

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JANUARY 23, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 22.A.
GRANTING AN EASEMENT ON CITY LAND
(Parcel #458-205-20)**

Discussion: The Planning Board approved a 90-unit apartment complex for property on Province Street, which requires a second driveway for safety access and to help spread out traffic volume away from Province Street. The proposed second access driveway would cross currently vacant City owned land. This land is between Spruce Street and Growth Road, and also includes the City's dog park. The easement would allow construction of the second driveway, at the applicant's expense and future maintenance obligations, while still allowing access to the dog park.

The apartment complex is proposed to be affordable housing, which is desperately needed in the City.

At the December 27, 2022 Council meeting, Councilors asked for additional language to be added to either the Planning Board's approvals and/or the easement. The Planning Board imposed additional conditions of approval at their January 10, 2023 meeting (attached).

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Council hold the public hearing and continue discussion, and if appropriate to proceed to a Second Reading and approval.

Report Submitted by: Dean Trefethen, Planning Director

Proposed Motions:

"I move to waive a reading of this request for an Easement in its entirety and to read by title only."

"I move a second reading of a request for an Easement on City owned land, specifically parcel #458-205-20".

"I move to approve the easement and authorize the City Manager to sign any required documents to record the easement at the Registry of Deeds."