

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. <u>117</u> RESOLUTION R - 2016

Introduced by the Administration on June 15, 2016

Approves encroachment for ramps and steps at 602-610 W Hamilton; 10-12 S Sixth Street

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Article 903.02, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, relating to Permanent Obstructions, specifies the criterion and the conditions under which permissible encroachments such as steps, porches, planters, fences, building projections, and service structures shall be permitted in the public-right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, permissible encroachments may not exceed 1/3 of the sidewalk area measured from the property line and may not reduce the width of the abutting sidewalk to less than five feet; and

WHEREAS, permanent obstructions not permitted under the above criterion or approved by the Bureau of Building and Standards, may be permitted upon the expressed approval of Council in the form of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, such encroachments shall not impede or endanger the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic; adversely affect the passage of light or air to adjoining properties; adversely affect in any other manner the health, safety or welfare of adjoining property owners or the public in general; or represent a significant variance from the number or size of encroachments existing in the immediate block area; and

WHEREAS, the Property owner of City Center Investment Corp. – Tower Six, is requesting an encroachment to install ramps and steps at 602 - 610 W. Hamilton Street; 10 - 12 S. Sixth Street in the public right-of-way, which was denied by the Administration as it encroaches more than one third (1/3) into the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council finds that the proposed encroachment will not substantially impact the public-right-or-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown approves said encroachment and directs the Mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City allowing the encroachment.