

## Heather Ussery

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**To:** Aaron Adams; Heather Ussery  
**Subject:** Washington/Montgomery Alley

Dear City Council Members and City Manager

I am writing you about the alley between Montgomery and Washington Street that is proposed to be opened. My driveway is at the end of the alley. I have lived there for 22 years. During that time, the alley has never gone through nor has the city ever maintained the alley. In the past, gravel was put down by us and Ziller's/ Deheer's at our expense. In winter, we take care of the snow removal. The city does not plow the alley. In the summer, Derby's would mow the grassy part of the alley. (They do not live there any more. It is now mowed when the empty lot is mowed) The city does remove the snow that they pile from the parking at the end of the alley on 2nd Street in a timely manner. This has never been a problem for me when I am leaving. However, when we moved in, there was no street light in the alley, and we were told that the city would not install one since it is not an open alley. So we paid to have one installed, and that light is on my power bill.

When we first moved in, there were railroad ties laying in the alley. There was also a sign at the end of the alley on 2nd Street stating that it was not a through alley. The snow plows knocked it down one year and it was not put back up. This last year, someone requested that the city put gravel in the alley (which had never happened before), the alley is asphalt part of the way (the citizens that lived in those houses paid to have it done). The gravel was put down past my garage and raised the level of the alley so when it rains hard, the water now goes into my garage.

I also have concerns about the safety of the children that live on alley if traffic is allowed to drive through.

Also, with angle the garages sit, you will not be able to see if anyone is coming down the alley when you are backing out.

I would prefer that the alley stays the way it is. I would not like to see it go through. As I stated in the beginning, I have lived there for 22 years and the alley not going through has never been a problem before.

Thank you for your time

Colette McRoberts