

February 10, 2003

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 991340

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 991340, being a request for an amendment to a special privilege that was granted to Jewish Vocational Service of Wisconsin, Inc. (now known as Milwaukee Center for Independence) under C. C. 74-51, to allow the construction of proposed platforms with ramps for access of handicapped people, being the clientel that they serve. There were also some excess door-swing encroachments. The encroachments were to occur into: North Milwaukee Street, East Ogden Avenue and North Broadway. The building's address is 1333-39 North Milwaukee Street.

The present request is to allow an existing fence and the use of an existing backup driveway to formally encroach into North Broadway. This would be in addition to the previously permitted items. Their loading area had to be reconfigured when a portion of their property was sold to an adjacent owner in order that a building could be constructed, that became the new location of the local office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

During our field investigation we noted:

- 1) The previously allowed encroachments into North Milwaukee Street are still in place and encroachments have occurred.
- 2) The previously allowed encroachments into East Ogden Avenue are still in place and encroachments have occurred.
- 3) There are several additional items located within North Broadway in addition to the existing door swing encroachments and the presently requested fence: movable planters, benches and a door opener post. Some of the planters are

wood and some are masonry. The benches are wood. These items are all located between the main sidewalk path and the building.

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We have prepared the attached resolution, which, if adopted, would allow the previously allowed items, the currently requested items and the observed items to remain within the public rights-of-way of North Milwaukee Street, East Ogden Avenue and North Broadway. We are not aware that any of these items has had an adverse effect upon the general use of the public rights-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment