January 16, 2013

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 120924

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 120924, being a resolution to grant a special privilege to Leon Joseph d/b/a Wellston Apartments to construct and maintain a retaining wall consisting of irregular concrete block and two sets of concrete steps in the public right-of-way for the premises at 2204 East Ivanhoe Place.

The subject retaining wall and sets of steps were constructed in the public right-of-way many years ago. Since the property contains more than two dwelling units, the property owner was required to make an application for a special privilege during the permitting process for repairs to the retaining wall. During a site visit, two sets of concrete steps were also observed in the public right-of-way. All of said items are located between the paved public sidewalk and the property line and do not interfere with pedestrian traffic using the sidewalk.

We are not aware that the presence of said items have 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 allow said items to continue to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E. City Engineer

Ghassan Korban Commissioner of Public Works

Art Dahlberg Commissioner Department of Neighborhood Services

MDL:clm Attachment.

c: Alderman Nik Kovac