

October 31, 2013

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Council Members:

Attached please find a resolution which rescinds special privileges that are no longer necessary because said items have been removed from the public right-of-way, are now permitted by the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, or are now permitted by an air or subterranean space lease.

For items that have been removed from the public right-of-way, the Department of Public Works received notification from the property owners regarding the item removal. Site visits were made to confirm that the items in question have been removed from the public right-of-way satisfactorily. Several special privileges have been replaced by Air or Subterranean Space Leases and, so, are no longer necessary. Finally, Chapter 245 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances was revised in 2009 and several items that had previously required a special privilege to occupy the public right-of-way are now permitted, rendering those special privileges unnecessary.

Only the Common Council can rescind its resolutions. Thus, in order to release the special privilege grantees from the annual fee and insurance requirements of their special privileges, which are no longer needed, the attached resolution has been drafted. Additionally, the attached resolution, if adopted, will allow for efficient management of special privileges.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Commissioner  
Department of Neighborhood Services

Attachment

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