

August 29, 2011

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 101516

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 101516, being a resolution to amend a special privilege to Downer Delaware LLC for addition of a bicycle corral, dumpsters, recycling carts and grease trap in the public right-of-way for the premises at 2608-50 North Downer Avenue.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct and maintain a bicycle corral in the east, 8-foot wide parking lane of North Downer Avenue. The bicycle corral, which occupies the entire 8-foot wide parking lane, commences at a point approximately 14 feet south of the intersection of the westline of North Hackett Avenue and the eastline of North Downer Avenue and extending 15 feet 4 inches to the south. Said bicycle corral consists of three yellow plastic bollards, which denote the limits of the corral; a rubber parking stop at the corral's south end; and two multi-hoop bicycle racks.

A site visit revealed the presence of dumpsters, recycling carts and a grease trap in the westerly, 22-foot 6-inch wide sidewalk area of North Hackett Avenue. The area occupied by these items projects 7 feet into the public way, commences at a point 67 feet northeast of the eastline of North Downer Avenue and extends southwest 21 feet. A total of four dumpsters, measuring 3 feet 4 inches by 6 feet 7 inches; two recycling carts, measuring 2 feet 1 inch by 3 feet; and one grease trap, measuring 3 feet by 5 feet occupy the aforementioned area.

Previously, the applicant had requested permission for a building façade, fence, masonry planter, moveable planters, two stairways, display racks for merchandise, and excess door swings. Permission for said items was granted in 2006 under Common Council Resolution File Number 060793. Subsequently, several of the aforementioned items were removed from the public right-of-way and the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances was revised so that some of the items are now permitted to occupy the public right-of-way without a special privilege. Items that have either been removed or are now permissible are not included in the attached resolution.

We are not aware that the presence of said items 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 allow said bicycle corral, dumpsters, recycling carts and grease trap to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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