

June 30, 2009

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 080508

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is the Common Council Resolution File Number 080508, amending a special privilege to Pfister LLC for change of ownership for a solarium (greenhouse-type structure), entrance enclosure, bronze medallion, moveable planters, dumpsters and granite pavers; for deletion of a sidewalk area dining facility (sidewalk café) and trash compactor; and for addition of a sculpture, several moveable planters, three ventilation ducts, private light fixtures, excess door swings, non-code compliant moveable awnings and a downward set of stairs in the public right-of-way for the premises at 424 East Wisconsin Avenue..

Pfister Corporation requested permission to install a trash compactor and nine dumpsters in the public right-of-way and permission for these items was granted in 1990 under Common Council Resolution File Number 901271. It should be noted that no sign of the trash compactor was observed during field visits to the property. Pfister Hotel Corporation requested permission to construct and maintain a solarium (greenhouse-type structure); an entrance enclosure; a bronze medallion in the sidewalk pavement; granite pavers; a sidewalk café; and moveable planters in the public right-of-way. Permission for these items was granted in 1994 under Common Council Resolution File Number 940413. Sidewalk cafés are currently allowed to occupy the public right-of-way with the issuance of a Sidewalk Area Dining Facility Permit and no longer require a special privilege.

Site visits revealed the presence of additional items in the public right-of-way abutting the subject premises. These items include private light fixtures projecting 8 inches into North Jefferson Street and East Mason Street at a minimum elevation that is less than the 7 feet required by Section 245-4-25; moveable awnings that project into East Mason Street in excess of the 6 feet allowed under Section 245-6-4 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances; additional moveable planters in North Jefferson Street; ventilation ducts in the adjacent north-south alley; downward stairway; excess door swings projecting into East Mason Street; and a sculpture at the corner of East Mason Street and North Jefferson Street mounted about the restaurant entrance.

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We are not aware that the presence of said items will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow said items to occupy the public right-of-way, will change the owner to Pfister LLC and will delete items no longer present in the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Department of Neighborhood Services

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Attachment

c: Alderman Robert Bauman