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Vacation of Utility Easement
Broward County Courthouse Garage
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Broward County is in the process of developing a parcel of property in the NE corner of Andrews Avenue and SE 7th Street as a parking garage for the new County Courthouse.

On December 15, 2011 the applicant appeared before the Property and Right of Way Committee requesting the vacation of a 14' Utility Easement through the subject property. We have attached a copy of the minutes of that meeting to this application.

The subject easement is fourteen (14) feet wide and runs from the south end of the alleyway which runs along the east side of the subject property, through the subject property, to SE 7th Street. There is no vacation being requested within the boundary of the active vehicular alleyway.

Currently, a ten (10) inch gravity sewer line, and an on-site drainage pipe are active within the easement, along with overhead power and communication lines on FPL poles.

Drainage – The drainage line is private and there is currently no connection to or conveyance of offsite drainage through the site.

Sewer – a ten (10) inch sewer line currently is active within the easement conveying wastewater from SE 6th Street south to a main in SE 7th Street. There are currently three (3) sewer laterals connecting to this line within the alleyway (5/3 Bank, law offices and Smoothie King). The Smoothie King lateral will be replaced with a new lateral that will connect into SE 1st Avenue. The permit for that lateral has already been issued. The laterals for the bank and the law offices at the north end of the alleyway are currently in permit review with the City and will be connected to a new sewer main that will be constructed from the north end of the alleyway north to SE 6th Street, west to Andrews Avenue and south to SE 7th Street. That sewer main is currently being reviewed for City permits along with the laterals mentioned above. Broward County has already issued its permits for that sewer main. The existing ten (10) inch sewer line will be decommissioned as soon as the new sewer line is certified and accepted for use.

Power – Permits have been issued for the construction of a new duct bank in the alleyway and through the subject property to put all overhead power now running through the site underground. A new easement for that duct bank will be granted by the County to the utility, a copy of that easement has been submitted with this application.

Communications – Permits have been issued for the construction of new conduits to be placed within the alleyway and through the subject property to put all overhead communication lines now running through the site underground. A new easement for those conduits will be granted by the County to the utility, a copy of that easement has been submitted with this application.

The applicant request that the Vacation of the fourteen (14) foot utility easement through its property become effective as soon all work described above has been completed.