

September 24, 2003

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 030618

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council File Number 030618, being a request for a special privilege by Canvasbacks, Inc. for an advertising sign to project into the public right-of-way on the west side of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street side of the building at 224 West Washington Street.

The sidewalk area is 8.5 feet in width and is fully paved with concrete, and the right-of-way width of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is 76 feet. The proposal is to erect a 7-foot 2-inch wide, 1-foot 3-inch high sign attached to a bracket, which is attached to the building at 224 West Washington Street with a minimum clear height of 8 feet 6 inches above the sidewalk below. The sign will be centered approximately 5 feet north of the northline of West Washington Street and will encroach approximately 1-foot into the public right-of-way.

The 8-foot 6-inch vertical clearance of the sign is less than the minimum vertical clearance of 10 feet allowable under Section 244-10 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances. Therefore, a special privilege is required for code relief. We don't believe, however, that the proposed encroachment will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public way.

We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution, which, if adopted, would allow the sign to encroach into the public right-of-way of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner  
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Attachment