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Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition Number x2025-232 – Michael E. Williams requests to renew the temporary closure of Burgess Street between Lyndon Ave. and Acacia Ave. for a period of (5) years.

Petition Number x2025-232 – Michael E. Williams requests to renew a temporary closure of Burgess Avenue, 50 feet wide, from Acacia Avenue, 60 feet wide, to the east-west alley, 18 feet wide, south of Lyndon Avenue for a period of (5) years.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility clearance) and report. This is our report.

This request is being made with the proposal of continuing the use of the vacant land on Burgess Street for an established community park.

All other city departments and utilities have reported no objections to the temporary closure, provided they always have the right to ingress and egress to their facilities. Provisions protecting the rights of the utilities and the City are a part of this resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Doherty, P. E., City Engineer
City Engineering Division – DPW

Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director – DPW
Mayor's Office – City Council Liaison

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____

RESOLVED, The City Engineering Division – DPW is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to Michael E. Williams to close Burgess Street, 50 feet wide; lying east of and adjacent to lots 988 through 1001 and lying west of and adjacent to lots 967 through 952 and the north 12.5 feet of lot 951 of “B.E. Taylor’s Brightmoor-Johnson Subdivision” as recorded in Liber 46, Page 41-42 of Plats, Wayne County Records. This is a temporary closure that will expire on October 1, 2030.

PROVIDED, That the petitioner shall file with the Finance Department and/or City Engineering Division – DPW an indemnity agreement in the form approved by the Law Department. The agreement shall save and protect the City of Detroit from all claims, damages or expenses that may arise by reason of the issuance of permits and the faithful or unfaithful performance by the petitioner of the terms thereof. Further, the petitioner shall agree to pay all claims, damages or expenses that may arise out of the maintenance of the temporary public street closing; and

PROVIDED, the property owned by the petitioner and adjoining the temporary public street closing shall be subject to the proper zoning or regulated use (Board of Zoning Appeals Grant) over the total width and length of the street; and

PROVIDED, No building or other structures of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, concrete slabs or driveways, retaining or partition walls, line fences or gates, shall be constructed on or over the public right of way. The petitioner shall observe the rules and regulations of the City Engineering Division – DPW. The City of Detroit retains all rights and interests in the temporary closed public right of way. The City and all utility companies retain their rights to service, inspect, maintain, repair, install, remove or replace utilities in the temporary closed public rights of way. Further, the petitioner shall comply with all specific conditions imposed to ensure unimpeded 24 hour-per-day access to the City and utility companies; and

PROVIDED, This resolution does not permit the storage of materials, displays of merchandise or signs within the temporary closed public rights of way. Further, the placement of materials, merchandise, or signs on any adjacent temporary area is prohibited; and

PROVIDED, that if there is still a need for access from any of the abutting property owners to said temporary closed street, access shall and must be maintained for those properties; and

PROVIDED, that at the expiration of the permit, all obstructions shall be removed at the petitioner’s expense. The public property shall be restored to a condition satisfactory to the City Engineering Division – DPW by the petitioner at the petitioner’s expense; and

PROVIDED, that this resolution is revocable at the will, whim, or caprice of the Detroit City Council without cause. The petitioner waives the right to claim damages or compensation for removal of encroachments. Further, the permittee acquires no implied or other privileges

hereunder not expressly stated herein. If this permit is continued for the five (5) year period, the City Council may (Upon written request and if the circumstances justify accordingly) grant an extension thereto; and

PROVIDED, that this permit shall not be assigned or transferred without the written approval of the Detroit City Council; and further

PROVIDED, That the City Clerk shall within 30 days record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.



LYNDON AVE. 76 FT. WD.

GREYDALE AVE. 50 FT. WD.

BURGESS AVE. 50 FT. WD.

CHAPEL AVE. 50 FT. WD.

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ACACIA AVE. 60 FT. WD.



- REQUEST TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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B						REQUEST TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BURGESS AVE. 50 FT. WD. BETWEEN ACACIA AVE. AND LYNDON AVE.	CITY OF DETROIT CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION SURVEY BUREAU																		
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