

July 7, 2009

Ald. James A. Bohl, Jr.
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Dear Ald. Bohl,

This letter is in response to a letter that you sent to me requesting my attendance at a hearing on July 13, 2009. I am unable to attend the hearing due to prior commitments; however, I would like to dispute the revocation of my loading zone permit.

I have read the complaint written by Allan McFadyen on behalf of his tenant. He is correct that there is limited parking on front of the building. I have included pictures with this letter that show that there are 2 spaces in front of our building. Mr. McFadyen's property is to the left of my salon with the Pet Care sign. The "parking lot" the Mr. McFadyen referred to is a drive way and parking for the tenants that rent the apartment above the salon. We have no private parking for our clients. Our clients park on Howell Avenue when there are available spots, and on the side streets when there is not.

The reason that we felt it necessary to obtain the loading zone is because we have many elderly and handicapped clients that are dropped off at the salon. There is a 3-hour parking limit on Howell Avenue, and Mr. McFadyen's tenants park in front of the salon all day long. We have spoken to them about this, asking them to pull forward. We have reminded them of the 3-hour limit, and there has been no change. The pictures that I have included are taken from my window. They show that Mr. McFadyen's tenants continually take the spots in front of my salon. The tenants in Mr. McFadyen's property run a security business for events. Besides having employees park on the street all day long, they have vans lined up on the street for extended periods of time when there are events. These groups of people take additional parking from our clients, and loiter in front of the property for lengthy amounts of time. Again, we have spoken to the manager of the business that rents there, and he has not cooperated. It has affected my business because I have had clients stop coming due to the difficulty of getting to us.

In conclusion, because of the lack of cooperation on behalf of Mr. McFadyen's tenants, we felt that it was necessary to obtain a loading zone for the safety of our elderly and handicapped clients, as well as the delivery of our retail products. We respectfully request that the loading zone remain.

Thank you for your attention.
Sincerely,


Kathy Mallak-Shallow