

January 18, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 000963

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 000963, being a petition for a special privilege by St. Joseph's Hospital, to construct and maintain a concrete block sidewalk planter located in the public right-of-way of West Burleigh Street, adjacent to St. Joseph's Covenant Healthcare Clinic, 5408 West Burleigh Street.

The petitioner proposed to construct and maintain a planter in the north sidewalk area of West Burleigh Street. Due to the paving project actively underway at that time and the time of year, a Department of Public Works permit was issued for construction of said planter with the contingency that Common Council approval was still required for it to remain. A recent investigation found that the concrete block planter is in place. The concrete block planter is 35-foot long, 3-foot 4-inch wide and 18-inches high and it begins approximately 84 feet west of the westline of North 54th Street and extends west. The fully concrete paved sidewalk area is 13 feet wide, leaving approximately 9 feet 8 inches for through pedestrians.

We do not believe that the presence of the planter will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way at this location. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, would allow the planter to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

Martin G. Collins
Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services

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Attachment