

February 13, 2004

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 031333

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 031333, being a petition for a special privilege submitted by Free Spirit Church, to construct and maintain a ramped entrance for barrier free access within the public right-of-way adjacent to the property at 1234 West Juneau Avenue for handicapped access.

The two proposed barrier-free concrete or wood platforms with ramp in between is to be located on the north side of West Juneau Avenue. The ramp is L-shaped and one leg of the ramp and two platforms extend into the right-of-way on the north side of West Juneau Avenue, beginning approximately 40 feet east of the eastline of North 13th Street. The structure will be approximately 27 feet long and 4 feet wide, with approximately 3 feet of the width extending into the 13-foot wide public sidewalk area. A 5-foot concrete paved sidewalk will be available for through pedestrians.

There is an existing wide set of concrete steps serving the entrance doors to the church located in the same public right-of-way that apparently has existed for a considerable period of time. The proposed ramps and platforms are to be built on top of the east portion and use the existing east (far right) door. Legally, for the steps to continue to be located in the public right-of-way, Common Council approval is required. Permission is included in the attached resolution.

It does not appear that the construction, usage and maintenance of the platforms with ramps will have an adverse effect upon the pedestrian usage of the public right-of-way in this area. We are not aware that the existing steps have had an adverse effect. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted, would allow the ramps, platforms, and steps to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment