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Honorable Suzanne Breier, Chair
Public Improvements Committee
Room 205, City Hall

Dear Alderwoman Breier:

Item #32 on the July 23, 2003 Public Improvements Committee meeting agenda (File Number 030478) is a resolution authorizing a 50% reduction in occupancy permit fees for a specific development in the Beer Line "B" urban renewal area. Such a reduction is permitted by Section 81-102 of City Code upon approval of an authorizing resolution by the Common Council and upon certain findings being made by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Specifically, the Commissioner must determine that the proposed occupancy of streets adjacent to the development will not significantly affect traffic and parking. The Commissioner must also determine that construction related activities cannot be confined to the project site because of on-site soil conditions and a building design that minimizes setbacks consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.


The developer's proposed public way occupancy will cause only minimal inconvenience to motorists and will not significantly affect the availability of on street parking in the area. Therefore, the first criterion will be met.

While we have not seen the developer's site plan, we have been informed by DCD staff that the building will cover almost the entire site leaving little or no room on-site for construction staging activities. So the "design consistent with the surrounding neighborhood" criterion also appears to have been met.

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The remaining criterion listed in the ordinance refers to soil conditions, which do not allow on-site staging. We have not received any information one way or another pertaining to the site's soil conditions. Therefore, I cannot confirm whether this criterion has been fulfilled.

Very truly yours,



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