

May 16, 2003

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 030006

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 030006, being a petition for a special privilege submitted by Jim Linneman, on behalf of Riverwest Jam, LLC, to construct and maintain a ramped entrance for barrier free access within the public right-of-way adjacent to the property at 1001 East Locust Street for handicapped access. Additionally, review of the plans and survey showed that two sets of steps adjacent to the property encroach into the public right-of-way. They are intending to keep them, and therefore formal permission will be required. Also, there is a fence. It is to be removed in order to construct the addition and the platform with ramp. It is not to be reinstalled.

The proposed barrier-free concrete or wood platform and the ramp is to be located on the east side of North Weil Street beginning approximately 58 feet south of the southline of East Locust Street. The structure will be approximately 26 feet long and 5 feet wide, with approximately the entire width extending into the 20-foot wide public sidewalk area. Approximately 6 feet of existing concrete paved sidewalk will be available for through pedestrians with the remainder being a grass tree border. A 3-foot wide door will swing out over the platform. Additionally, two existing sets of steps are located in the public right-of-way adjacent to the property on the east side of North Weil Street. The steps are located approximately 3 and 30 feet south of the southline of East Locust Street. Their encroachments are 5 feet and 2 feet, respectively.

Our field investigation revealed that the steps with platform, at the corner, is a vestibule. There are also a metal (commercial) dumpster and 4 residential garbage dumpsters on the North Weil Street side. There is also a projecting air conditioner on each street. With the addition, the property will be almost all occupied by buildings. The applicant has indicated that the air conditioners are to be replaced by a central air unit to be placed south of the addition. Two of the residential dumpsters will also be placed there. He is going to ask Sanitation to retrieve the other two. He wishes for the

commercial dumpster to remain in place, so we will include it in the special privilege resolution.

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We are not aware of any adverse problems with the steps, vestibule or commercial dumpster. It does not appear that the construction, usage and maintenance of the platform with ramp or existing steps will have an adverse effect upon the pedestrian usage of the public right-of-way in this area. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted, would allow the all of these items to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Commissioner
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Attachment