

December 10, 2009

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 080942

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is the Common Council Resolution File Number 080942, granting a special privilege to North End Phase I LLC to construct and maintain stationary planters, private light fixtures with electrical outlets, and associated electrical wiring for the premises at 1531 North Water Street, also known as 1551 North Water Street.

North End Phase I LLC has constructed an apartment building at the subject premises and is requesting permission to construct and maintain private light fixtures with electrical outlets in the public right-of-way in order to beautify the surrounding area. The lights will provide up-lighting for the new building while the outlets will allow for temporary installation of holiday lighting on the adjacent street trees. The light fixtures with electrical outlets are located within raised stationary planters that were revealed during a visit to the site.

Eight stationary planters, which are each 5 feet wide, are located adjacent to the subject premises in the westerly, 10-foot wide sidewalk area of North Water Street. The 25-foot long planters are all centered approximately 6 feet east of the westerly line of North Water Street and are surrounded by 5-inch tall, 6-inch wide concrete curbing. It should be noted that the property owner has allocated space on its property to provide the required 5 foot sidewalk width for pedestrian traffic. Additionally, the attached resolution includes a requirement that the property owner maintain a sidewalk for pedestrian traffic that is free of obstructions and that is 5 feet wide at minimum.

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 items to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment
c: Alderman Nik Kovac