

December 5, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 020386

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 020386, being an amendment to a special privilege submitted by Water Street Lofts, LLC to construct and maintain a platform with steps, which is proposed to encroach into the public right-of-way adjacent to 301-09 North Water Street.

The existing special privilege, Common Council Resolution File Number 60-3765, adopted on March 6, 1961, granted permission to Bermer Corporation to construct and maintain a driveway on the north side of East Buffalo Street for use as a loading area between the curb and the lot line (back up driveway).

The present request is to construct and maintain a decorative platform with steps to encroach approximately 7 feet into the 15-foot wide public sidewalk area adjacent to the premises on the north side of East Buffalo Street, between North Water Street and the Milwaukee river. A boardwalk for pedestrian access will be placed atop the sidewalk at this location as part of the Milwaukee Riverwalk system riverwalk, said boardwalk to be owned and maintained by the Historic Third Ward Association. The stairs and landing with handrail, which is to be approximately 7 feet wide and consist of concrete, metal, wood, and iron handrail and will be used as the primary entrance to the establishment at 301-09 North Water Street. The name of the grantee of the special privilege will be changed to Water Street Lofts, LLC.

It does not appear that the proposed platform with steps or existing driveway encroachment into the public right-of-way of East Buffalo Street will have or has had an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way at this location. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow all of these items to encroach into the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Commissioner  
Department of Neighborhood Services

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Attachment

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