

April 8, 2011

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 100450

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 100450, being a resolution to amend a special privilege for change of ownership to George Bockl Living Trust; for removal and replacement of a barrier free access ramp; and for addition of a backup driveway for the premises at 250 North Water Street, also known as 207 East Buffalo Street.

Permission for a barrier free access ramp at the subject premises was originally granted in 1961 under Common Council Resolution File Number 61-2339. The applicant is requesting permission to remove and reconstruct the barrier free access ramp and to construct a 3-foot tall platform with stairs. The new combined structure projects 8 feet 6 inches at the platform with stairs and 4 feet 4 inches at the ramp into the south, 15-foot wide sidewalk area of East Buffalo Street.

A site visit revealed the presence of a backup driveway serving a loading dock that is built integral with the building, which, according to City of Milwaukee records, was constructed in 1904. The backup driveway has been and is being used such that vehicles are parked over the public sidewalk during loading and unloading operations. The attached special privilege resolution formally grants permission for vehicles to occupy the 15-foot wide sidewalk area up to the south curb face of East Buffalo Street. As a requirement of the special privilege the grantee must employ traffic control devices such as traffic cones and flag persons to ensure safe flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

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 amend the name of the grantee, will permit the new barrier free access ramp and platform structure to occupy the public right-of-way, and will formally allow the backup driveway to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment
c: Alderman Robert Bauman