

Planning & Development Department
December 8, 1997

Honorable City Council:

Re: Alley Petition #4091, Request to
close the alley between Indiana and
Wisconsin, Wisconsin and Ohio and
Margaret and Pickford

The Wisconsin Block Club has request-
ed the vacation of the alleys as refer-
enced above. City departments and pri-
vately-owned utility companies have
reported no objections to the conversion
of the subject alleys into private ease-
ments for utilities.

According to City Code Section 50-6-1
the petition must have at least two-thirds
of the abutting property owners' signa-
tures. The recent petition requesting the
alley closing has been signed by more
than 85% of the abutting property owners
along the Indiana-Wisconsin and
Wisconsin-Ohio alleys.

The investigation by Planning and
Development Department found one
property owner having both front and rear
alley access to the property. The Planning
and Development Department has typi-
cally recommended closure under such
circumstances.

The Planning and Development
Department recommends that the alley
be closed as follows:

1. The Indiana-Wisconsin alley be
closed at both ends at Margaret and
Pickford with a fence.

2. The abutting property owners will
provide fencing for both ends of the alley.

3. The one property owner, who has
previously indicated a need to have the
Indiana-Wisconsin alley remain open,
currently has access to her garage
through the front driveway entrance.

4. A locked gate versus a fence is a
possible option. The Planning and
Development Department would support
such an option, however, policing such
access may be difficult. We feel that any
such operational arrangement should be
agreed to by the abutting property own-
ers. Since there is access to the individual
property owner via a front driveway, it
seems reasonable to support alley clo-
sure as is the wish of at least 85% of the
abutting property owners.

After careful consideration of all the fac-
tors involved, it is the recommendation of
the Planning and Development
Department that these alleys be closed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. VASSALLO
Interim Director

By Council Member Hill:

Whereas, Se and the same are hereby
vacated the public alleys of Indiana-
Wisconsin and Wisconsin-Ohio between
Margaret and Pickford and are hereby
converted into private easements for pub-
lic utilities of the full width of the alleys,
which easements shall be subject to the
following covenants and agreements,
uses, reservations and regulations, which
shall be observed by the owners of abut-
ting lots of said alleys and be their heir,
executors, administrators and assign for-
ever to wit,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that it
is the intent of the City Council to effect
the alley vacations as follows:

1. that the Indiana-Wisconsin alley be
closed at the Margaret alley opening
with a locked gate and the Pickford alley
opening be closed with a fence.

2. that all abutting residents and prop-
erty owners along the Indiana-Wisconsin
alley receive a key to the locked gate, and

3. that the Wisconsin-Ohio alley be
closed with fencing at the Margaret and
Pickford alley openings.

provided that written approval by all inter-
ested City departments is obtained and
provided that all necessary costs are met
by the petitioners and provided that prop-
er bonding and liability assurance to the
City for the encroachment is provided the
petitioners.

Accepted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland,
Cockrel, Everett, Hill, Hood, Ravitz,
Scott, Tinsley-Williams and President
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Nays — None.

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