

September 10, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 010426

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 010426, being a request by St. Luke's Medical Center (SLMC) for an amendment to a special privilege Common Council Resolution File Number 980418, adopted on May 10, 2000, granted to SLMC to install and/or keep and maintain underground electrical duct banks. The duct banks are located both in the sidewalk area between the main hospital building on the north side of West Oklahoma Avenue at South 28th Street and a switch gear building located west of that building, and under and across West Oklahoma Avenue, west of North 29th Street. The present east terminus is a manhole.

The current request is to install and maintain an underground encased concrete electrical duct bank containing twelve 5-inch conduits beneath the sidewalk area on the north side of West Oklahoma Avenue, west of North 27th Street, extending east from the existing east terminus (manhole) approximately 405 feet to a point approximately 20 feet west of the westline of North 27th Street where it transitions north onto their property. There are to be two new manholes in the current extension. This circuitous route will enable potential development on their property, in the future, without interrupting the electrical path. SLMC has indicated that the network will not be used for the commercial distribution of entertainment and will not be in conflict with Chapter 99 of the Code of Ordinances.

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We are not aware that the existing duct banks have had an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way. It does not appear that the new underground duct bank, if installed and maintained under the conditions set forth, 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 grant permission for the new duct bank and maintain the existing duct banks in the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner
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Attachment