

**City of Detroit**  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

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**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*Thursday, November 12, 2015*

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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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.

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DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

**898** *Marianthe Joanides, request to close off the alleys running east and west as well as north and south behind the buildings located at 300-340 East 8 Mile Rd.*

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Honorable City Council

ATTN: Office of the City Clerk

I, Marianthe Joanides currently own the buildings located at 300-340 East 8 Mile Road in Detroit. Behind the buildings is an alley that runs east and west which runs the length of the buildings.

To the west of the alley is Coventry St. and to the east of the alley is Keating St. Through the years there has been dumping in the alley. (Tires, mattresses, appliances, etc.) We have been fined, paid the fine and paid for a dumpster, cleaned the debris, only to find a few months later there is more dumping. There have also been security issues with DTE and water meters being taken as well as aluminum gutters.

As a result I would like to close the alley behind the 300-340 buildings as soon as possible. Today when I went to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor to inquire as to how to close the alley, I was told there is another alley that runs north and south behind the resident's homes on Coventry and Keating. I was very surprised to hear this since I've been familiar with the buildings for 30 years and there has never been any traffic in this alley. As a matter of fact, you can't even tell there is an alley since it is over grown with grass and trees and there is no way to access it. Nevertheless, I need to petition to close that alley along with the alley that runs east and west behind the 8 mile commercial buildings.

To eliminate dumping and provide added security, I would hope this petition request will be granted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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