

March 16, 2001

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Council Members:

We have received a request from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for permission to leave in place and maintain a generator with a masonry enclosure to be constructed around it. The generator is located within the sidewalk area at the south side of West Villard Avenue, east of North 27th Street, at the southeast corner of North 27th Street and West Villard Avenue.

The proposal is to leave in place what was originally to be a "temporary" site generator placed by MMSD as backup power in case potential "Y2K" problems formulated last year. This generator is now to become permanent. As a permanent installation, the generator as it stood represented an aesthetically unacceptable intrusion into the public right-of-way. Therefore, an 8-foot high masonry wall is to be constructed around the generator, replacing a chain link fence, and hiding the generator from public view. The generator is placed in front of a park area (Lincoln Creek Parkway) and is not in front of residential property.

We believe the generator with masonry wall surrounding it, as proposed, has not and will not have an adverse effect on the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution that, if adopted, would grant permission for these items to be placed and/or remain within the public right-of-way of West Villard Avenue and also authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to issue the necessary permits for the masonry wall construction.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment
GENERATOR