



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R32 - 2019

Introduced by the Administration on April 17, 2019

Authorizes encroachment for permanent steps @ 555 W Walnut St (west side along South 6th 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 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, Walnut Street Commons LP, the property owner as listed on the attached application, is requesting an encroachment to install permanent steps @555 W Walnut – west side along South 6th Street map attached for council in the public right-of-way, as the steps encroach more than one than (1/3) into the right-of-way; and

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?**

Application for Permanent encroachment for installation of steps @ 555 W Walnut

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

These permanent steps will be on the west side along South 6th Street and will encroach more than 1/3 of the public right-of-way.

- **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**

The steps are for the Walnut Street Commons - see attached

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

no cost to City

- **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**

High priority

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

These will allow access to the building @ 555 W Walnut Street