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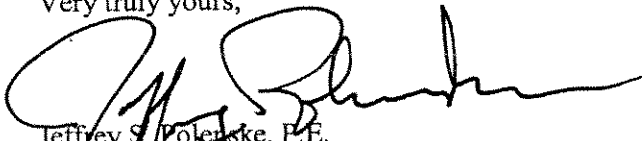
Dear Mr. Zalben:

In 2004 Chapter 101-5.5, Traffic Code, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances governing Excessive Size, Weight and Load permits was revised. A multi-trip permit for vehicles and loads of such size which did not require a police escort was created. This change was made in response to complaints from several local carriers who have to move multiple loads through the city on a daily basis. After 2001, every oversized truck needed a permit for every trip. Prior to 2001, these carriers were required to get a city permit only if they did not have an annual State of Wisconsin permit.

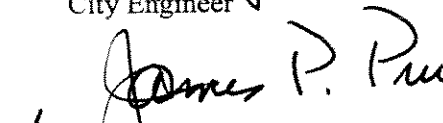
The Development Center has received very few requests for these multi-trip permits. The current fees for these multi-trip permits are \$305 for the one month and \$555 for the six month permit and are specified in Chapter 81-80. One local contractor expressed his concern that the cost being added to move products for his customers by permit fees was excessive and could harm local businesses. This contractor has 40 trucks in their fleet and would pay \$44,400 annually to secure a multi-trip permit for each of his trucks on an annual basis.

Adjusting the cost for a multi-trip non police escorted oversize/overweight permit to \$150 for a one month and \$250 for an annual permit would provide sufficient funds to prepare these permits. Please review these ordinances in preparation for these potential revisions and Ms. Lindholm of my staff at 286-2411 is available to work with you on this matter.

Very truly yours,



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