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Keith Parrent
1534 Putnam
Detroit, MI 48208

Re: Unauthorized, unpermitted installation of fence and fence posts at 1534 Putnam, Detroit, MI 48208 obstructing access to an open, public alley (bounded by Merrick to the north, Commonwealth to the west, Trumbull to the east, and Putnam to the south.

The current owner of 1534 Putnam has installed fence and fence posts, obstructing access to an open east-west public alley between Putnam and Merrick, west of Trumbull and east of Commonwealth. These installations were performed without City approval and these encroachments are obstructing access to the open, public alley.

You are hereby notified to remove within twenty-four (24) hours the obstructions noted below:

Remove all fencing and fence posts obstructions installed or stored within the open, public right of way, and restore any damage made to the rights of way (including but not limited to impacted pavement and landscape).

Your failure to comply with this notice will subject you to the penalties provided for in Section 43-8-7 of the Municipal Code, City of Detroit, and will make it necessary for this Department to remove the obstructions. The cost of such removal will be assessed against your property. If you would like information on vacating the alley or other information on coming into compliance, please email Georgine Gersdorff at gersdorffg@detroitmi.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard Doherty, P.E.
City Engineer

cc: Amir Masood, CED
Gerrajh Surles, CED
Raven Wright, CED

Attachment: image of fencing, posts, and gate obstructing the open public alley.



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