



METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

To: Metropolitan Council
From: Metropolitan Historical Commission, Staff
Date: May 27, 2026
Re: ORDINANCE NO. BL2026-1383

An ordinance authorizing the renaming of Alley #659 to “Eliza Alley”. (Proposal Number 2026M-002SR-001).

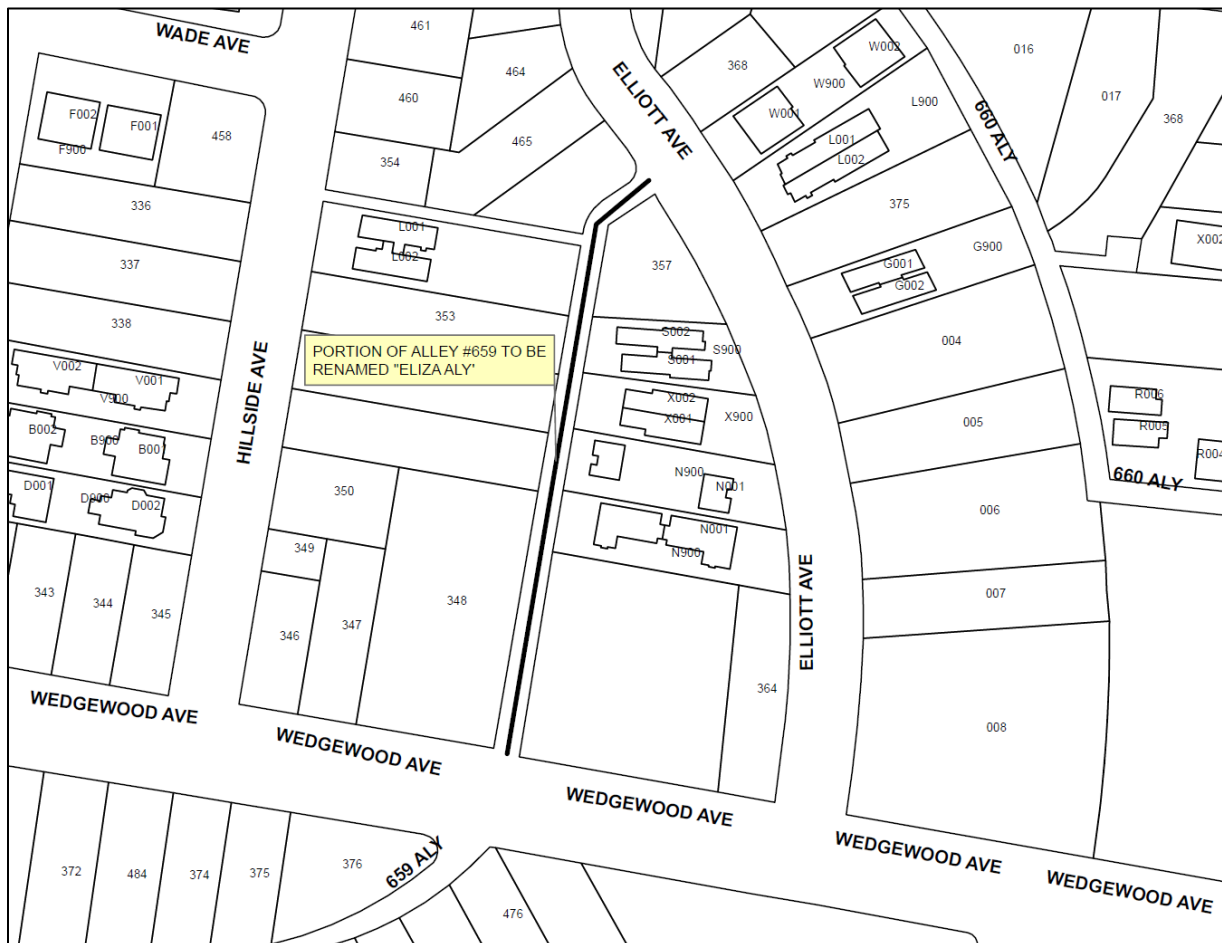


Figure 1: Parcel map showing portion of Alley #659 to be renamed. Exhibit for 2026M-002SR-001.
Source: Metropolitan Planning Department.

The subject portion of Alley #659, which runs between Elliott Avenue and Wedgewood Avenue, appears on the 1888 plat for Waverly Place (Figs. 1 and 2).¹ Although the alley's path has changed slightly since it was first platted, it is identifiable on the historic plat as the unnamed and unnumbered alley running from Germania Crescent to Grove Avenue and measuring 20 feet in width. The City of Nashville renamed Germania Crescent to Elliott Avenue in 1908; the Metropolitan Government renamed Grove Avenue as Wedgewood Avenue in 1974.²



Figure 2: Map of Waverly Place, 1888. Imaged cropped to show Alley #659. Source: Metropolitan Government Archives.

¹ Map of Waverly Place, Plat Book 57, page 95, recorded May 12, 1888, RODC.

² Germania Crescent renamed Elliott Avenue by Ordinance No. 063, May 14, 1908. Grove Avenue renamed Wedgewood Avenue by Ordinance. No. 074-933, May 21, 1974.

By the early 1910s, the City of Nashville had instituted a numeric identification system for alleys. This alley was known as Alley #659 by 1914, according to an ordinance approved in October of that year. Ordinance No. O1914-268 approved an appropriation of \$800 for the construction of a clay pipe sewer within Alley #659, “between Elliott and Hillside Avenues, from the Grove Avenue trunk sewer northwardly to a point near Elliott Avenue.”³

³ Nashville Mayor Hilary E. Howse approved Ordinance No. O1914-268 on October 13, 1914.