



Department of Public Works

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Commissioner of Public Works
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Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

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To the Public Safety Committee

Re: File #010877

Dear Honorable Members:


Common Council File #010877 directs the Department of Public Works to remove parking meter hoods at various locations in the 4th Aldermanic District.

In light of the events of September 11, 2001, the Department of Public Works was contacted by various representatives of the Federal government requesting the City's assistance to secure three Federal buildings: Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Reuss Federal Building and the Federal Court House. Specifically, we were asked to hood a number of parking meters surrounding these facilities. The initial request was intended to be temporary.

In October, one month after the September events, more direct threats were made against the Federal government and a request was made to extend the meter hooding until further notice. We complied with that request.

The Department of Public Works has always cooperated with Federal, County and City law enforcement agencies when requested to assist in public safety efforts. The threat presented by recent events is unprecedented. As the Commissioner of Public Works, I can assure you that the department will continue to work with law enforcement officials to determine when it is appropriate to discontinue providing this service on behalf of the Federal government.

Very truly yours,


Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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