

## City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

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2009-0317	Communication	Introduced			
	Downtown West Allis, Inc. communication requesting the Common Council enact and enforce an ordinance prohibiting drug paraphernalia within the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District's boundaries.				
	Introduced: 5/19/2009	Controlling Body: License & Health Committee			

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May 4, 2009

City of West Allis

Attn: Mayor Dan Devine & West Allis City Common Council

7525 W. Greenfield Avenue

West Allis, WI 53214

Dear Mayor Devine:

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 307 allows cities, villages or towns to enact and enforce ordinances prohibiting drug paraphernalia.

The Downtown West Allis, Inc. (DWA) Board of Directors asks the West Allis Common Council to consider enacting such an ordinance within our Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District's boundaries. Currently, we are aware of 4 different businesses selling drug paraphernalia items for tobacco use. The DWA-Board of Directors feel drug paraphernalia being sold openly encourages illegal pastimes, exposes children to drug activity and wreaks havoc in communities where these items are sold.

U.S. Code Title 21 Section 863 makes it "unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale drug paraphernalia" and the National Drug Intelligence Center states, drug paraphernalia is illegal.

Our mission is to create Downtown West Allis as a City Center for parades and events and continue to be a good place to live, work, shop and visit. The drug paraphernalia items being sold in our area add a negative impact to our business and surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call the BID office at (414) 774-2676 or email me at director@downtownwestallis.org.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Persich

President - DWA, Inc.

Jim Melotte

Vice-President – DWA, Inc.

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cc: Alderpersons Martin Weigel, Kurt Kopplin

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May 27, 2009

Mr. Douglas J. Persich Downtown West Allis, Inc. 7231 W. Greenfield Ave., Suite 201 West Allis, WI 53214

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Dear Mr. Persich:

On May 19, 2009 the Common Council placed on file your request to enact an ordinance prohibiting drug paraphernalia within the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District's boundaries.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Monica Schultz Assistant City Clerk

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cc: Jim Melotte