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Tuesday, July 21, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Petition #777, Thair Zaitouna, request permission to encroach into

Harper Avenue right-of-way sidewalk with proposed masonry for the

property located at 8330 Harper Avenue, Detroit, MI 48213.

FAX TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S):

Mr. Richard Doherty, City Engineer DPW - City Engineering Division (313) 224-1464

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, July 21, 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

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July 10, 2015

Honorable Detroit City Council C/o Detroit City Clerk 200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: Thair Zaitouna, request to encroach into Harper Avenue right of way- sidewalk with proposed masonry.

Thair Zaitouna, 8330 Harper Avenue, Detroit, MI 48213 respectfully requests to encroach four (4) inches into Harper Avenue sidewalk with 100 feet wide right of way, between Seminole Street and Iroquois Street, with proposed new masonry on the building, as part of the renovation and façade improvement of the Kit Kat Market located at this address.

Kit Kat Market is a 6,800 square foot full service grocery store located at 8330 Harper on Detroit's east side. The market has served the local community since its opening in 1946. Owner Thair Zaitouna and his son, manager Jacob Zaitouna have made interior upgrades and expanded the selling space of the store by 20%, enabling greater selection of fresh and frozen food. As is the case with many grocers throughout Detroit, the interior renovations are often underserved by the exterior appearance of the store. Further, the neighborhood in which Kit Kat Market operates has experienced visible economic struggles in recent years and would benefit significantly from a new and prominent store exterior to this food store that has been a community staple that has existed along Harper Avenue for more than 68 years.

The owner of Kit Kat Market, Thair Zaitouna plans to completely renovate the exterior of the store with new masonry, new windows, new door, parking lot improvements and new signage for a project investment of approximately \$250,000.00. The Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) Green Grocer Project has awarded a matching façade improvement grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for this project. Kit Kat Market has 14 employees, of which 12 are neighborhood residents.

The proposed new masonry is a minor projection, which will enable the extensive façade improvement for Kit Kat Market, while still allowing nearly 10 feet of pedestrian sidewalk space, supported by the building.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 248-884-5299 or jacobzaitouna@yahoo.com.

Respectfully,

Jacob Zaitouna Manager, Kit Kat Market

cc: Mariangela PledI/DEGC





