

October 17, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject; Common Council Resolution File Number 020686

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 020686, being a petition for a special privilege submitted by Colby-Abbott Building LLP, to construct and maintain a concrete ramped entrance for handicapped access within the public right-of-way adjacent to their property at 753-61 North Milwaukee Street. This specific entrance is 320 East Mason Street and is the access to Karl Ratzsch's Restaurant..

The proposed barrier-free concrete ramp with steps is to be located on the north side of East Mason Street beginning approximately 80 feet west of the westline of North Milwaukee Street. The concrete ramp and steps will be approximately 15 feet long and 7 feet wide, with approximately the entire width of the ramp and steps extending into the 15-foot wide public sidewalk area. Approximately 8 feet of existing concrete paved sidewalk area will be available for through pedestrians. Existing special privileges for a covered walk at East Mason Street and building encroachments at this location will be incorporated into this special privilege.

It does not appear that the construction, usage and maintenance of the barrier-free concrete ramp and steps or the use of the existing covered walk and building encroachments will have or has had an adverse effect upon the pedestrian usage of the public right-of-way in this area. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted, would allow these items to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

Martin G. Collins
Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services

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Attachment