

March 21, 2007

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 061337

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 061337, which amends a special privilege for change of ownership to Bruce Street Properties, LLC for encroachment into the public right-of-way of a building façade and for addition of a platform with steps, excess door swings, and a ladder to the roof for the premises at 1230 West Bruce Street.

In 1947, Olson Motor Service, Inc. requested permission to construct and maintain a building façade within the public right-of-way. Permission for the building façade was granted under Common Council Resolution File Number 47-2056. The name of the grantee was, subsequently, changed to Arthur E. Gebhardt 1966 Trust in 1966 under Common Council Resolution File Number 66-2724.

A site visit revealed the presence of a concrete platform with steps, two single excess door swings, a ladder to the roof, and a bollard in the public right-of-way. All of said items are located in the north, 15-foot 6-inch wide sidewalk area of West Bruce Street. None of said items encroaches upon the paved public sidewalk. It should be noted that the property owner has installed a barrier on the ladder to prevent unauthorized persons from using it.

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We are not aware that the presence of said items has 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 change the name of the special privilege grantee and will allow said items to continue to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment.

cc: Alderman James Witkowiak