

July 17, 2006

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 060004

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File 060004, being a petition from Tweedledum, Inc. d/b/a the Packing House to amend a special privilege for change of ownership for an excess door swing and wrought iron railings and to grant permission for raised planter areas, a concrete platform and a moveable planter for the premises at 900 East Layton Avenue.

Permission to keep and maintain an excess door swing, a covered walk and two wrought iron railings was granted to Keith B. Wiken in 1978 under Common Council Resolution File Number 78-557-a. Said covered walk has been removed from the public right-of-way. The excess door swing and iron railings are located in the east, 15-foot wide sidewalk area of South Lenox Street.

A site visit revealed the presence of raised planter areas, a concrete platform, and a moveable planter in the north, 12-foot wide sidewalk area of East Layton Avenue. All three of the raised planter areas and the concrete platform project 2 feet 2 inches into the public way. The western-most planter is surrounded by 3.5-inch wide lumber, stands 8 inches tall, and is 81 feet 9 inches long. The middle planter is surrounded by a 6-inch wide concrete wall, stands 1 foot 6 inches tall, commences at the endpoint of the wooden raised planter, and is 8 feet 3 inches long. The final planter, surrounded by a 6-inch wide concrete wall, is constructed integral with the concrete platform. Both the planter and platform stand 1 foot 6 inches tall and have a combined length of 16 feet 6 inches. The moveable planter is located on top of the concrete platform.

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We are not aware that the presence of the aforementioned items has had 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 continue to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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