



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R136 - 2018

Introduced by the Administration on December 19, 2018

Authorizes encroachment for a ramp and steps @ 520 Hamilton Street (south side between Law & 5th)

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, 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, City Center Investment Corp. 845 W Hamilton Street, Suite 600, Allentown PA 18101, the property owner as listed on the attached application, is requesting an encroachment to install a ramp and steps @ 520 Hamilton Street, which was denied by the Administration as it encroaches more than one third (1/3) into the right-of-way;

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

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

This is a permanent encroachment request from City Center Investment Corporation for the installation of a ramp and steps (plan attached along with encroachment application)

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Construction of a permanent ramp and steps @ 520 Hamilton Street (south side between Law & 5th).

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

Because the ramp and steps encroach more than 1/3 of the public right of way council approval is required.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

N/A

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

N/A

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

As soon as possible

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This will assist with access to the building.