



Legislation Text

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Approving the application submitted by Janna Severance, General Counsel for Presbyterian Homes and Services for an exception to the general hours of operation for pedestrian Skyway Bridge #47 and the portion of the World Trade Center Ramp which connects to Skyway Bridge #47.

WHEREAS, Janna Severance, General Counsel for Presbyterian Homes and Services has submitted an application for an exception to the general hours of operation for the pedestrian skyway system; and

WHEREAS, Presbyterian Homes and Services owns Central Towers which is located at 20 East Exchange Street; and

WHEREAS, The World Trade Center Ramp ("Ramp") is located at 477 Cedar Street and is owned by the City of Saint Paul, Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and managed by Allied Parking, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, that application requests that the hours of operation for Skyway Bridge #47 and the portion of the Ramp which connects the Ramp to Skyway Bridge #47 be reduced to zero; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the Ramp and Skyway Bridge #47 which connect to Central Towers have no additional points of public ingress or egress and only service Central Towers Residents; and

WHEREAS, Allied Parking, the responsible party at the Ramp, has submitted a letter of support on behalf of the request of Presbyterian Homes and Services; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Saint Paul Building Owners & Managers Association (BOMA) has submitted a letter of support on behalf of the request of Presbyterian Homes and Services; and

WHEREAS, the Skyway Advisory Committee considered this application and on May 25, 2018 voted to support the request of Presbyterian Homes and Services; and

WHEREAS, It is understood by Presbyterian Homes and Services and the HRA that the Council may reconsider this exception to the general hours if there is future expansion of the skyway system through Central Towers or other changes in circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 140.11(b) of the Saint Paul Legislative Code give the Council the power to grant such exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the Council held a public hearing on the application for the exception on June 20, 2018, at which time the Council heard the recommendation from the Department of Safety and Inspections to approve the application, subject to reconsideration if there is future expansion of the skyway system through Central Towers or other changes in circumstances and public testimony was allowed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council hereby finds that there is sufficient basis to support the request of Presbyterian Homes and Services for a reduction in general operating hours for the portion of the Ramp and Skyway Bridge #47 which connect to Central Towers to zero for the above-stated reasons and approves the request for an exception; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council may reconsider the exception to the general hours of operation if there is an expansion of the Skyway system or other changes in circumstances that merit reconsideration of the exception.

A copy of this resolution, as adopted, shall be sent by first class mail to the applicant.