



Department of Public Works

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Honorable Suzanne Breier, Chair
Public Improvements Committee
Room 205, City Hall


Dear Alderwoman Breier:

Item #6 on the June 11, 2003 Public Improvements Committee meeting agenda (File Number 021506) is a resolution authorizing a 50% reduction in occupancy permit fees for a specific development in the Historic Third Ward. Such a reduction is permitted by Section 81-102 of City Code upon approval of an authorizing resolution and upon certain findings by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Specifically, the Commissioner must determine that the proposed occupancy of streets adjacent to the development will not significantly affect traffic and parking. The Commissioner must also determine that construction related activities cannot be confined to the project site because of on-site soil conditions and a building design that minimizes setbacks consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

We have not yet seen the public-way occupancy plan. However, the Department of Public Works will only approve an occupancy plan that does not significantly affect traffic and parking. So the first criterion will be met. We have also determined that the site conditions and plan for development meet the remaining criteria. In sum, we have no objection to approval of this file.

Very truly yours,


Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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c: Alderman Henningsen