

May 9, 2003

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 021440

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 021440 being a file created in response to a petition submitted by Louis Yaeger, agent for St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Inc. (ST. JOES) for a special privilege for use of the public right-of-way to construct and maintain an exterior elevator vestibule (tower) leading to the upper floors of the existing parking structure at 3001 North 51st Street.

The request is to grant permission for a new elevator tower located partially within the public right-of-way on the west side of North 51st Street. The tower will serve an elevator, ramp, and stairs that are also proposed to be located partially in the public right-of-way. In addition to providing access to the several floors of the parking structure, there will be able to be direct access to a new bridge that will lead to the new hospital lobby as well as to an area to be created known as the Women's and Infants Center on the east side of North 51st Street. The proposed items will extend into the 16-foot wide fully concrete paved sidewalk area on the west side of North 51st Street approximately 6 feet 3 inches. Also, a door swing near the elevator will encroach approximately 3 feet into the public right-of-way.

St. Joseph's was granted a special privilege in 1987 in order to have tree grates be located in the public right-of-way around all of the trees in the block of North 51st Street between West Chambers and West Burleigh Streets. Subsequently, when the long bridge (surgical floor) was permitted to be constructed in 1989, by air space lease, over the middle portion of the block, some of the trees were removed (they wouldn't grow under the bridge and/or they were too tall for the vertical clearance) and some pedestrian lights were placed interspersed among the support columns. These items are now being combined with the present request.

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We do not believe that the new elevator tower, ramp, stairs or door swing will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way and we are not aware of any adverse effects from the existing tree grates or lights. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution that, if adopted, would allow the proposed elevator tower, ramp, stairs, door swing, tree grates and lights with conduits to encroach into the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment