

Legal Roadblock Halts Removal Of Fountain

City officials who plan to move the water fountain at Broad Street, Adams Street and Brook Road because it's a hazard to traffic have run into a legal roadblock.

They were in the process of moving it to a new location at Chamberlayne Avenue, Price Street and Leigh Street, when an old city ordinance got in the way.

The ordinance, dated Oct 25, 1907, specifies that the city agrees to furnish water for the fountain forever at its present location. In return, the National Humane Alliance donated the fountain, which is still being used by Richmond's horse population.

Last night an ordinance removing the legal block to the removal of the fountain was introduced in City Council. It simply directs the removal of the fountain to its new location.

As soon as it's passed, the city can take up the fountain and replace it with a traffic island

Richmond, VA blocked in moving fountain



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