



City Charter Section 9.06

Case #2021-00001

Closure of Wales Alley to Vehicular Traffic

Planning Commission
March 2, 2021

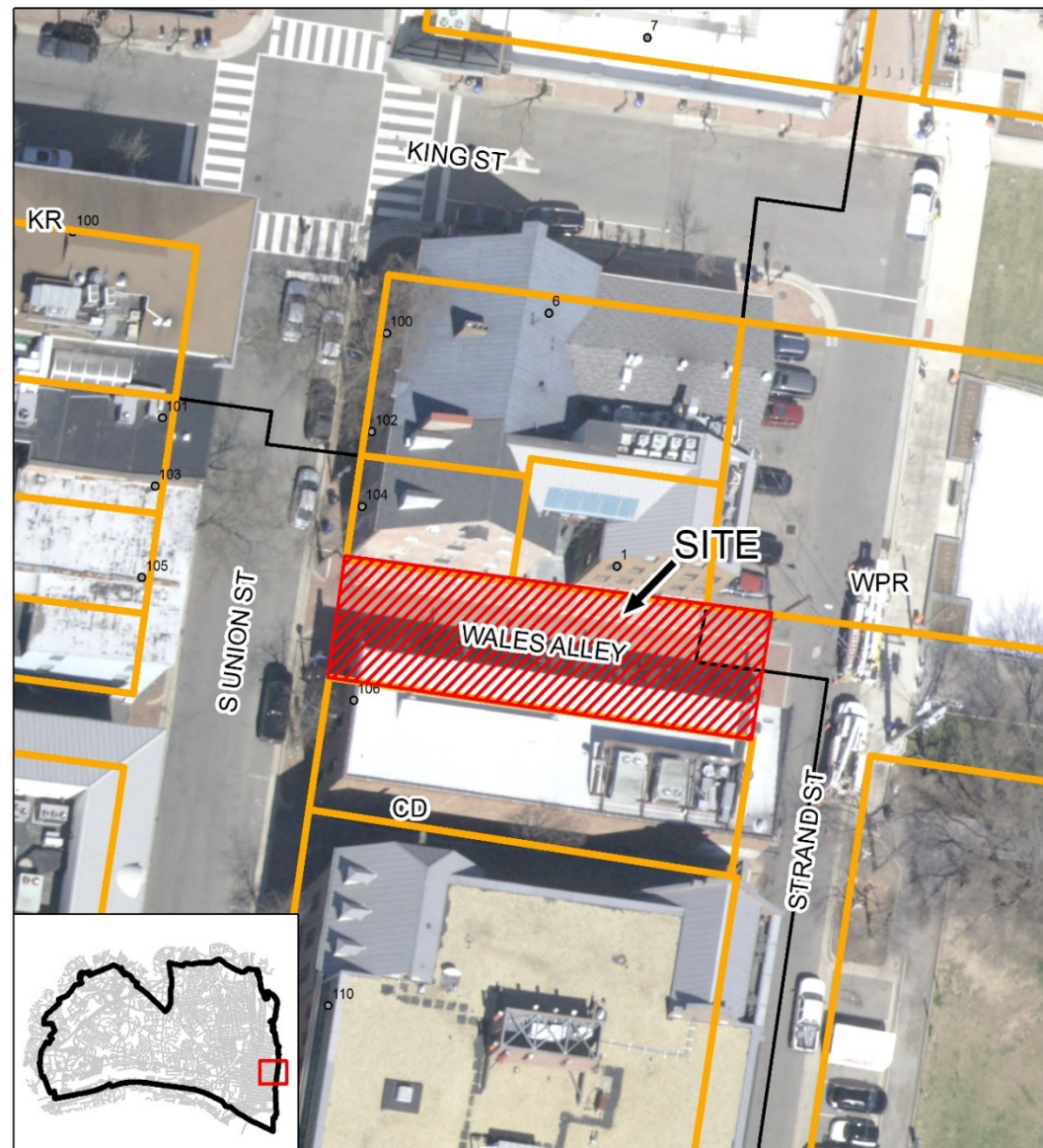


Proposed closure of Wales Alley, between South Union and Strand Streets, to vehicular traffic

- Section 9.06 of the City's Charter requires that the Planning Commission approve any changes to the use of a public street.
- Planning Commission is charged with ensuring that any change is consistent with the City's Master Plan.

Site Context

- Located within the Waterfront Small Area Plan



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Wales Alley, between South Union and Strand Streets



0 15 30 60 Feet



Background information

- Alley is one-way, heading east towards the Potomac River
- Prior to the pandemic, Virtue used the southern portion for outdoor dining
- In May 2020, the City temporarily closed the alley to vehicles and allowed Virtue to expand the outdoor dining area further into the alley
 - Approved through the end of 2021
- A new license agreement will be required to allow additional use of the alley
- City will maintain ownership of the alley

Consistency with Master Plan

- *Increase and improve access to the public spaces of the Waterfront. Pedestrian connectivity along the Waterfront should be continuous.*
- *Improve the Waterfront's vehicular and pedestrian circulation.*

Staff Recommends that the Planning Commission find the proposed change to Wales Alley consistent with Section 9.06 of the City Charter and the City's Master Plan