

September 21, 2011

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 101513

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 101513, being a resolution to amend a special privilege to Nomadic Ventures Inc for change of ownership and addition of a bicycle corral, permanently affixed tables, recycling carts, cigarette butt disposal bins and railing in the public right-of-way for the premises at 1401-03 East Brady Street.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct and maintain a bicycle corral in the east, 8-foot wide parking lane of North Warren Avenue. The bicycle corral, which occupies the entire 8-foot wide parking lane, commences at a point approximately 11 feet southerly of the southline of East Brady Street and extends 27 feet to the southwest. Said bicycle corral consists of three yellow plastic bollards, which denote the limits of the corral; a rubber parking stop at the corral's south end; and two multi-hoop bicycle racks.

A site visit revealed the presence of recycling carts, cigarette butt disposal bins and a railing in the easterly, 16-foot wide sidewalk area of North Warren Avenue. The recycling carts, measuring 2 feet 9 inches by 2 feet 4 inches, are located near the southline of the subject property which is 36 feet southerly of East Brady Street. Two of the carts are located between the curb and the main paved public sidewalk, while the other two are located between the sidewalk and the building. The two cigarette butt disposal bins are placed in the south sidewalk area of East Brady Street abutting the building and adjacent to the main entrance steps for the building. The railing, which is bolted to the sidewalk, is parallel to and 5 feet west of the easterly line of North Warren Avenue.

Permission to keep and maintain three sets of concrete steps and to establish a sidewalk cafe was granted in 1997 under Common Council Resolution File Number 961584. Subsequently, the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances was revised so that sidewalk café's are permitted to occupy the public right-of-way under permit. Two sets of the concrete steps project into the south, 13-foot wide sidewalk area of East Brady Street. The third set of steps projects into the east sidewalk area of North Warren Avenue. It should be noted that a 5-foot wide clear sidewalk width is available for pedestrian traffic around all of the aforementioned items in the public right-of-way.

We are not aware that the presence of said items 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 allow said bicycle corral, railing, tables, recycling carts and concrete steps to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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