, Inc. do hereby affix our signatures thereto for the purpose of evidencing Frontenac Properties, Inc.'s consent to the closure and abandonment by the City of Ozark of a platted but unopened alley in the Original City of Ozark more particularly described below, to-wit:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto affixed our hands this 39th day of August,

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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**SECRETARY** 

#### CITY OF OZARK, ARKANSAS

#### GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1997-13

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Ozark, Arkansas:

WHEREAS, a "Petition to Vacate and Abandon a Platted But Unopened Alley Located Within the City of Ozark" was duly filed with the City Council of the City of Ozark, Arkansas, on the 29th day of August, 1997, asking the City Council to vacate and abandon all that portion of that certain platted but unopened alley described in Section 1 hereof in the Original Town of Ozark, Arkansas, the said alley being reflected on the plat attached as Exhibit "A" to said Petition previously filed with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, after due notice as required by law, the Council did, at the time and place mentioned in the notice, hear all persons desiring to be heard on the question and did ascertain that the alley, hereinafter described, has heretofore been dedicated to the public use; that it has not been actually used by the public generally for a period of at least five (5) years prior to the filing of the aforementioned Petition; that the only other owner of the property abutting upon the portion of the alley to be vacated, Frontenac Properties, Inc., has filed with the Council its written Consent to the alley closure; and that public interest and welfare will not be adversely affected by the abandonment and closure of the said alley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Ozark, Arkansas:

Section 1. The City of Ozark, Arkansas, releases, vacates and abandons all its rights, together with the rights of the public generally, in and to the alley designated as follows:

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Section 2. The City retains the right to the existing utility easements.

Section 3. A copy of the ordinance duly certified by the City Clerk shall be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk Franklin County and recorded in the deed records.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force within the time provided by law.

Passed this 13th day of October, 1997, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ozark, Arkansas.

VERNON McDANIEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CAROL SNEATH, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

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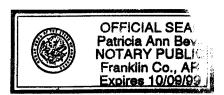
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