

FAX TRANSMITTAL

Office of the City Clerk

Coleman A Young Municipal Center

Two Woodward Avenue, Suite 200

Detroit, Michigan 48226

Telephone: (313) 224-2070 Fax: (313) 224-2075

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

No. of Pages 4

FROM: *Mr. Andre Gilbert II, Junior Assistant City Council Committee Clerk*

SUBJECT: *Petition #589, Wendalin Edwards, request to close alley behind property located at 14660 Eastburn St.*

EASEMENT

FAX TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S):

Ms. Trisha Stein, Interim Director

Planning and Development Department (313) 224-1629

Mr. Richard Doherty, City Engineer

DPW - City Engineering Division (313) 224-1464

Attachment

3/12

94A
542

City of Detroit
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

Robin R. Underwood, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

589 *Wendalin Edwards, request to close alley behind property located at 14660 Eastburn St.*

EDWARDS - WENDALIN @TADW 589

My name is Wendalin Edwards. I am the owner of the property located at 14660 Eastburn Street in the Mohican Regent subdivision of the City of Detroit.

The purpose of this writing is to bring awareness to the need for the closing of the alley space behind my home. My property shares a commercial alley with the St. James Nursing Home located at 11111 Gratiot Ave.

As you can see from the aerial view of the property, the space behind my neighbor's garage is well maintained and free of debris. However, the space directly behind my garage is full of debris, wooden pallets and in some cases medical waste. It is a muddy mess. As seen in the photograph this area, which is on the residential side of the alley, is also consistently being utilized as an unauthorized employee parking space for the nursing home staff.

Back in the Mid '80's the City stopped using the alleys and garbage collection was moved to the street. I was told that the City could provide copies of the official cartographic city maps, and that someone could clarify street or alley right-of-way information for me. This information may prove to be very helpful for my project as I understand easements must remain in place, and that no permanent structure should be built in that area.

This spring I would like to erect a partial privacy fence starting at the last few feet of my backyard space, and extending across the opening which leads to the alley as represented by the broken yellow line in the diagram.

My Mother is a former employee of St. James, and the staff (although sometimes a bit loud) is generally nice. We are amicable neighbors. However, can you imagine the constant flow of delivery trucks (linens, food service, and medical supplies), dialysis vans, countless ambulances, patients in wheel chairs, visiting clergy, ect. Not to mention everyone needing to take a smoke break, spit phlegm, or have the occasional angry phone call with a spouse.

Here are just a few of my family's concerns:

Privacy - Everyone, including every passer by cutting through the alley headed to the liquor store on the next block can see all activities in our backyard.

Safety & Security - The current fence is only 4 ft high and is no longer providing adequate security for a residential property which abuts a shared commercial alley. Also there is nothing to prevent someone from entering my yard from the alley, or using the parked car as a shield to commit a crime behind my home.

Bringing back the Pride - I have almost been sighted by the city for not maintaining the area behind my garage, yet, I find it nearly impossible to maintain this area due to its current open condition.

I do not wish to take matters into my own hands. I have decided instead to gain the support of my city leaders and do this the right way. I understand that *"It's better to ask for permission than to beg for forgiveness"*, so I am therefore in hopes that quality of life for myself and my family will prevail, and the alley can be closed with your assistance at last.

Wendalin Edwards
Wendalin Edwards - Resident, City of Detroit

(313) 588-9098 pk

Petition to close the alley



14660 Eastburn Street Detroit, Michigan 48205 (313)588-9098

Petition to close the alley

