May 10, 2011

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 100448

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 100448, being a resolution to grant a special privilege to Downer Hardware Inc to keep and maintain merchandise racks and assorted seasonal merchandise in the public right-of-way for the premises at 2629 North Downer Avenue.

For many years Downer Hardware Inc, the applicant, has displayed merchandise racks and assorted seasonal merchandise for sale in the public right-of-way adjacent to its premises at 2629 North Downer Avenue. During a site visit, six merchandise racks were observed positioned in the west sidewalk area of North Downer Avenue on brick paved areas adjacent to the concrete public sidewalk. The attached special privilege resolution requires that the main concrete public sidewalk remain completely accessible for pedestrian traffic.

We are not aware that the presence of said items has had or will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will formally allow said items to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E. City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes Commissioner of Public Works

Art Dahlberg, Commissioner Department of Neighborhood Services

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