

October 17 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 991381

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 991381, being a request by Johnson Controls Inc., for an amendment to a special privilege granted to Johnson Controls Inc. to construct and maintain a wooden ramped entrance for handicapped access within the public right-of-way adjacent to their property at 514 North Jefferson Street. Said ramp was needed during the construction of a building addition on the same property to temporarily provide barrier-free access to the existing building. The existing ramp is located on the east side of North Jefferson Street, approximately 50 feet north of the northline of East Clybourn Street.

The present request is to delete reference to the barrier-free access ramp and grant permission for tree grates and sidewalk pavers to be located in the sidewalk areas on the west side of North Jefferson Street, the south side of East Michigan Street and the east side of North Jackson Street, adjacent to 507 East Michigan Street.

A subsequent request was made to allow closed-circuit security cameras to be attached to City street light poles on these three streets. Separate low-voltage private circuitry wires would be included for that purpose. Two cameras are on East Michigan Street at the main entrance and one on North Jefferson Street. In addition all of the new City light poles abutting this campus have been equipped with outlets for winter Holiday decorations for Johnson Control to use. This circuit has been equipped with a "key switch" for our access and safety in the event that a pole gets knocked down or otherwise needs to temporarily be taken out of service. This use of the outlets is covered under a separate maintenance agreement. In addition the sidewalk pavers are not to be used but stamped and colored concrete is to be used instead, which does not require a special privilege.

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We do not believe that installation of the tree grates or cameras with their conduits will have an adverse effect upon the pedestrian usage of the public rights-of-way in this area. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted, would allow the tree grates and cameras with conduits to occupy the public rights-of-way and deletes reference to the previously permitted barrier-free access ramp placed in the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment