

Sale of City Property Ordinance

If the Eastport City Council decides it wishes to sell or transfer any City-owned property, the Council must provide notification to the public of the potential sale or transfer. The Council must ***EITHER*** advertise for sealed bids on the property in an area newspaper of general circulation before any sale or transfer may occur, with the option to advertise in other publications **OR THE CITY COUNCIL MAY LIST THE PROPERTY WITH A REAL ESTATE BROKER OR BROKERAGE FIRM. IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES TO LIST THE PROPERTY WITH A BROKER, THEN PUBLIC NOTIFICATION MUST BE PROVIDED THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT OF THE LISTING IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AREA. ***ANY SALE OR TRANSFER OF CITY PROPERTY MUST BE PRECEDED BY A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE AN OFFER IS ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.***** The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids on the property. In accepting a bid, the City Council may require a performance bond from the purchaser or transferee.

The Council must provide sufficient public notification of any proposed change in the status of City-owned property, to include but not be limited to the conveyance of easements or zoning changes.

The Council shall maintain a current inventory of City-owned property, along with a plan, if any, for use. In developing a plan for use, the Council should consider issues of public access, effect on tax base and how property could be used for economic development.

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