

September 4, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 020247

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 020247, being a request by Lofts on Broadway LLC for an amendment to a special privilege granted to Raushenberger Realty Corporation for three backup driveways.

The existing special privilege, Common Council Resolution File Numbers 62-1329, adopted on July 24, 1962, granted permission to maintain a backup driveway serving three 10-foot wide doors with recessed docks. This driveway is located on the south side of East Chicago Street, adjacent to the premises at 189-93 North Broadway. The present request is to change the name of the grantee of the special privilege to Lofts on Broadway LLC for the continued existence of the backup driveway in the public right-of-way; however, the building is being renovated from a manufacturing facility to residential. As such, the loading docks will not be necessary. During this process, however, one bay will be somewhat used and the other bays, adjacent are not being used. When the building renovation is completed, the petitioner has orally agreed to remove the entire approach with new sidewalk and curb/gutter. This will, as usual, be a condition of ultimate rescinding of the special privilege.

We are not aware that the use and maintenance of the backup driveway has had adverse effects upon the pedestrian or vehicular usage of the public right-of-way in this area when the area (Historic Third Ward) had its former usage. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted, would change the name of the grantee of the special privilege and continue to allow a narrower backup driveway to occupy the right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment