

July 2, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 020243

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 020243, being a petition for a special privilege submitted by Two Forty Corporation to construct and maintain raised concrete platforms with a ramp and several sets of stairs as well as in-ground planters, which are all proposed to encroach into the public right-of-way adjacent to 240 North Milwaukee Street.

The building is being redeveloped for multiple first floor tenants. Since that portion of the first floor elevation is higher than the abutting sidewalks and also as a way of providing some barrier-free access, this proposal is being made. It is very similar to another installation constructed in the Historic Third Ward at 311 East Chicago Street, being one block diagonally northwest of the subject location. It appears that the brick planters are intended to "soften" the starkness of the concrete platforms. The maximum encroachments would be approximately 8 feet into the 15-foot wide fully concrete paved public sidewalk area on the south side of East Buffalo Street and 6 feet into the 12-foot wide sidewalk area on the east side of North Milwaukee Street.

It does not appear that the proposed encroachments into the public rights-of-way of East Buffalo Street or North Milwaukee Street will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public rights-of-way at this location. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow these encroachments into the public rights-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

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