

Janice M. Winfrey  
City Clerk

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

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Deputy City Clerk

**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*Monday, November 25, 2019*

*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    PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**1152**    *J's Café, LLC, request to vacate the alley adjacent to 20853 Grand River.*

**Js Café. LLC**

**20853 Grand river**

**Detroit, MI. 48219**

**November 7, 2019**

**The Honorable City Council**

**ATTN: Office of the City Clerk**

**200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center**

**Detroit, MI 48226**

**Dear City Council:**

Js Café, LLC Requesting to petition to have the Alleyway to be vacated which is abuts to my property parking lot at 20853 Grand river and Burt rd.

See the attached pictures

J's Café Soul Food Restaurant is a unique North West Detroit neighborhood favorite (Hidden Jewel) since 1983.

J's Café received The Spirit of Detroit Award and is a Motor City Restore recipient.

Currently, the trash area is set beside Js Café parking spots and gives my business fewer parking spots because the trash is there instead. You know that disturbs customers and others as well.

I was not aware that I could have the alleyway vacated so I could move the trash area in the alleyway and create additional parking spots until just recently, when Tenecia Johnson, DECG, Small Business Liaison for the City of Detroit and my Design team from 511 design brought it to my attention and they asked me who maintains your alleyway? I said, "I do for all 36 years and currently too." "I said YES", I need that area, so the trash can be moved away from my customers parking spots and be placed in the alley, so I can create additional parking spots for my business.

By moving my trash area to the south of my lot to in the alleyway (to secure and prevent unauthorized dumpers and pickers). To have the trash further south of my lot in the alley will enable the trash pickup truck to have better access straight to the trash container off of Burt rd. by driving straight to it, so the trash pickup does not have to zig zag to the trash container and disrupt my business parking ( as you know a heavy commercial large waste truck does damage lots too) this will allow a smoother transition for all parties.

This new location for my trash container to be moved in the alley will benefit all parties and help me to create additional parking spaces for my business.

My email is nancy3599@att.net

Thank you for listening,

*Is Café, LLC*  
  
Gerard Thomas

Owner, 313-645-2825





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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S)

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