

March 20, 2006

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 051204

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 051204, being a request to grant a special privilege to Vine Street Commercial, LLC to construct and maintain a retaining wall with metal handrail to provide handicapped access at a new entrance door with excess door swing for the building at 1736 North 2nd Street. Additionally, a site visit to the building revealed the presence of an existing excess door swing encroaching into the public way.

Vine Street Commercial, LLC is requesting permission to construct and maintain a concrete retaining wall with a metal handrail that frames a depressed concrete barrier free access ramp in the east sidewalk area of North 2nd Street. The retaining wall and access ramp encroaches 5 feet, 8 inches into the east 20-foot wide public sidewalk area of North 2nd Street and is 16 feet, 10 inches long. The maximum depression for the barrier free ramp will be approximately 2 feet below sidewalk grade. An excess door swing projects approximately 2 feet, 9 inches, when fully open, over the depressed access ramp.

A site visit revealed the presence of an existing excess door swing approximately 105 feet, 6 inches south of the southline of West Vine Street. The existing excess door swing will encroach approximately 2 feet, 9 inches into the east sidewalk area of North 2nd Street. Both excess door swings when fully open, project more than the 12 inches allowed under Section 245-4.8 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.

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We do not believe that said items 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 these items to be located within the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

Martin G. Collins
Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services

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Attachment

c: Alderman Michael McGee, Jr.

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