



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R82 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on April 19, 2023

Authorizes encroachment for a pedestrian bridge for residents of 101 N. 6th Street Apartments to safely cross from the roof level of 128 N. 6th Street parking garage to the third floor of the apartment building.

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, North Sixth Properties OP LP, the property owner as listed on the attached application, is requesting an encroachment to provide a safe pedestrian bridge for residents that spans N. 6th Street and connects the roof level of 128 N. 6th Street parking garage to the third floor of 101 N. 6th Street Apartments.

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.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Public Works – Engineering / City Center Investment Corporation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Permanent encroachment is proposed for a pedestrian bridge that spans N. 6th Street connecting the roof level of 128 N. 6th Street parking garage to the third floor of 101 N. 6th Street Apartments.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The proposed 101 N. 6th Street apartments project included an overhead pedestrian bridge that spanned N. 6th Street connecting the roof level of 128 N. 6th Street parking garage to the third floor of 101 N. 6th Street apartments. The parking garage located at 128 N. 6th Street is owned by City Center and will be the primary parking infrastructure supporting the residential development use of 101 N. 6th Street.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

The proposed pedestrian bridge is essential to the project's successful functionality and operations. Reasons include pedestrian safety and convenience while crossing a heavily tracked two lane N. 6th Street that serves as the primary thoroughfare for LANTA Buses navigating the neighboring Allentown Transportation Center.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

This project is privately funded and will not have a negative financial impact on the City.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This project is privately funding and will not need any funding from the City.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers.
If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

n/a

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

The project has gotten final approval from the Allentown Planning Commission and are working towards final plan approval from City departments.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

Allows 101 N. 6th Street Apartment Building to move forward with a safe pedestrian walkway for residents to cross.