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To the Honorable Committee on Public Improvements Room 205, City Hall

Attn: Ron Leonhardt

Re: Common Council Resolution No. 001487/Portable Kiosks

Dear Committee Members:

By Common Council Referral Notice and Report Directive received by this office on February 8, 2002, you asked that we review the above resolution to determine whether it complies with various city ordinances.

The resolution authorizes Milwaukee Downtown, Inc., to place portable information kiosks on sidewalks at various locations. The locations will change. The Commissioner of Public Works must approve each placement.

Obstructions to the public way do not require a special-privilege permit if they are of not longer than three months. Sec. 66.045, Stats. Temporary obstructions are allowed with the permission of the common council or the Commissioner of Public Works. Sec. 115-32, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances. The ordinance provisions listed in the Referral Notice all relate to special privileges.

No kiosk may be placed at a specific location for longer than three months without a special -privilege permit. The Commissioner should issue a permit for each temporary obstruction as is done in any other similar situation, including indemnification and location approval provisions.

Very truly yours,

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