

September 20, 2013

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 111252

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 111252, being a resolution to amend a special privilege for change of ownership to Towne Realty Inc; for removal of a sign base and railing from the public right-of-way; and for addition of moveable planters in the public right-of-way for the premises at 105 West Michigan Street.

A previous property owner obtained permission to construct and maintain a sign base and railing in the public right-of-way in 1978 under Common Council File Number 78-1348. A site visit revealed that these items had been removed from the public right-of-way at some undetermined point in the past. The applicant's current request is to install 15 planters in the east sidewalk area of North Plankinton Avenue between West Clybourn Street and West Michigan Street and to install 9 planters in the south sidewalk area of West Michigan Street between the Milwaukee River and North Plankinton Avenue. All of said planters are at least 12 inches behind the street curb. The planters do not encroach upon the 5-foot sidewalk width required for pedestrians.

We are not aware that the presence of said planters 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 a special privilege for change of ownership and removal of items and will allow said planters to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment.

c: Alderman Robert Bauman