

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Approving the easement, acceptable to Corporation Counsel, for certain limited purposes relating to the provision of utility services and emergency response in connection with the petition, dated February 15, 2019, submitted by Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. ("Safety-Kleen") for the abandonment of a portion of Waterfront Street north of Forbes Avenue. (Jesse Langer of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C.)

REPORT: 1564-10

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

On September 18, 2019, this Commission recommended that the Board of Alders approve the discontinuance of a portion of Waterfront Street with conditions. The portion of Waterfront that lies within the area of the City under the purview of the Port Authority and its Strategic Land Use Plan. This stub of Waterfront is no longer in active City use as the area has undergone a complete transformation in recent years as the Quinnipiac River Bridge (The Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge) project realigned the highway above it (I-95). For these reasons among others, this commission recommended approval with conditions. One of the conditions was, "The City of New Haven and the WPCA should be granted utility easements over and across the subject parcel." The applicant negotiated the easement document with Corporation Counsel.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The easement is for utility access and in the interest of public safety. Both of these goals are in line with the planning considerations under the Comprehensive Plan.

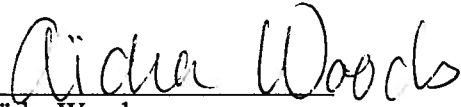
ANALYSIS

The easement has been negotiated in favor of the City by Corporation Counsel to protect the interests of the City. This document is a required document to complete the discontinuance of Waterfront Street that was previously recommended for approval.

ADVICE

Approval.

ADOPTED: December 18, 2019
Ed Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department