

## Procedures for Abandonment

“Petition for Discontinuance of Street or Alley”.

**This petition requires the signatures of all landowners whose property abuts that portion of street or alley to be abandoned.**

Fees for Road Abandonments:   \$75.00 Base Fee  
  \$50.00 Mailing/Publication Costs  
  \$ .31 Per mile to and from the roadway for mileage  
  from the Courthouse.

- 1) Signatures must be obtained on Petition. Petition must have map attached outlining portion of road to be abandoned and a legal description of the road. The petitioner is responsible for providing the legal description and may need to hire a Surveyor. The County’s Geographic Information Systems program is online at <https://flathead.mt.gov>.
- 2) Once the petition is received and the fee is paid, the petition will be reviewed by the Plat Room to verify signatures and obtain a list of abutters of that road.
- 3) The petition will then be forwarded to the County’s Road and Bridge Department and the County Attorney’s Office for review and comment. Once returned to the Commissioner’s Office, it will be scheduled for viewing by the Commissioner whose district the road is located in and the Flathead County Surveyor. The Viewers have up to 30 days to view the road but it is usually completed before then. The Viewers will then make a recommendation as to whether or not the road should be abandoned.
- 4) A Public Hearing will be held and a copy of the Notice of a Public Hearing will be published twice in the Daily Inter Lake and sent to the petitioner and all other abutting property owners.
- 5) The Commissioners usually make a decision of whether or not to abandon the road at the Public Hearing, unless there are protests or a property owner can prove that this roadway would be their only access to their property.

Return the petition, map and legal description, and fee to the Commissioners’ Office, located on the third floor of the County Courthouse at 800 South Main Street in Kalispell or mail the documents to:

Flathead County Commissioners’ Office  
Attention: Maria Albertson  
800 South Main Street, Room 302  
Kalispell, Montana 59901  
(406) 758-5537  
[malbertson@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:malbertson@flathead.mt.gov)