



Department of City Development

City Plan Commission
Historic Preservation Commission
Neighborhood Improvement
Development Corporation
Redevelopment Authority

Rocky Marcoux
Commissioner

Martha L. Brown
Deputy Commissioner

October 22, 2012

Ms. Joanna Polanco, Staff Assistant
Judiciary & Legislation Committee
Room 205, City Hall
City of Milwaukee

Dear Ms. Polanco:

Re: File Number 120851
3309-15 North M. L. King, Jr. Drive

The Department of City Development reports that the tax foreclosed property located at 3309-15 North M. L. King, Jr. Drive, Tax Key No. 282-1210-000-7, is not suitable for use by a public agency or community based organization.

The Department of City Development objects to vacation of the In Rem judgment for the property at 3309-15 North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive because the property's use as a liquor store/warehouse and appearance has a detrimental influence on the City's revitalization efforts in the Five Points Catalytic Area in the Northeast Plan. The property is also in the Redevelopment Authority's North 5th Street-West Green Bay project area. Although the land use controls of the plan have expired, the Redevelopment Authority continues its efforts to revitalize Martin Luther King Drive. The Authority and City of Milwaukee owns the adjoining vacant lots and are working to make the property available for redevelopment. Further, the property is across King Drive from the new Heart & Hope affordable housing effort.

This commercial structure is occupied. Administrative costs incurred by our Department total \$556.71.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Karen Taylor at Extension 5738.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Brown
Real Estate Project Manager

c: K. Urban, City Treasurer/Customer Service
K. Sullivan, City Attorney's Office