

November 3, 2005

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 040556

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File 040556, being a petition from Van Buren City Lofts Condominium Association, Inc to amend a special privilege for change of ownership and for the installation of two moveable planters.

The previous owner, 1325 North Van Buren, LLC, requested permission for a building facade encroachment, five balconies, a roof eave, and a double door swing which were constructed as part of the renovation of the building at 1325 North Van Buren, LLC. Said items all encroach into the 10-foot wide, west sidewalk area of North Van Buren Street as detailed in the attached resolution. Permission for these items was granted under Common Council Resolution File Number 001718.

The present owner, Van Buren City Lofts Condominium Association, Inc, in addition to petitioning for a change of ownership, is petitioning for permission for the installation of two moveable planters. Said planters are to be centered adjacent to the front entrance of the building which is approximately 115 feet south of the southline of East Ogden Avenue and will be 1 foot 6 inches in diameter and 1 foot 6 inches in height.

We are not aware that the presence of said items have had or 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.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

Martin G. Collins
Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services

MDL:cjt
040556