



# City of Norman, OK

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**File Number: E-2021-55**

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<b>File Name:</b> Merkle Creek Permanent Drainage Easement NPS Tract 2A	<b>Final Action:</b>	

**Title:** EASEMENT E-2021-55: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT DONATED BY NORMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE MERKLE CREEK STABILIZATION PROJECT.

**Notes:** ACTION NEEDED: Motion to accept or reject Easement E-2021-55; and, if accepted, direct the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk.

ACTION TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda Date:** 01/12/2021

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**Attachments:** E-2021-55, Location Map, Easement Table

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**Effective Date:**

### History of Legislative File

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### Text of Legislative File E-2021-55

Body

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Over the past several years, the Stormwater Division has encountered difficulties maintaining Merkle Creek near Cleveland Elementary School and its tributary located between the school and Westwood Golf Course. The streambank is in need of stabilization and improved access for maintenance. The City of Norman contracted with Meshek and Associates, LLC, to conduct a comprehensive and focused hydraulic and hydrologic study of this portion of Merkle Creek and provide a design for natural stream restoration techniques to maintain bed elevation and stabilize the banks to provide continued protection for property of the citizens of Norman as well

as to enhance habitat and environmental conditions within the stream channel while allowing for ease of maintenance. In order to construct the proposed project and conduct future maintenance activities, a permanent drainage easement is necessary on the property located at 500 N. Sherry Avenue, Cleveland Elementary, Tract 2A (see attached location map).

If Council accepts the easement, construction of these improvements is anticipated to begin in early 2021, weather permitting.

**DISCUSSION:**

Easement acquisition necessary for the Merkle Creek Stabilization Project near Cleveland Elementary School consists of five (5) easements on three (3) parcels. City of Norman and Meshek and Associates, LLC, staff prepared a permanent drainage easement for the previously mentioned parcel of land and requested the owner (Norman Public Schools) to consider donating it to the City. Norman Public Schools has agreed to donate the permanent drainage easement to the City. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the easement as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Based upon the above information, staff recommends the above described easement, Easement No. E-2021-55, be accepted and the filing be directed therefore.