

December 15, 2006

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 060792

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 060792, which grants a special privilege to South West Imports, LLC for a barrier free access ramp with platform and handrail; two platforms each with a step; and three excess door swings to occupy the public right-of-way abutting the premises at 1035-39 West National Avenue.

The applicant is in the process of renovating the building at 1035-39 West National Avenue and is requesting permission to construct and maintain a concrete barrier free access ramp with platform and handrail, which will serve a new doorway and make the first floor restaurant space accessible. The ramp with platform and handrail will project 5 feet into the east 15-foot wide sidewalk area of South 11th Street and will be 22 feet 6 inches long. A 10-foot wide clear path will remain for pedestrians after the ramp is built.

A site visit revealed the presence of two concrete platforms, each having one-step. Both platforms project 3 feet 2 inches into the 15-foot wide east sidewalk area of South 11th Street. The south platform is 6 feet 1 inch long and the north platform is 5 feet long. A 3-foot wide door swings open over each of the platforms and into the public way in excess of the 12 inches allowed under Section 245-4.8 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.

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We are not aware that the presence of said items has had or will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow said items to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

c: Alderman James Witkowiak