



November 10, 2015

Dawn Schmidt  
Civil Engineer III  
**City of Milwaukee**  
841 North Broadway, Room 919  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**Re: Petition for a Special Privilege, Iron Block Building**

Dear Dawn:

Please find attached the completed Petition for a Special Privilege and a copy of our most recent site survey.

We are requesting that the Common Council waive the Special Privilege Annual Fee for 2014, 2015 and in perpetuity going forward.

The encroachments that are the basis of the fee are historic in nature, and include the two porticoes on Wisconsin Ave. and Water Street, and the cornice which projects over the sidewalks and alley. The building has always had these encroachments, and Dental Associates has spent a substantial amount of money to restore the building and these components to their pre-Civil War grandeur. As you may have heard, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has awarded the Iron Block Building with a Driehaus Preservation Award, one of only four such national awards granted in 2015.

We are proud to have restored such an important piece of Milwaukee's history, and we feel we should not be penalized for being the building's caretakers. Please let me know what else you may need from us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Demsky".

Mark Demsky, AIA  
Architect  
Dental Associates