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The Honorable Mayor Dan Devine and Members of the Common Council 7525 West Greenfield Avenue West Allis, WI 53214

RE: Driveway Permit for 2636 South 76th Street.

Dear Mayor Devine and Common Council Members:

The property owner at 2636 South 76th Street recently received a yard variance from the Board of Appeals for a new garage. The attached garage would be on the south side of the house (See attached map). Therefore, the property owner has requested a new driveway permit onto the frontage road adjacent to 76th Street/Beloit Road. Subsection 5.2.2 of Section 2801 of the Policies and Procedures Manual states, in part, that "It is the policy of the City that alleys, when present, should be utilized for access instead of new driveways." The owner wants to maintain the driveway off the alley (basically a carport) and needs a new driveway for the new garage, which would violate current policy.

Every driveway is considered a mini-intersection, with the usual conflict points that may cause an accident. The intent of this P&P is to minimized these conflict points as much as possible and encourage the use of an alley. We agree with the P&P, but told the owner we would present this situation to the Board for their consideration.

This is a frontage road, with very low traffic volumes. What little traffic that exists is probably 99% local. Therefore, we don't think it's a huge issue if the Board would approve the request.

Sincerely,

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