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## Auditor General

October 5, 1950.

Honorable Common Council:  
Gentlemen—We have filed today our  
audit report of the records of the  
Corporation Counsel's Office — Legal  
Division, for the period May 1, 1948  
to February 28, 1950.  
Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN J. TOBIN,  
Auditor General.

Received and Placed on file.

## Buildings and Safety Engineering

October 3, 1950.

Honorable Common Council:

Re: 17195 Arlington—Lot 140 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17203 Arlington—Lot 139 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17209 Arlington—Lot 138 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17215 Arlington—Lot 137 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17223 Arlington—Lot 136 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17208 Arlington—Lot 17 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17214 Arlington—Lot 18 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17220 Arlington—Lot 19 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17228 Arlington—Lot 20 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Re: 17236 Arlington—Lot 21 Pal-  
mer Highlands Subdivision, Liber 34,  
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Dangerous Cement Block Basement  
Walls.

Gentlemen — These ten cement  
block basements were erected on the  
above lots during the latter part of  
1948 and no further construction has  
taken place. These basement walls  
were left without protection for two  
winters and the elements have caused  
such extensive damage to the walls  
that they no longer serve any good  
purpose.

The owners of record were notified  
to appear at the Building Department  
to show cause why these dangerous  
basement walls should not be dis-  
mantled and removed. No one ap-  
peared.

It is respectfully recommended  
that your Honorable Body direct the  
Department of Public Works to back-  
fill the open excavations with earth  
to grade level, and have the cost  
thereof assessed against the property  
by the Board of Assessors in accord-

ance with the requirements of Sec-  
tion 129 of the Building Code.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH P. WOLFF,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Beck:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Build-  
ings & Safety Engineering be and it  
is hereby authorized and directed to  
issue permit to the Dept. of Public  
Works which latter department is  
hereby authorized and directed to  
backfill the open excavations with  
earth to grade level at the locations  
listed in the foregoing communica-  
tion, and further

Resolved, That the Board of As-  
sessor's assess the cost thereof against  
the property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor,  
Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell,  
Smith, and the President—8.

Nays—None.

## City Plan Commission

October 4, 1950.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—This Commission has  
received a communication from the  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
requesting that land be allocated for  
the widening of the alley that exists  
along the south side of the French  
Road playfield. This playfield is be-  
ing developed in the area bounded  
by French Road, Almont, Gilbo and  
Mt. Olivet.

Investigation discloses that all the  
land is under the jurisdiction of the  
Department of Parks and Recreation.  
All interested city departments have  
been contacted and there are no ob-  
jections to the proposal. The Depart-  
ment of Public Works approved the  
plan provided that the cost of grad-  
ing and stoning the new alley area,  
as may be necessary to put it in  
shape for vehicular usage, shall be  
assumed by the Department of Parks  
and Recreation.

After due consideration of all the  
factors involved, it is the opinion of  
the City Plan Commission the re-  
quested change would not be detri-  
mental to any property owners. It is,  
therefore, recommended that your  
Honorable Body take the necessary  
action, as shown on the attached  
plan No. 311-74, to allocate land for  
the widening of the alley first north  
of Almont Avenue. Further, it is re-  
commended that the city bear the  
entire cost of this improvement, that  
none of such costs be assessed against  
any private property owner, and  
that your Honorable Body determine  
what departmental funds these costs  
should be charged against.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. EMERY,  
Planning Director-Secretary.

By Councilman Connor:

Resolved, That the necessary land be and the same is hereby set aside and allocated for the widening of the alley first north of Almont Ave., same being along the south side of the French Road playfield, in accordance with City Plan Commission plan No. 311-74, and that the costs relative thereto shall be charged against such funds that may be involved in accordance with resolution of October 3rd, 1950, pursuant to recommendation of the City Controller relative to the spreading of such costs.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, and the President—8.

Nays—None.

City Plan Commission

October 5, 1950.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Pursuant to your request a study has been made relative to the parking needs for Receiving Hospital, and also the advisability of moving the present auto pound at Beaubien and Macomb back to its original location on Clinton Street so that the Beaubien-Macomb site could be used for parking for certain staff members of Receiving Hospital.

A meeting was held with representatives of the Board of Health, Police Department, Corporation Counsel's office, at which the following facts were disclosed:

The parking problem at Receiving Hospital since the addition was built is critical. All previous parking space on the site was eliminated by the construction of this addition. There are about 200 volunteer doctors that work at the hospital and 40-50 of them are there at one time. There are also forty-six interns, forty-seven resident doctors, and twenty nurses that are housed at the hospital and have their own automobiles. It was found from contacting other hospitals, that it is a general practice to provide parking for in-training employees that are housed at the hospital.

All of the parking needs of Receiving Hospital are now being served by a small parking lot on Mullett Street between Rivard and Hastings, and lying within the Gratiot-Orleans Redevelopment Project area. This location is unsatisfactory because it is not conveniently located and because the neighborhood is such that the personnel are fearful of using it at night time. It apparently would be desirable to find a more convenient and suitable location for the Receiving Hospital parking.

The property at Beaubien and Macomb is used by the Police Department as an auto pound and in con-

nection with the issuance of new driver's permits. This site was acquired because it was convenient to the Police Headquarters and also because the Clinton Street pound would be absorbed in the proposed redevelopment of the area in which it was located. Plans for the redevelopment of this area are now advanced to a point where it is expected clearance of the area will take place shortly. Therefore, the moving of this pound to its previous location apparently would be inadvisable.

On March 14th of this year, the Common Council passed a resolution directing that a portion of the parking lot at the southwest corner of St. Antoine and Macomb, acquired as a part of a Traffic Court site, and now leased to private operators, be used by the Department of Health to provide parking for staff physicians and also for nurses living at Receiving Hospital. Through a misunderstanding use of this parking lot as provided under this resolution has never been made. It was agreed by the Real Estate Division of the Corporation Counsel's office that approximately forty spaces in this lot would be made available for use for visiting doctors during the day and space for the cars of the interns, resident doctors and nurses at night when the commercial use of this lot is limited. The Board of Health has agreed that making available parking space in the St. Antoine-Macomb lot in this manner will serve their immediate parking needs. It is expected that a more suitable parking arrangement can be made in the near future.

It is, therefore, recommended that your Honorable Body concur in the parking arrangements for the Receiving Hospital as outlined herein.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. EMERY,

Planning Director-Secretary

FRANK G. SCHEMANSKE,

Corporation Counsel.

By Councilman Connor:

Resolved, That the parking arrangement for Receiving Hospital to provide approximately 40 spaces in lot at the S. W. corner of St. Antoine and Macomb Sts., for use for visiting doctors during the day and space for the cars of the interns, resident doctors and nurses at night, as recommended in the foregoing communication from the City Plan Commission and the Corporation Counsel, be and the same is hereby approved, and further

Resolved, That Petition No. 2161 of Harry Chaiken and Isadore Chaiken, protesting against such assignment of property at that location be and the same is hereby denied.

Adopted as follows: