

November 16, 2005

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 980949

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File 980949, being a petition from St. James Court Historic Apartments Limited Partnership to amend a special privilege for change of ownership and to construct and maintain a barrier-free access ramp for the premises at 825-31 West Wisconsin Avenue.

Permission for a 7-foot tall brick pillar; two portions of fence; a 70-foot tall building encroachment; a set of stairs with elevated platform to the first floor; and a set of stairs to the lower level of the building was granted to Leonard V. Brady in 1971 under Common Council Resolution File Number 70-1757. All of said items encroach into the 15-foot wide fully paved, south sidewalk area of West Wisconsin Avenue with the maximum encroachment of any of the aforementioned items being 3 feet 6 inches.

The present request is for formal permission for the encroachment of a 5-foot wide concrete barrier-free access ramp. The ramp slopes from the sidewalk down to a doorway located beneath the aforementioned elevated platform structure. The ramp begins approximately 12 feet east of the west property line, adjacent to the building, and extends approximately 16 feet east to the west face of the aforementioned platform structure. Due to the encroachment, the sidewalk has a minimum width of 7 feet 4 inches at the location of an existing tree grate, which is less than the desired 10-foot sidewalk width for Wisconsin Avenue but does not appear to be causing problems at this location.

Additionally, site visits have revealed the presence of two light fixtures atop the fence portions; three moveable planters atop the platform structure; and three hanging baskets hung from the platform railing.

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We are not aware that the presence of said items will have or have had 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 said items to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments